

Masters

Random Pairs Team Racing

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club
At Queen Mary Reservoir
11th October 2026

The organising authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply all times while afloat or on a pontoon.
- 1.3. RRS D2, Umpired Races, will apply.
- 1.4. 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/>.
- 1.5. The RYA Racing Charter is in effect and competitors are expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

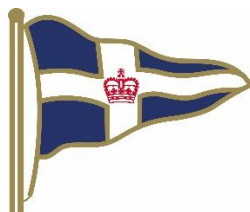
- 2.1. The sailing instructions for each event will be available no later than the Thursday before each event and can be found at [RTYC Masters Random Pairs](#)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Online Notice Board can be found via this link: [RTYC Masters Random Pairs](#)
- 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. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or electronic data transmissions and shall not receive voice or electronic data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4. The OA and race committee will use an event specific WhatsApp Group to facilitate communications with competitors regarding their intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. At least one member of each team should join the group for the event. The joining link for each event WhatsApp group will be published in the respective Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. A boat shall consist of four people.
- 4.2. The helm shall be at least 45 years old and the average age of the whole crew shall be at least 40.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [ONLINE ENTRY FORM](#) and authorizing the entry fee no later than 6th October 2026.
- 4.4. Twelve boats will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.
- 4.5. For a boat to remain eligible, each person on the boat will be required to digitally complete the RTYC Sailing Agreement. This agreement can be found on the ONB.



- 4.6. To remain eligible for the event, teams shall:
- Complete the online entry form
 - Pay the entry fee in full
 - Submit a crew list which will include contact information for each team member before racing
 - Skippers must have completed an [RTYC Sailing Agreement](#).

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for this event is £240 per boat per event.
- 5.2 A **damage deposit** is not required before racing, however each boat is liable for up to £1500 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 63.1.
- 5.3 All entry fees are non-refundable except in the event of cancellation.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Race schedule

Sunday
11th October 2026

	DATE
Registration	0830
Competitors' Briefing	0900
First Warning signal	0957
No warning signal after	1600
Prize-giving ceremony	1630

- 6.2 The sailing Instructions for each event may modify these timings based on available daylight

7. VENUE

- 7.1 Racing will take place on Queen Mary Reservoir.

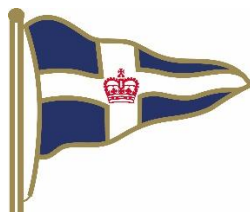
8. FORMAT

- 8.1 The OA intends to provide up to 12 Sonar type boats for racing in the event.
- 8.2 Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib
- 8.3 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 The sailing instructions will describe the racing format and include the race pairings. The racing format will be based on the number of teams entered and may include a round robin, split fleet round robins, and a knockout series.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM



- 10.1 RRS D1.3(a) first sentence is replaced with: "When a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, in an incident while racing, but after the starting signal, she may take a take a penalty as follows:
- i. When on a leg of the course to mark 1 or to the finishing line, she shall gybe;
 - ii. When on a leg of the course other than as described in SI 1.6(b)i she shall tack;
 - iii. If the incident occurs while racing, but prior to the starting signal, she shall gybe.
 - iv. For the purposes of this rule, a boat completes a leg of the course when any part of her hull crosses the extension of the line from the previous mark,
- 10.2 For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2 or specified in the rule itself, the penalty may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Each boat from the winning team in a race will be awarded one race win.
- 11.2 A boat's series score shall be calculated as the percentage of races won.
- 11.3 The boat with the highest percentage score shall be declared the winner.
- 11.4 Further details of the scoring system and tie-break procedures will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The top three will be presented with keeper prizes
- 12.2 Other prizes may be added at the sole discretion of the OA

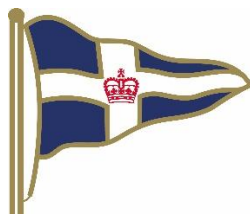
13. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

- 13.1 The personal information you provide to the OA 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 OA'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.
- 13.2 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.

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 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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