



**QUEEN MARY**  
**SAILING CLUB**

**OPEN PURSUIT RACE**

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2018**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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### 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 All visiting competitors and their guests shall be temporary members of Queen Mary Sailing Club for the duration of the event and shall abide by all Club rules and Bye-Laws.
- 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 Booklet, December 2015. The Exoneration Penalty shall be 30% of the number of boats starting the race or 3 places, whichever is greater.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the upper deck.

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of any race for which it will take effect.

### 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 A personal flotation device shall be worn by all crew members at all times when afloat or on a pontoon. Flag Y will not be flown. This changes rule 40. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

A briefing will be held at 11:15am. Racing will take place as follows:

| FIRST WARNING SIGNAL | CLASSES | CLASS WARNING FLAG |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 11:55                | ALL     | FLAG H             |

### 6. CLASS FLAG

The Class Warning Flag is H.

### 7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be indicated on the official notice board located on the upper deck.

### 8. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal for the race.

### 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Course marks and their approximate positions will be described on the official notice board.
- 9.2 The starting mark will be a spherical buoy flying a red flag.

### 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 The race will be started using rule 26 except as amended below.

### **11.2 Starting procedure**

11.2.1 The race is a pursuit race with classes starting according to start numbers allocated to each class. The start numbers allocated to classes will be on display on the official notice board throughout the day. At the warning signal two numerals will be displayed on the committee boat, which will indicate the official time in minutes and correspond to the start numbers of classes. Each change of numerals will, if possible, be accompanied by a sound signal. The starting signal for each class will be the change of numerals to the number advertised as the start number for the class.

11.2.2 The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and the nearby starting mark.

### **11.3 Recalls**

11.3.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.1 except that flag X will be flown for no longer than 30 seconds. This changes rule 29.1.

11.3.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.2 except that flag First Substitute will only be flown for 30 seconds and will be lowered without a sound signal. Classes subject to a general recall shall start on the start number two greater than their advertised number, or two greater than their previous start number if they have previously been subject to a general recall. This changes rule 29.2 and Race Signals

## **12. CHANGE OF 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 set up as near as practical on, and at right angles to, the line between the marks bounding the leg on which the leading boat is sailing. It will be set up just ahead of the leading boat as near as is practical to the finish time. It will be the line between the masts of two boats flying a blue flag.

13.2 During the finishing period, at the discretion of the Race Committee, the finishing line may be moved back down the course.

13.3 The finishing period will begin 120 minutes after the first starting signal.

## **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 The race office shall be informed of the intention to protest or request redress immediately the owner/person in charge comes ashore and not later than the earlier of 30 minutes after the last boat finishes or 30 minutes after the end of the finishing period.

16.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted to the race office on RYA protest forms (obtainable from the race office) not later than 30 minutes after notification of the intention to protest.

16.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

## **17. SCORING**

Boats will be placed in the order in which they first cross the various finishing lines with boats sailing further taking higher places.

## **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.

18.3 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))

## **19-23. NOT USED**

## **24. 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.

## **25. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the integer of the square root of the number of entries.

## **26. 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;
- (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..

## **27. 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.