

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

BSDRA KEELBOAT FLEET RACING AT QUEEN MARY RESERVOIR

24th November 2018

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 This Notice of Race shall apply to the BSDRA Keelboat Fleet Racing Championship 2018.
- 1.2 Communications between the Organising Authority and participants should be conducted wherever possible by email. Each participant shall provide the club with a working email address.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The events shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 The bylaws of Queen Mary Sailing Club will apply, except that there is no requirement to wear wet or dry suits. The bylaws can be seen at www.queenmary.org.uk/club/clubFind.asp. Some of the most relevant of those bylaws are set out in Appendix A of this Notice.
- 2.3 Rules for handling boats, which will be set out in detail in the Sailing Instructions, will apply.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The boats are supplied by the Organising Authority and the provisions of ISAF Regulation 20 relating to such boats shall apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all members of BSDRA. Members should form teams of four or five people.
- 4.2 Eligible teams may enter by paying the entry fee and emailing esibson@royalhospitalschool.org to confirm the payment has been made
- 4.3 Teams shall be required to enter into a sailing agreement in the form set out at the following link before going on the water: <https://www.research.net/r/SailingAgreement>
- 4.4 The entry fee for each team will be £180.00 per day. Payable by bank transfer to Nigel Baker. Account number 70755214, sort code 404778
- 4.5 The deadline for entries and monies to be received is 10th November 2018. Late entries will not be accepted.

5. DAMAGE AND THE DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each crew is jointly and severally responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Chief Sailing Officer or his representative.
- 5.2 Unless excused by the terms of the sailing agreement, each crew shall deposit at registration a cheque in favour of the Royal Thames Yacht Club in the sum of £800 as a damage deposit, which shall be the limit of liability of each crew for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the crew will be required to restore the deposit to the sum of £800 to maintain eligibility.
- 5.3 Unused damage deposits will be returned at the end of the event.
- 5.4 A list of the cost of various items of damage to boats, sails, gear and equipment is set out in Appendix B.

6. SAFETY

- 6.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn at all times while on the water. A wet suit or dry suit is not a personal flotation device.
- 6.2 Any participant suffering an injury that draws blood shall report the matter to the race committee immediately. That person may be required by the race committee to proceed ashore immediately to receive first aid.
- 6.3 Any participant not wearing a dry suit or wet suit and falling in the water such that the torso becomes immersed shall immediately return to shore and shall not go afloat again until wearing dry clothes next to the skin. Participants are strongly advised to bring with them a complete change of clothing.

7. TIMETABLE

- 7.1 The proposed timetable will be published in the sailing instructions.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing instructions will be emailed to Team Managers and will be available at registration. The sailing instructions will contain full details of the courses to be sailed, the scoring system and any other special provisions relating to the event.

9. REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING

- 9.1 Registration will take place between 0840 and 0930.
- 9.2 At registration, each boat shall satisfy the Chief Sailing Officer or his representative that its crew has signed the entry form and the sailing agreement, paid the entry fee and, if required paid the damage deposit.
- 9.3 The briefing will take place at 0930 and all helmsmen shall attend.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Where prizes are to be awarded they will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

11. RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

11.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.

11.3 By taking part in the event, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge that:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;
- (v) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;
- (vi) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (vi) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

APPENDIX A

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB – EXTRACTS FROM THE BYLAWS

1. The areas bounded by the dredgers' anchor buoys, known as "exclusion zones", are obstructions to sea room and sailing within them is prohibited.
2. Boats shall keep clear of barges and motor vessels.
3. All persons must at all times whilst afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks wear a personal flotation device ("PFD"), appropriate for their weight, except that competent persons over 18 may wear a 'windsurfing harness' instead of a PFD whilst windsurfing. A wet suit or dry suit does not constitute a PFD.
4. Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) and other animals are strictly prohibited anywhere on the Club's land.
5. Vehicles shall be parked only in the lower car park except for those with passengers with mobility difficulties which display a Blue Badge (Disabled Parking Permit) which may park on the upper level in the designated place.
6. Vehicles may be temporarily parked on the upper level for a maximum of 20 minutes while loading or unloading equipment.
7. Smoking is prohibited in any part of the clubhouse, outbuildings or on Club boats.

APPENDIX B

DAMAGE CHARGES

This appendix is included only for information and guidance and does not form part of this Notice or the Sailing Instructions. The charges below are all applicable where it is obvious that damage or loss was caused due to misuse by the user

Damage	Definition	Cost
Hull	Gel coat or capping nicks	£50.00
	Minor hull damage not requiring lamination	£100.00
	Minor damage requiring lamination	£200.00
	Major damage or new capping – full cost of repair up to	£800.00
Deck	Minor damage	£50.00
	Major damage – full cost of repair up to	£500.00
	Minor winch damage	£35.00
	Major winch damage – full cost of replacement up to	£500.00
Sail damage	Rips smaller than 10cm	£25.00
	Rips larger than 10cm up to 40cm	£50.00
	Rips larger than 40cm – full cost of repair up to	£500.00
	Sail write off – full cost of replacement up to	£800.00
	Spinnaker write off – full cost of replacement up to	£800.00
Winch handles	Loss	£50.00
Bilge Pumps	Damage	£60.00
Flags	Loss	£20.00
Sheets	Damage or loss (per sheet)	£30.00
Spinnaker pole	End fitting damage (per fitting)	£50.00
	Pole break	£150.00
Deck fitting	Damage or loss - full cost of replacement up to	£800.00
Hatches	Minor damage	£50.00
	Major damage - full cost of replacement up to	£800.00
Radios	Loss	£150.00
Buoyancy aids	Loss	£40.00
Tiller extension	Break	£100.00
Bibs	Failure to Return at end of event (even if returned later)	£15.00
	Loss	£50.00