



ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB
2K Invitational Regatta
NOTICE OF RACE
31st October to 2nd November 2014

ABBREVIATIONS

OA Organising Authority RRS Racing Rules of Sailing

1. THE EVENT

- 1.1 The Royal Thames 2K Regatta is an invitational international event for two-boat keelboat team racing sailed without spinnakers. There is a requirement that the teams will be of mixed genders. There is no weight limit.
- 1.2 The event will be held at Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford, England. More information is contained on the Royal Thames Yacht Club website:
http://www.royalthames.com/Racing/Racing-Calendar-2013-2014/RTYC_European_2K.aspx.
- 1.3 The proposed programme is:
- 1.3.1 Sailing Programme
- a. Race office opens from 0800 on the 31st October.
 - b. Registration from 0800 until 0900 on the 31st October unless extended by the OA.
 - c. First briefing at 0900 on 31st October. Attendance by skippers is mandatory. The first briefing will be at Queen Mary Sailing Club.
 - d. Subsequent briefing at 0900 on subsequent racing days. Every briefing is mandatory for skippers.
 - e. Racing days from 31st October to the 2nd November.
 - f. Time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1000.
 - g. The last warning signal on the last day of racing will not be later than 1600.
- 1.3.2 Social Programme
- a. Friday 1900 central London informal drinks (teams to pay themselves)
Saturday 1900 formal dinner at RTYC Knightsbridge
 - b. Prize giving as stated in 8.1.
- 1.4 The Organising Authority is the Royal Thames Yacht Club.
- 1.5 This event is a 'white sail' event. Spinnakers or gennakers will not be used.
- 1.6 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted at the event on the official notice board.

- 1.7 The event has applied a 2K Team Racing International Association Grade 2 graded event. This grading is subject to review by the 2K Team Racing International Association. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 2.2 Races will be umpired.
- 2.3 Right of Appeal will be denied in accordance with rule 70.5 (a).
- 2.4 The Byelaws of Queen Mary Sailing Club shall apply to all participants. The bylaws can be seen at www.queenmary.org.uk Some of the most relevant of those bylaws are set out in Appendix 1 of this Notice.
- 2.5 On Queen Mary Reservoir the racing area is so close to the dock and mooring area that as soon as boats leave either the dock or their moorings they are considered to be near the racing area and intending to race or to have been racing so that Rule 14 applies.
- 2.6 The sailing instructions will contain provisions providing for penalties to be taken differing from the provisions in Appendix D, but providing for lesser penalties when taken voluntarily by competitors than those imposed by the umpires.

3 ENTRIES

- 3.1 A team shall comprise eight persons, a maximum of six persons of a single gender per team, who shall sail together in two boats, four to a boat.
- 3.2 The entry fee is £662 payable on submission of the entry form contained in Appendix 1 of this Notice. The entry fee includes the cost of a 3 course formal dinner at RTYC clubhouse and membership of the 2K Association. Travel to and from Queen Mary can be arranged for teams at an additional cost, also further social events are available at an additional cost.
- 3.3 Communication between the Organising Authority and participants will be conducted primarily by e-mail. Each participant must provide the organisers with a working e-mail address.
- 3.4 In the case of the event being oversubscribed the Organising Authority will EITHER confirm acceptance of the entry OR inform the entrant that the event is oversubscribed and that the team has been placed on the waiting list. In that case
- a. if the entrant cannot be accepted, the Organising Authority will return the entry fee;
 - b. If the team withdraws before being accepted by the Organising Authority accepts the, the Organising Authority will return the entry fee;
 - c. If the team withdraws after being informed that the Organising Authority accepts it, the entry fee will not be returned unless there is another team on the waiting list able and willing to take its place or it finds a replacement team acceptable to the Organising Authority.

4. DISCLAIMER

- 4.1 4.1 RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 4.2 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.

- 4.3 They should be especially aware of the particular risks in team racing where boats are manoeuvred in close proximity and where the actions of other competitors, the action or inaction of the organisers, the umpires and drivers of other escort craft can also endanger their safety.
- 4.4 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;
 - (vii) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

4 DAMAGE DEPOSIT AND SAILING AGREEMENT

- 4.1 Before going afloat for the first time each team shall lodge with the OA a Damage Deposit of £500. This shall be paid at registration. A scale of damage charges will be available. In the event of damage being attributed to a boat being sailed by the team, the team may be required to restore the deposit to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event. Damage charges will not exceed insert amount per boat per incident. Unused damage deposits will be returned within 10 days after of the end of the event. Additionally before going afloat for the first time in a boat provided by the OA, every helmsman shall lodge with the OA a signed Sailing Agreement (Appendix 2 to this Notice of Race).

5 SAFETY

- 5.1 A 50N CE approved buoyancy aid for each member of the teams shall be worn at all times. A wet suit or dry suit is not a buoyancy aid.
- 5.2 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 straight away to receive first aid.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 6.2 The courses to be sailed will be designated or indicated in the sailing instructions.

7 PRIZES

- 7.1 The Prize giving will be held shortly after the finish of racing on 2nd November.
- 7.2 The winning team will be awarded the Ronald Howard Memorial Trophy. Other prizes will be awarded and details will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8 REGISTRATION

8.1 Teams must complete registration before going afloat.

APPENDIX 1

EXTRACTS FROM THE BYLAWS OF QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB

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.
6. Smoking is prohibited in any part of the clubhouse, outbuildings or on Club boats.

APPENDIX 2

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

J80 SAILING AGREEMENT

to be completed and signed by all competitors before sailing a club-owned J80

Name

Next of Kin..... Contact Number

I am/am not a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron/ Royal Thames Yacht Club (membership number)

- 1. I am the helmsman of a crew planning to sail a J80 and confirm that I am a competent and experienced helmsman able to sail a boat of this type. The rest of my crew is

OR

- 1. I am part of a crew planning to sail J80s and confirm that I am a competent sailor and experienced in the task on the boat for which I am committed

or

- confirm that I have no or limited experience in sailing and am relying on the rest of my crew to provide me with the experience of a new sport.
- 2. I am physically fit and able to withstand the rigours of sailing in the conditions anticipated during the current event.
- 3. I agree to comply where applicable with the following:
 - (a) the Racing Rules of Sailing
 - (b) the bylaws of Queen Mary Sailing Club
- 4.1. I agree to report to the Chief Sailing Officer or his representative as soon as possible any damage to the boat I am sailing or to any other boat of which I become aware. For the purposes of this agreement, I understand that damage includes damage to the boat itself, its sails or equipment, any breakages and any loss of the same.
- 4.2. I agree that I am responsible jointly and severally with the rest of my crew for any damage, loss or breakage which may occur to the boat on which I am sailing, its sails, or its equipment, or may be caused to another boat, its sails or its equipment as a result of an incident where my boat is wholly or partially at fault, to a maximum of £500 (five hundred pounds) being the insurance excess.
- 4.3. I agree to contribute to my crew's damage deposit, which I understand will be a total of £500.00, the limit of liability for each boat for each incident. I understand that I may

APPENDIX 3

ENTRY FORM

**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO
Royal Thames Yacht Club**

**2K Invitational Regatta
(Two sail -Two-Boat- Keelboat Team Racing Regatta)**

Friday 31st October – Sunday 2nd November

Name of team:

Team Captain (to whom all correspondence will be addressed):

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Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

We apply to enter the Royal Thames 2K Team Racing Regatta 31st October – 2nd November 2014. We agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event. We confirm that we have read and understood the Notice of Race and in particular paragraph 4.

Signed:

Entries along with the entry fee of £662 should be sent to the Sailing Office of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, sailing@royalthames.com or by postal mail to 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF. Cheques should be made payable to Royal Thames Yacht Club. Payment by credit card or by BACS transfer may be made by telephone to RTYC Accounts office, 020 7201 6264.