



2023 GLOBAL KEELBOAT TEAM RACE REGATTA

20-23 September 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club at Queen Mary Reservoir

GENERAL

The 2023 Global Keelboat Team Race Regatta is a 2v2 team race in supplied boats.

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.
- 1.2. The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is the national authority of the venue. The RYA Prescriptions can be found at: [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/NationalPrescriptionsGBR-\[26794\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/NationalPrescriptionsGBR-[26794].pdf)
- 1.3. The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list described in the sailing instructions, will apply.
- 1.4. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 shall apply while afloat or on a pontoon. *Note: RTYC has PFDs to loan to competitors.*
- 1.6. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 1.7. RRS D2, Umpired Races, will apply.
- 1.8. Major changes to the RRS:
 - a. RRS 17 is deleted. World Sailing has authorised this change in accordance with RRS 86.2.
 - b. Additional changes to the RRS will appear in the sailing instructions.
- 1.9. All competitors are considered 'Users' of Queen Mary Sailing Club (QMSC) and therefore are subject to their byelaws. The QMSC byelaws can be found at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/club-documents/>.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1 September 2023.
- 2.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions, may be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office via email: jenn.lancaster@royalthames.com by 20 September 2023. Questions and responses from the race committee will be posted to the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on UHF radio. *Note: RTYC will provide UHF radios as part of the supplied equipment.*
- 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
- 3.3. [DP] Attendance at the initial competitors' briefing scheduled for 1830 on 20 September 2023 at the RTYC clubhouse in Knightsbridge is mandatory for the skippers from each team. All team members are encouraged to attend.
- 3.4. The Race Committee will use a Telegram group to facilitate communications during the event. A link to join the group will be emailed to competitors closer to the time of the event. The app is available for both apple and android devices. <https://telegram.org/>.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. A maximum of 12 teams will be invited.
- 4.2. Teams wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by submitting the application form by 15 March 2023 unless extended by the OA. <https://form.jotform.com/223242575322046>
- 4.3. Invitations will be issued via email no later than 30 March 2023. Only teams invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.4. Each team will be required to submit a crew list which will include contact information for each team member no later than 1 September 2023. A digital form will be sent to the team captain to complete closer to the event.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £2250 per team. *Note: the entry fee includes lunches on race days, the welcome drinks reception on Wednesday, dinner on Friday and awards dinner on Saturday. More information about social programme will be published closer to the event.*
- 5.2. If a team withdraws from the event prior to 15 June 2023, their entry fee will be refunded less a £300 administrative fee. After this date, all entry fees are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.
- 5.3. **DAMAGE DEPOSIT:** An initial damage deposit of £800 per boat shall be paid by the Skipper of each boat via credit card before the first race. This deposit is the maximum payable by a boat as a result of any one incident. In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is required by the OA, it may further require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the boat will be permitted to continue in the event.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS & TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.1. A boat shall have a crew of four (4) people.
- 6.2. A team shall consist of two (2) boats. The total number of males or females per team shall not exceed (5) five.
- 6.3. Each skipper shall be a member of their Member National Authority by the first day of the event.
- 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

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

8. FORMAT

- 8.1. The OA intends to provide 12 Sonar type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.2. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.3. 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. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

	Wednesday 20/09/23	Thursday 21/09/23	Friday 22/09/23	Saturday 23/09/23
Optional Practice	1100-1500	---	---	---
Competitors' Briefing	1830*	0845	0845	0845
First warning signal	---	0955	0955	0955
No warning signal after	---	---	---	1630
Awards presentation	---	---	---	1930*

* This event takes place the Royal Thames Yacht Club clubhouse in Knightsbridge.

10. VENUE

Racing will take place on Queen Mary Reservoir in London, United Kingdom at the Queen Mary Sailing Club Ashford Rd, Ashford TW15 1UA.

11. COURSES

Courses will be any variation of a windward – leeward course and will have a downwind finish. Course diagrams will be included in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

In accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by 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

Prizes for the top three finishing teams and a prize for the top team with at least one female helm, will be awarded at the regatta dinner and awards ceremony on 23 September 2023 at the Royal Thames Yacht Club clubhouse in Knightsbridge.

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 skipper 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. 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.
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore. It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions. 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.
- 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.

17. INFORMATION

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