

RTYC Cumberland Cup

Invitational 2v2 Team Racing

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club
At Queen Mary Reservoir
20th – 22nd May 2027

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

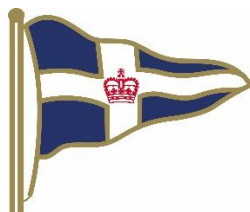
- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than 10th May 2027 on the [Online Notice Board](#)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Each event will have its own event ONB. The Online Notice Board can be found via this link: [The Cumberland Cup](#)
- 3.2. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via UHF radio. The channel to be used, 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. Attendance at the initial competitors' briefing scheduled for 1900 on 19th May at RTYC Clubhouse, 60 Knightsbridge, London is mandatory for the skippers from each team. All team members are encouraged to attend.
- 3.5. 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 will be provided to each team upon confirmation of their invitation

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Only teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter the event. Invited teams, will be confirmed by December 1st 2026.



- 4.2. Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by completing the online entry form provided to invited clubs by the Organising Authority.
- 4.3. To remain eligible for the event, teams shall:
- Complete the online entry form and Sailor Agreement (one per team).
 - Pay the entry fee in 5.1 in full by 31st January 2027.
 - Submit a crew list sheet, that can be found on the ONB, which will include contact information for each team member no later than 1st May 2027. There will be no crew weight limits for this event.
 - Completion of the requirements in NoR 4.3 after the deadlines will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £4,000 per team which must be paid by 31st January 2027.
- 5.2 Should a team need to withdraw after the deadline in 4.3(b), but before 1st March 2027, they will be eligible for a refund in line with 5.1 if they find a replacement team that is approved by the OA. Any team withdrawing on or after 1st March 2027 will not be eligible for a refund.
- 5.3 Fees should be made by bank transfer to:
- Royal Thames Yacht Club
Natwest Bank, PO Box 6037, 186 Brompton Road, London, SW3 1XJ
Account Name: Royal Thames Yacht Club
Account No: 84504676
Sort Code: 60-04-04
BIC: NWBK GB 2L
IBAN: GB28 NWBK 6004 0484 5046 76
Reference: *"your Club name"* / 2027 Cumberland
- 5.4 DAMAGE DEPOSIT: A damage deposit is not required before racing however each boat is liable for up to £1.500 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).

6. CREW LIMITATIONS & TEAM COMPOSITION

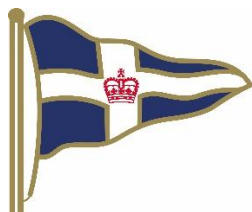
- 6.1 Each Team shall consist of two boats
- 6.2 A boat shall have a crew of four people
- 6.3 The total number of males or females per team shall not exceed six
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. FORMAT

- 8.1 The OA intends to provide up to 12 Sonars class boats for racing in the event.
- 8.2 Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker
- 8.3 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 8.4 The sailing instructions will describe the racing format. 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. SCHEDULE

	Wednesday 19 th May	Thursday 20 th May	Friday 21 st May	Saturday 22 nd May
Optional Practice	11-1600	---	---	---
Competitors' Briefing	1900*	0845	---	---
Check-In	---	---	0845	0845
First warning signal	---	0957	0957	0927
No warning signal after	---	---	---	1630
Awards presentation	---	---	---	1930*
* This event takes place at the Royal Thames Yacht Club clubhouse, 60 Knightsbridge, London.				

10. VENUE

- 10.1 Racing will take place on Queen Mary Reservoir.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 Courses may be a starboard 'S', port square or any variation thereof.
11.2 Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

12. PRIZES

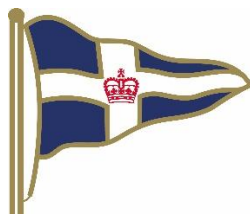
Prizes for the top three teams and the Cumberland Cup for the overall will be presented at the regatta dinner and awards ceremony on the 22nd May

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 option of the OA, has demonstrated poor seamanship, poor seamanship, 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. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

- 14.1 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.
14.2 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.

15. 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. 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 in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event. 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.
- g. It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- h. 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.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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