



# 2025 British American Cup

## Match Five of Series Six

### NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club at Queen Mary Reservoir

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025

The 2025 British American Cup is a 4v4 team race in supplied Sonar type boats between teams representing the UK and USA. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the RTYC Regattas Ltd.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including Appendix D and the BA Cup Sixth Series Challenge.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat or on a pontoon. *Note: RTYC has PFD's to loan competitors.*
- 1.3. RRS D2, Umpired Races, will apply.
- 1.4. The RYA Racing Charter is in effect and competitors are expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules).
- 1.5. The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is the national authority of the venue. The RYA Prescriptions can be found <https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/26011730/RYA-Prescriptions-2025-2028.pdf>
- 1.6. All competitors are considered 'Users' of Queen Mary Sailing Club (QMSC) and therefore are subject to their byelaws. The QMSC byelaws can be located at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/club-documents/>.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> October on the [Official Notice board](#)
- 2.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions, may be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office via email: [jack.fenwick@royalthames.com](mailto:jack.fenwick@royalthames.com) by 23.59 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Questions and responses from the race committee will be posted to the online official notice board.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://events.ksail.co.uk/RTYC/2025/BACup/>
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via UHF radio. This channel will be announced at the briefing. *Note: RTYC will provide UHF radios as part of the supplied equipment.*
- 3.3. [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.
- 3.4. [DP] Attendance at the initial competitors' briefing scheduled for 1900 on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at RTYC Clubhouse, 60 Knightsbridge, London is mandatory for the skippers from each team. All team members are encouraged to attend.
- 3.5. The Race Committee will use a [WhatsApp group](#) to facilitate communications during the event.

#### 4. ELIGIBLY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. 2 teams will be invited to compete. One that represents the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Team GBR) and one which represents the United States of America (Team USA).
- 4.2. Each team will be required to [submit a crew list](#) which will include gender and World Sailor ID for each team member no later than 8<sup>th</sup> October.
- 4.3. A boat shall have a crew of four (4) people.
- 4.4. A team shall consist of four (4) boats. Each team shall have minimum of four female and four male sailors.
- 4.5. The maximum total crew weight per team is 1315.5kg when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- 4.6. Each team member shall be a citizen of the country they represent or maintain their principal residence in the country they represent for a minimum of two (2) years before the first scheduled race of the event.

4.7. After the date in NoR 4.2, if a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the protest committee may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. If there is not a person available who meets the requirements of 4.6 herein, the protest committee will permit the substitution using its absolute discretion.

4.8. All sailors must have a current [World Sailing Sailor ID](#)

## 5. FEES

5.1. There is no entry fee for this event.

5.2. **DAMAGE DEPOSIT:** A damage deposit is not required before racing however each boat is liable for up to £1000 of associated costs due to damage as a result of any one incident (this includes boats, sails, equipment, and property). A failure to comply with this instruction or an invoice issued may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b). The OA may also file a RRS 69 report to the jury.

## 6. ADVERTISING

A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

## 7. FORMAT

7.1. The OA intends to provide 8 Sonar type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.

7.2. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)

7.3. A maximum of 13 races are scheduled of which 5 are required to be completed to constitute a match.

7.4. A maximum of 6 races per day will be sailed

## 8. SCHEDULE

	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Optional Practice*	13-1500	---	---	---
Weigh in/registration	18-1900	---	---	---
Reception (indicates host)	1900 (GBR)	1900 (USA)	---	---
Transport departs Knightsbridge	---	0830	0830	0830
Briefing/Check-In, QMSC	---	0945	0945	0930
First warning signal	---	1057	1027	0957
No warning signal after	---	---	---	1630
Awards presentation	---	---	---	19-1930*

\* crew may weigh in before practice by request.

## 9. RACE VENUE

Racing will take place on Queen Mary Reservoir.

## 10. COURSES

10.1. The course will be a port square, 2 laps, target time 40 minutes.

10.2. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

## 11. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

11.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When

required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

- 11.2. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of them prior to, during, and after the event without compensation.

## **12. PRIZES**

- 12.1. The Winning Team will receive the sixth British American Cup

## **13. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 13.1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.
- 13.2. Participation in this event is by invitation. Any team who, in the opinion of the OA, has demonstrated poor seamanship, poor sportsmanship, or misconduct may have their invitation revoked and be excused from the event. In addition, and separate from the decision of the OA, the protest committee may initiate proceedings under RRS 69.

## **14. 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 accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew and any property they may bring, 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. 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
- e. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- f. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
- g. It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h. It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i. That they are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

## **15. INFORMATION**

For more information contact

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