



2026 Lochan Cup

RYA Womens' Two-boat Keelboat Team Racing Championship
For the Lochan Cup

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club at Queen Mary Reservoir

25th & 26th April

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited and the Royal Yachting Association

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
- 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/>.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Tuesday 21st April on the [Official Notice Board](#)
- 2.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions, may be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office via email: jack.fenwick@royalthames.com by Thursday 23rd April. Questions and responses from the race committee will be posted to the online official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://events.ksail.co.uk/2026/LochanCup>
- 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 25th April 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. ELIGIBLY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. A maximum of twelve (12) teams may enter on a first come, first served basis
- 4.2. Teams may enter by completing [the online entry form](#) no later than 2359 Sunday 12th April
- 4.3. To remain eligible for the event, teams shall pay the entry fee in full by Friday 17th April or within seven days of receiving an invoice, whichever is earlier.
- 4.4. If a team withdraws after the deadline in 4.3 Their entry fee is forfeit. If they withdraw before this deadline, they will receive a 50% refund of the fee unless they can find a team to take their place in which case they will receive a 100% refund
- 4.5. Each team shall submit a crew list which will include contact information for each competitor by 2359 Thursday 23rd April via the online entry system.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £800 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 63.1. The OA may also file a RRS 69 report to the jury.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS & TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.1. Each Team shall consist of two boats
- 6.2. A boat shall have a crew of four (4) people.
- 6.3. Every member of the team shall identify as female.
- 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 up to 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 61.4(b).
- 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. SCHEDULE

	Saturday 25 th April	Sunday 26 th April
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 a port square.
- 11.2. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

12. FORMAT

- 12.1. Qualification Round(s) will be held using round robins using HLS Scoring
- 12.2. The top two teams at the end of Qualification will compete in a first to two point final.

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

- 14.1. Individual prizes will be presented to the top three teams.
- 14.2. The following perpetual trophies will be presented at the annual RTYC Prize Winners' Dinner Thursday 5th November:
- a. The Lochan Cup – Presented to the highest ranked team overall
 - b. The Brixham Ladies Cup – Presented to the highest ranked team where all members are in full time education.

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 boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

17. INFORMATION

For more information contact

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