WINTER SUNDAY SERIES

25th October – 6th December 2026

NOTICE OF RACE
AND SERIES PROGRAMME

14 RACES, 7 RACES TO COUNT

Queen Mary Sailing Club
Queen Mary Reservoir
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QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB

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NOTICE OF RACE

RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028.*

1.2. The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club, available at https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/club-documents, apply. NOTE: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the Club's land.

1.3 Bye-law 14 - Parking**:** Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race will be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.1 and A5.1.

1.4 RRS 40.1 applies changed to read as follows: "All persons shall at all times when afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks of the reservoir wear a personal flotation device appropriate to their weight. A wetsuit or drysuit does not constitute a personal flotation device." Failure to comply with 40.1 as changed will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.1 and A5.1.

1.5 RRS Appendix T applies. In addition, the Advisory Meeting procedure in the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available as detailed in the current RYA Racing Rules Guidance.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available not later than 09:30 hrs on the day before the scheduled first race of the event at https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 If, due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason, a decision to cancel is taken prior to the scheduled date of a race, a cancellation notice will be published on the Club's website by 18.00 hours on the day before the race is due to take place.

3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY/FLEET ASSIGNMENTS

4.1 The event is open to all dinghy classes and QMSC approved classes of multi-hulls, keelboats and windsurf boards. All boats must be helmed by Club members or eligible temporary Club members.

4.2 Classes eligible to race will do so in fleets as defined below. Boats must clearly indicate when signing on which fleet they choose to race in.

FLEET	CLASSES ELIGIBLE	SCORING
ILCA (including Lasers within ILCA Class Rules)	ILCA 7/Laser Standard, ILCA 6/Laser Radial ILCA 4/Laser 4.7s	Finish Position (A boat may count towards her series score results scored using both eligible rig sizes).

		ILCA 4s starting with the ILCA fleet will be scored separately.
Fast Windward/Leeward	Classes with QM Handicap of 1077 and below	Handicap
Fast Handicap	Classes with QM Handicap of 1156 and below	Handicap
Slow Handicap	Classes with a QM Handicap of 1157 and above	Handicap

Note 1: Any boat with a handicap between 1078 and 1153 sailed by a junior member (under 18) may race in the Slow Handicap fleet rather than the Fast Handicap fleet,
Note 2: ILCA 6/Laser Radials **may** race in the Fast Handicap fleet or, (if sailed by a junior member) the Slow Handicap fleet instead of the ILCA fleet. If sailing in a handicap fleet they **must** display a fleet identification marker available from the Club office.
Note 3: ILCA 4/Laser 4.7s **may** race in the Slow Handicap fleet instead of the ILCA fleet. If sailing in the Slow Handicap fleet they **must** display a fleet identification marker available from the Club office.

4.3 [DP] Each boat intending to participate shall enter the series online at https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing/.

5. FEES

[DP] The current Club membership fees must be paid by the helm or person-in-charge before competing in any race.

6. NOT USED

7. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of the competing classes.

8 NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

From 25th October until 6th December there will be two races for each fleet each Sunday held back-to-back.

RACE 1 WARNING SIGNAL*	FLEET	CLASS FLAG
10:27	ILCA 7/LASER STANDARD ILCA 6/LASER RADIAL ILCA 4/LASER 4.7	ILCA
10:30	FAST WINDWARD/LEEWARD	NUMERAL 3
10:30	FAST HANDICAP & SLOW HANDICAP	NO.3 (DEFACED GREEN)

The warning signals for Race 2 will be made in the same order as soon as possible after Race 1.

* For Sunday 8th November 2026, the Race 1 warning signals shall be as follows, to allow for observance of the Remembrance Sunday 2 minutes' silence. Boats are allowed to launch but are asked to show respect by observing the 2 minutes' silence.

RACE 1 WARNING SIGNAL*	FLEET	CLASS WARNING FLAG
11:07	ILCA 7/LASER STANDARD ILCA 6/LASER RADIAL ILCA 4/LASER 4.7	ILCA
11:10	FAST WINDWARD/LEEWARD	NUMERAL 3
11:10	FAST HANDICAP & SLOW HANDICAP	NO.3 (DEFACED GREEN)

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION
A boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate.

11 NOT USED

12. VENUE
The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. THE COURSES
The courses to be sailed in the event are described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM
For multi-hull classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

15. SCORING
15.1. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
15.2 An entrant must complete 33% (rounded up) of the races constituting the series to qualify for a position and prize.
15.3. (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her best four race scores.
(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the best 50% (rounded up) of her race scores.
15.4 RRS Rule A5-3 applies.

16-21. NOT USED.

22. RISK STATEMENT
RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and attend any competitors' briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured at all times, including when racing, with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident.

24. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the lesser of the first three places or the integer of the square root of the number of qualifiers in each fleet.

25. MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

25.1 All visiting competitors will be deemed temporary members of Queen Mary Sailing Club during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye-laws.

25.2 All Users (as defined in the Club bye-laws) use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and by doing so accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to any User; the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participation in any race organised by the Club, by whosoever sustained or caused, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or contributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees, Members or servants of the Club.

25.3 Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, Members will draw attention to this rule.

26. LOCAL RULES

26.1 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed.

26.2 **Protective clothing:** Between 1st November and 31st March, full body wetsuits or dry-suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device.

26.3 **Invasive Species:** In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and to prevent the spread of invasive species, QMSC is adhering to the CHECK CLEAN DRY principle. Details are at https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/environmental-impact/. Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for 2 days prior to your arrival and is washed and dried before returning to other venues.

For further information please contact the QMSC office on 01784 248881.

October 2026 to March 2027 Club Racing Handicaps

Class	Handicap
Optimist	1642
RS Tera Sport	1457
Topper 4.2	1440
Mirror	1375
RS Tera Pro	1379
Topper	1371
Bic Techno Board	1341
Laser Pico Race	1330
Fusion Pro	1290
RS Feva s	1290
RS Feva XL	1248
2.4 mR	1235
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1218
Firefly	1183
Enterprise	1150
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1154
Solo	1141
Byte CII	1147
RS Aero 5	1143
RS Vision	1138
GP14	1141
RS Quest	1130
2000	1100
Wayfarer	1107
RS Aero 6	1105
ILCA 7 / Laser	1103
Laser Stratos	1106
Laser Bahia	1095
RS Vareo	1090
420	1087
Topaz Xenon	1091
K1	1060
RS Aero 7	1075
Laser Vago XD	1074
Lark	1065
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056
RS200	1047
Hadron H2	1043
Tasar	1035

Class	Handicap
Devoti D-Zero	1029
Flying Fifteen Silver	1036
Flying Fifteen	1026
RS Aero 9	1024
RS100 8.4	1001
Phantom	998
RS300	980
Merlin Rocket	978
RS100 10.2	981
International Moth - no foils	980
RS500	955
Dart 15	916
Devoti D-One	959
Topaz 16S	956
RS400	948
RS Cat 16 S - doublehanded	916
RS600	921
Dart 15 Sport	894
K6	900
Topaz 16C - doublehanded	897
Dart 16	905
Cherub	903
Windsurfer LT	900
29er	895
Race Board 7.5m	894
Techno 7.8 Board	875
B14	858
International Canoe	855
RS700	845
Musto Skiff	834
Race Board 8.5m	840
Dart 18	800
Race Board 9.5m	805
RS800	799
Waszp	750
49er	697
Formula Board	685
International Moth	570
Foiling Board	555