2025 Winter Team Racing

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club at Queen Mary Reservoir

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited

Winter Team Racing is a series of one day team racing events

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 at all times while afloat or on a pontoon.

1.3. RRS D2, Umpired Races, will apply.

1.4. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.3(b)

1.5. 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.

1.6. The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is the national authority of the venue. The RYA Prescriptions can be found https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/

1.7. 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. EVENT INFORMATION

DATE	EVENT	KITES?	FEE	TELEGRAM GROUP
12/10/25	Masters Random Pairs	YES	£295/boat	https://t.me/+YLUCdhHug080Yzg0
09/11/25	The Crews Cup	YES	£75/person	https://t.me/+dLb09Ng6BQBjYTA0
16/11/25	Hot Rum 1	YES	£295	https://t.me/+LURTee2ULvg5MzA0
~~18/01/26~~	~~Hot Rum 2~~	~~YES~~	~~£295~~	~~https://t.me/+iNC6lfUHV3llMmM8~~
01/02/26	Mixed+ Random Pairs	YES	£295	https://t.me/+BacaM3ouK-UzNTA0
28/02/26	Mum's Bucket	NO	£295	https://t.me/+0RPd0m4LX_5jMzA8
21/3/26	Hot Rum 2	YES	£295	https://t.me/+iNC6lfUHV3llMmM8

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. The sailing instructions for each event will be available no later than the Thursday before each event and can be found at https://events.ksail.co.uk/RTYC/

3.2. 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. Questions and responses from the race committee will be posted to the online official notice board.

4. COMMUNICATION

4.1. The online official notice board is located at located on the https://events.ksail.co.uk/RTYC/ each event will have it's own event ONB

4.2. 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.*

4.3. [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.

4.4. The Race Committee will use Telegram groups to facilitate communications during the event. At least one member of each team should join the group for the event.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1. Entry to each event is accepted on a first come first served basis.

5.2. Entries can be made online by completing the online entry form

5.3. Event specific eligibility:

a. Masters Random pairs
   i. The helm shall be at least 45 years old
   ii. The average age of the whole crew shall be at least 40

b. Mixed Plus
   i. The helm shall identify as a female
   ii. The overall crew shall comprise two sailors who identify as female and two who identify as male

c. The Crews Cup
   i. Helms will be invited by the OA directly
   ii. Crews Can register as individuals to be placed in to teams or can email jack.fenwick@royalthames.com if they have an existing crew of three to sail with.

5.4. To remain eligible for the event, teams shall:

a. Complete the online entry form
b. Pay the entry fee in full
c. Submit a crew list which will include contact information for each team member before racing
d. Skippers must have completed an RTYC Sailing Agreement no more than twelve months prior to racing.

6. FEES

6.1. The entry for each event is in the table in SI.2 and is non-refundable except in the event of cancelation when the fee less any unavoidable expenses will be returned.

6.2. Entries submitted 6 weeks prior to an event will receive a 10% discount on the entry fee

6.3. Members of the Royal Thames Yacht Club entering using their club account will receive a 10% discount

6.4. 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 63.1. The OA may also file a RRS 69 report to the jury.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS & TEAM COMPOSITION

7.1. For the Mum's Bucket events, a boat shall have a crew of three (3) or four (4) people. For all other events, a boat shall have a crew of four (4) people

7.2. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

8. ADVERTISING

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

9. FORMAT

9.1. The OA intends to provide up to 12 Sonar type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.

9.2. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.3. SI.2 details if the OA intends to allow the use of spinnakers

9.4. 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.

10. DAILY SCHEDULE

Registration	0830
Competitors' Briefing	0900
First warning signal	0957
No warning signal after	1600
Awards presentation	1630

NB. The Sailing Instructions for each event may modify these timings based on available daylight

11. RACE VENUE

Racing will take place on Queen Mary Reservoir.

12. **COURSES**

12.1. The course for the Mum's Bucket Series will be designed to represent that being used at the 2025 Keelboat Team Racing World Championships

12.2. The course for all other events will be a port square or starboard 'S'.

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

13. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

13.1. 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.

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. PRIZES

14.1. The highest ranked RTYC member at the Mum's Bucket Final will be presented with the Mum's Bucket

14.2. The top three at all events will be presented with keeper prizes

14.3. Other prizes may be added at the sole discretion of the OA

15. CODE OF CONDUCT

15.1. 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.

15.2. 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.

16. 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 evet 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.

17. INFORMATION

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