



CHRISTMAS FUN RACE

17th December 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB CHRISTMAS FUN RACE 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020*.
- 1.2. Not used.
- 1.3. The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club will apply.1.4 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available as detailed in the RYA Racing Rules Guidance Booklet, December 2015. The Exoneration Penalty shall be 30% of the number of boats starting the race or 3 places, whichever is greater.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard located on the upper deck of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of any race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.
- 4.3. Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all times when afloat and flag Y will not be shown. This changes rule 40. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

There will be a race briefing at 10:00
There will be one average-lap handicap race for all fleets.

WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
10:55	Handicap	"H"

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as set out above.

7. RACING

The racing area will be indicated on the Daily Information Board located in the stairwell on the lower deck.

8. THE COURSE

The course will be described on the Official Notice Board

9. MARKS

Course marks will be described on the Official Notice Board.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are obstructions and boats shall not sail in those areas at any time:

- (a) at the recovery plant on the western wall of the reservoir, the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys;
- (b) at the southern end of the bund, the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys and the shallows bounded by yellow topped black buoys

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules 35 and A4.1

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Course marks may be moved by no more than 150 metres during the race but flag C will not be displayed nor will information regarding the change be displayed. This changes rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.
- 13.2 Boats will finish the first time that they cross the finishing line during the finishing period. The commencement of the finishing period will be signalled by the display of a blue flag on the staff of the race committee boat with a sound signal. The finishing period will continue for 30 minutes after the first boat has finished. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Race Officer.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

For Multi-hull classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1

15. NOT USED

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office and shall be delivered there within 60 minutes of the last boat's finishing time.
- 16.2. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17. SCORING

Boats will be scored on handicap using their average lap time.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Each boat shall sign on before going afloat.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data communications not available to all boats.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the three highest placed boats.

21. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million.