



# 2026 Belvidere Cup NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club at Queen Mary Reservoir

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

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## GENERAL

The Belvidere Cup is a match racing event in provided Sonar type boats.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Including Appendix C.
- 1.2. The event has not applied for a World Sailing grading.
- 1.3. There is no weight limit for competing crew members.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat or on a pontoon.
- 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> March June on the Official Noticeboard
- 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](mailto:jack.fenwick@royalthames.com) by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. 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 on the [Royal Thames Yacht Club Website](#).
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via UHF radio. This channel will be confirmed 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 0900 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Queen Mary Reservoir is mandatory for all skippers. All crew 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. Entries from ten teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.
- 4.2. If more than ten teams enter, all teams after the first ten will be notified that they have been placed on a waiting list with confirmation of spaces being made available given no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form by 2359 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4. Boats may enter the event by [completing the online entry form](#)
- 4.5. Each team shall submit a crew list which will include contact information for each competitor by 2359 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, including providing crew details, and pay all fees.

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fee is £300 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. A boat shall have a crew of four (4) people.
- 6.2. All crew members shall be former pupils of the School which they represent.
- 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 World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

**8. EVENT FORMAT**

- 8.1. The OA will provide Sonar type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.2. Boats and sails will be allocated as decided by the race committee.
- 8.3. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 63.5(b).
- 8.4. The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight
- 8.5. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind
- 8.6. The intended racing area will be on the Eastern side of Queen Mary Reservoir but will be confirmed at the briefing
- 8.7. The event will consist of the following stages:
  - i. First Stage – Round Robin(s)
  - ii. Second Stage – Knockout round
- 8.8. The RC may change the format or terminate any stage or the event at it’s sole discretion

**9. SCHEDULE**

	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Competitors’ Briefing	0900
First attention signal	0953
No attention signal after	1600

**10. PRIZES & SCORING**

- 10.1. Races will be scored using RRS C.10
- 10.2. The winning team will be presented with the Belvidere Cup
- 10.3. The top three teams will be awarded keeper prizes

**11. DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS**

- 11.1. 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.

- 11.2. 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.

**12. 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.

j. **INFORMATION**

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