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**SAILING CLUB**



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**25-26 NOVEMBER 2017  
NOTICE OF RACE  
AND ENTRY FORM**

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# QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB OPEN MEETING

Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA,  
UK Organising Authority: Queen Mary Sailing Club

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020*.
- 1.2 The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club will apply and may be found at [www.queenmary.org.uk](http://www.queenmary.org.uk). NOTE: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the club's land.
- 1.3 Not used.
- 1.4 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
  - 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 requirement will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
  - The Sailing Instructions may change other racing rules.
- 1.5 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 2017-2020, December 2016. The Exoneration Penalty shall be 30% of the number of boats starting the race or 3 places, whichever is greater.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of the competing classes.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Laser Class, where the helm is a member of the International Laser Class Association and a member of an RYA affiliated sailing club. This shall be stated on the entry form under "Home Club". Temporary membership of the class association is available by paying an additional fee of £10.00 which will be put towards that sailor's membership fee if he/she joins the class association this year (ie. Membership year 2017).
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and presenting it, together with the required fee, at the race office.
- 3.3 Competitors shall reach the age of 33 during 2017. In order to qualify for age category prizes they shall reach the following ages in 2017:
  - (a) 35 to compete in the Apprentice Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
  - (b) 45 to compete in the Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
  - (c) 55 to compete in the Grand Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
  - (d) 65 to compete in the Great Grand Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
  - (e) 75 to compete in the Legend category (Standard or Laser Radial)Standard and Radial rigs will have separate series and results. 4.7 rigs will race with the radial fleet. There will be at least one prize for each rig/age category that has three or more entrants.

### 4. NOT USED

## 5. FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Laser	£35

5.2 Other Fees:

£10.00 temporary membership of Class Association should this be required.

Dinner ticket: £ 10.50

## 6. NOT USED

## 7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration will be from 9:30 – 11.30 on the first day of racing.

7.2 The race briefing will be at 10.30 on Saturday 25 November.

7.3 Racing will take place as follows:

Day	Race No.	Time of Warning Signal	Class
Saturday	1	11.55	Laser
		12.00	Laser Radial, 4.7
	2 & 3	ASAP after Races 1 & 2	
Sunday	4	10.25	Laser
		10.30	Laser Radial, 4.7
		ASAP after Races 4 & 5	

## 8. MEASUREMENT

Each boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. Random measurement checks may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Office at registration.

## 10. NOT USED

## 11. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the official notice board.

## 12. NOT USED

## 13. SCORING

13.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 14-17. NOT USED

## 18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

## 19. PRIZES

Prize giving: The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race of the series.

Prizes will be awarded to sailors in all Masters categories to the integer of the square root of the number of entries in each class.

Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 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;
- (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 safety briefing held for the event.

## **21. INSURANCE**

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

## **22. MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY**

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; 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 participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club.
- 22.3 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.

## **23. LOCAL RULES (derived from the Bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club)**

- 23.1 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed. Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all time whilst afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks.

- 23.2 **Protective clothing:** Between 1st November and 31st March, full body wetsuits or dry-suits shall be worn by all competitors at all time whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device.
- 23.3 **Keeping Clear:** Boats shall keep clear of barges and motor vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. When a boat finds herself unable to keep clear of such a vessel she may use propulsion, such as paddling or rocking, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race (rule 42.3(h)).
- 23.4 **Parking:** Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race may be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
- 23.5 **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 [www.queenmary.org.uk/Data/Sites/1/check-clean-dry-poster.pdf](http://www.queenmary.org.uk/Data/Sites/1/check-clean-dry-poster.pdf) 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.

NB: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the club's land.

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

Queen Mary Sailing Club - Entry Form					
Laser Performance Masters End of Season Finale 2017					
PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY					
Fleet:			Sail no:		
Helm name:					
Current Age:				Date of Birth	
Home Club					
Address (Helm):					
County:			Post Code:		
Email address:					
Contact no:			Car Registration:		
<b>Helm Declaration</b>					
I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event, and the bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club. In particular I have read paragraph 20 of the Notice of Race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements throughout the event. I warrant that I hold valid insurance cover that includes third party liability cover of at least £2 million which covers me while racing I agree to keep Queen Mary Sailing Club and its officers indemnified against all or any third party claims that may arise in connection with my boat and/or the users thereof. I am aware that visual images of the event and competitors may be taken and I consent to these visual images being made available for use in reporting and/or advertising this and future events.					
Signed:			Date:		
Entry Fee: £35					
Class Association Contribution: £10 (if required)					
Dinner / Entertainment: £10.50					
Overnight campervan £10					
payable by Cash, Credit Card, or Cheque made payable to QMSC Ltd			Total:		
For online entries, please print form, sign and return to office by post.					
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