



Moody Decking Schools Match Racing Championships 2021

Queen Mary Sailing Club
27th/28th November 2021

Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Yachting Association.

2. Venue

The venue will be Queen Mary Sailing Club (QMSC).

3. Event Grading

The event has applied for a World Sailing Grade 4. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The events may be re-graded at any time when there is clear reason to do so.

4. Provisional Programme

4.1. Schedule

- a) The Race Office will be open from 0745 on each day of the events.
- b) Registration for the event will be from 0800 – 0845.
- c) Crew weighing to be completed by the close of registration for the event, between 0800 – 0845.
- d) Practice may be available for events sailed in RS21s on the afternoon prior to the first day the event. Contact the OA for availability.
- e) First briefing for each event will be 0845.
- f) First briefing with the umpires for each event will be immediately after completion of the first briefing.
- g) Racing days for each event will be Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November 2021.
- h) The time of the first race on all days will be 0900.
- i) Daily press conference may take place 60 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day.
- j) Prize giving on completion of the press conference.

4.2. Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory.

- a) First briefing for skippers.
- b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- c) Daily press conference for skippers.
- d) Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

5. Skippers Eligibility and entries

- 5.1. 10 skippers will be invited to the event. Only skippers accepted by the OA will be eligible to enter. To request an invite, please complete the [Request for invite form](#) by 23.59 on the 24th October 2021.
- 5.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency. Such an emergency shall be reported to the OA immediately after completion of that race.
- 5.3. When invited, for an entry to be valid the online entry form must be completed correctly and must be submitted to the OA with all the required information completed.
 - a) The non-refundable entry fee of £380 shall be paid upon entry and agreement to the damage deposit indemnity shall be required for this to be valid.
 - b) Withdrawal: When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).
 - c) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.
 - d) Skippers shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering [online](#). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing ID no later than 7 days before the event is due to start unless excused by the OA.
 - e) Damage Deposit, see addendum A
 - f) All crew must register online for each event at least 7 days before the event is due to start, unless excused by the OA.
 - g) All crew must be at least 14 years old at the event and in full time secondary education (i.e. in full time education up to and including A levels).



- h) Sailors representing a School team, must be from the same school, the names and dates of birth of all crew shall be included on the entry.
 - i) Any sailor under the age of 18 years old shall complete a parent/guardian declaration form before attending the event. Competitors must have an adult to be responsible for them at the venue.
- 5.4. The non-refundable entry fee will be £380 per Team. (Note: Accommodation and food is not provided by the OA).
- a) The OA intends to accept request for invitations in the following order (deadline 23.59 on the 24th October 2021):
 - 5.4.a.1. In the first instance, one team per school. A Team comprises of sailors from the same school.
 - 5.4.a.2. If more than 10 teams from 10 schools enter, then entries will be allocated based on the skippers World Sailing Match Racing Open Ranking in October 2021.
 - 5.4.a.3. If there are less than 10 ranked Skippers, then priority will be given to the remaining skippers who have crewed in the following events: Under 19 Championships 2021 / Harken Youth Match Racing Championships 2021
 - 5.4.a.4. Other teams may be accepted, including second teams, if space, if they have completed the entry requirements and on a first come first served basis.
 - b) Crew changes will be permitted, up to 1 week before the event. Any request to change a skipper may result in the entry being revoked.
 - c) Teams that have not sailed a keelboat before will be required to do some training on the Saturday morning, before racing starts.

6. Rules

6.1.

- a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- b) The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- c) The RYA prescriptions and RYA Racing Charter shall apply.
- d) The bye-laws of QMSC shall apply. **(Note: Personal floatation devices approved by the National Testing Authority or equivalent must be worn at all times whilst afloat and when on the pontoons.)**
- e) The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

6.2. Major Alterations to the RRS:

- a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- b) Add to RRS 41: (f) information provided by the designated RYA Coach or umpires.
- c) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7. Boats and Sails

- 7.1. The events will be sailed in RS21s.
- 7.2. 6 boats will be provided.
- 7.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat:- Mainsail, Jib and spinnaker.
- 7.4. Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

8. Crew (including skipper)

- 8.1. The number and total weight of crew (including skipper) shall be 4-5, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed the maximum weight limit of 350kgs, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2. Crew weight may be checked during the event. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kgs. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased limit before racing again.
- 8.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue helming in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to be their substitute.
- 8.4. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9. Event Format

- 9.1. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into groups based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days before the appropriate event.
- 9.2. Each event will likely consist of the following stages:-
 - a) Series 1 - Single Round Robin
 - b) Series 2 - Semi-Finals
 - c) Series 3 - Finals
- 9.3. The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

10. Course





- 10.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 10.2. The intended course area will be published in the relevant event's Sailing Instructions.

11. Advertising

- 11.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing Regulation 20.4. applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 11.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 11.3. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

12. Prizes

- 12.1. Prizes may be awarded.
- 12.2. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

13. Media, Images and Sound

- 13.1. If required by the OA:
 - a) The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- 13.2. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14. Coach Boats

- 14.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 14.2. The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 14.3. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

15. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 event 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.

16. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organising 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 organising 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.