



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

UK Business School Cup 2026

3rd - 4th October 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB OPEN MEETING

Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA,
UK Organising Authority: Queen Mary Sailing Club in conjunction with IB
Sailing Club from Imperial College business school

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club, available at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/club-documents> apply. NOTE: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the Club's land.
- 1.3 Bye-law 14 – Parking: Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race will be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 61 and A5.1.
- 1.4 Races will be umpired; rule changes can be found in Appendix UF – British Keelboat League Edition
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 RRS 40.1 applies, changed to read as follows: "All persons shall at all times when afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks of the reservoir wear a personal flotation device appropriate to their weight. A wetsuit or drysuit does not constitute a personal flotation device." Failure to comply with RRS 40.1 as changed will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 61 and A5.1.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1700 on 02/10/26 at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/keelboat/uk-business-school-cup?stage=Stage>.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 If, due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason, a decision to cancel is taken prior to the scheduled date of a race, a cancellation notice will be published on the Club's website by 16.00 hours on the day before the race is due to take place.
- 3.2 [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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Teams entered must contain between 4-5 crew, including the helm. There are no weight limits.
- 4.2 At least 75% of the crew members must either hold, or be studying for, a master's or higher-level qualification (e.g. MBA, MSc, PhD) from the Business School being represented or be a member of the faculty from the Business School being represented.
- 4.3 A minimum of 4 entries and a maximum of 10 entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
- 4.4 The event will be sailed in RS21 Keelboats supplied by the Organising Authority.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
£550

- 5.2 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor:
(a) more than 14 days before the date of the event, any entry fee paid will be refunded in full, less a £5 administration charge
(b) within 14 days of the date of the event, no entry fee paid will be refunded.

6. NOT USED

7. ADVERTISING

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

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration will begin at 08:30 on the first day of racing.
9.2 The race briefing will be at 09:00 on the first day of racing.
9.3 The first warning signal will not be before 09:57
9.4 On the final day of racing, it is anticipated that races won't be started after 15:00

10. DAMAGE

- 10.1 By entering, Teams are bound by the damage requirements as found in NoR Attachment X.
10.2 Charges will be applied where it is obvious that damage or loss can't be attributed to general wear and tear.
10.3 A damage deposit for £1000 is required at registration before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it may be required to restore the deposit to the original value before the team may sail another event boat.
10.4 Damage cost attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

- 12.1 The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. THE COURSES

The course is described in SI

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Races will be scored using a hight point system as defined in the SI's. There will be no discards.

16-21. NOT USED

22. 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 or information produced for the venue or event and attend any competitors' briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured at all times, including when racing, with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident.

24. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams

25. MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 All Users (as defined in the Club bye-laws) use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and by doing so accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to any User; 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 participation in any race organised by the Club, by whosoever sustained or caused, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or contributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees, Members or servants of the Club.
- 25.3 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.

26. LOCAL RULES

- 26.1 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed.
- 26.2 **Protective clothing:** Between 1st November and 31st March, full body wetsuits or dry-suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device.
- 26.3 **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 <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/environmental-impact/>. 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.

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

