



Team Race World Trials

RYA Selection Event for the 2026 Keelboat Team Race Worlds



NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club at Queen Mary Reservoir

14th & 15th February

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and the Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited (RTYC)

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. 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/>.
- 1.7. RRS 17 is deleted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Tuesday 10th February on the Official Notice board at <https://events.ksail.co.uk/RTYC/2026/TRWTrials/>
- 2.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions may be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office via email: teamracing@royalthames.com by Thursday 12th February. Questions and responses from the race committee will be posted to the online official notice board.
- 2.3. Questions regarding the Selection policy for the World Championships shall be submitted in writing to the RYA via email: keelboatracing@rya.org.uk

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://events.ksail.co.uk/RTYC/2026/TRWTrials/>
- 3.2. 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.*
- 3.3. [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.
- 3.4. [DP] Attendance at the initial competitors' briefing scheduled for 0845 on Saturday 14th February at Queen Mary Reservoir is mandatory for the skippers from each team. All team members are encouraged to attend.
- 3.5. The Race Committee will use a [Telegram group](#) to facilitate communications during the event. The app is available for both apple and android devices. <https://telegram.org/>.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. A minimum of four(4) and a maximum of six (6) teams will be invited by the OA.
- 4.2. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code
- 4.3. All Skippers shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile> . Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID no later than registration.
- 4.4. All Skippers shall be current members of the RYA
- 4.5. Teams may request an invitation by completing the [online invitation request](#) no later than 2359 Sunday 4th January. Invitations to the event will be issued no later than Tuesday 6th January.

- 4.6. Up to four invites may be issued before the deadline in 4.5
- 4.7. In the event that less than 6 invites are issued by the date in 4.5, entry will open on a first come first served basis.
- 4.8. To remain eligible for the event, teams shall pay the entry fee in full by the submission deadline in 4.5. Teams withdrawing their request for invite before the submission deadline shall receive a full refund.
- 4.9. Teams not invited by the 6th of January may request a refund OR remain on the waiting list until such point as they are invited, request a refund or the event takes place. Once an invite is accepted, no refund will be given.
- 4.10. If a team withdraws after the deadline in 4.5 Their entry fee is forfeit.
- 4.11. Each team shall submit a crew list which will include contact information for each competitor by 2359 Thursday 12th February which will be sent by email with the confirmation of invite.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £900 per team.
- 5.2. 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 60.5(b). The OA may also file a RRS 69 report to the jury.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS & TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.1. Each competing team shall consist of two skippers and crew for two boats with a total of six (6) to eight (8) persons. Boats shall be sailed with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 people. The number of people onboard may not change during the event. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2. Each competing team shall have a minimum of three (3) women and three (3) men
- 6.3. 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 the World Sailing Advertising Code.

8. FORMAT

- 8.1. The OA intends to provide 6 Sonar type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail & Jib. Spinnakers will not be used.
- 8.2. Boats will be allocated as decided by the OA
- 8.3. The sails to be used will be allocated by the OA
- 8.4. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)
- 8.5. 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, and a knockout series.

9. SCHEDULE

	Saturday 14 th February	Sunday 15 th February
Registration	0830	
Competitors' Briefing	0845	--
Check-In	--	0830-0845
First warning signal	0957	0927
No warning signal after	---	1630

10. RACE VENUE

Racing will take place on Queen Mary Reservoir.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs resulting in either port or starboard rounding, and finishing downwind
- 11.2. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. D4.3 Scoring a Round-Robin Stage is deleted and replaced with:

- a. Teams in a round robin group shall be ranked in order of number of race wins, highest first. When a single round robin is terminated before completion, or a multiple round robin is terminated during the first-round robin, and teams have completed an unequal number of races, they shall be ranked on the percentage of races won, highest first.
- b. If any of the teams have sailed less than four races in the round robin series, the entire round robin series will be disregarded and, if necessary, the event declared void.
- c. When a multiple round robin is terminated with an incomplete round robin, only one race win shall be available for the races sailed between any two teams, as follows:

<i>Number of races completed between any two teams</i>	<i>Value for each race win</i>
1	1 race win
2	Half a race win
3	A third a race win
(etc)	

- 12.2. D4.4 Round-Robin Tie Break is deleted and replaced by the following:

Ties in a round robin stage shall be broken by using, in the following order, only results in the stage,

- a. the most number of wins in the races between the tied teams;
- b. the most wins against a team placed highest in the round-robin or, if necessary, second highest, and so on until the tie is broken;
- c. has won the last race between the two tied teams;

When two separate ties must be resolved but the resolution of each depends upon resolving the other, the higher place ties shall be resolved before the lower place tie, unless this is not possible. If a tie is partially broken by one of these, the remaining tie shall be broken by starting again at the beginning of this rule.

13. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

- 13.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and consideration for participation in the 2026 World Sailing Open Team Racing World Championship. 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 and necessary for considering selection for future events, 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

There are no prizes awarded for this event

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 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.

17. INFORMATION

For more information contact

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