

Final 29/11/13



## CUMBERLAND CUP 2014

### NOTICE OF RACE

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Organised by**

**The Royal Thames Yacht Club**

#### ABBREVIATIONS

OA      Organising Authority      RRS      Racing Rules of Sailing  
SI      Sailing Instructions

#### 1. THE EVENT

- 1.1 The Cumberland Cup is an international event for two-boat keelboat team racing. It will be sailed in J80 class boats with certain modifications provided by the OA with four sailors per boat. There is no weight limit. The Clubs throughout the World whose members are offered reciprocal facilities of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, other than those clubs situated in the United Kingdom, are invited to enter the event. However the OA reserves the right in its absolute discretion to invite other teams.
- 1.2 The OA is the Royal Thames Yacht Club.
- 1.3 The event will be held at Queen Mary Sailing Club, Ashford, London. More information will be entered on the club website, [www.royalthames.com](http://www.royalthames.com) in due course.
- 1.4 The proposed programme is:
- 1.4.1 Sailing Programme
- a. 30<sup>th</sup> April. Practice. Time slots to be arranged beforehand with the Race Office.
  - b. Registration.  
Teams will be required to register with the OA before going afloat even for practice. The Sailing Office is open every weekday from 0900 to 1700 and teams may register then.  
Formal registration times are as follows:  
30<sup>th</sup> April. 1600 to 2000 at the Royal Thames Yacht Club.  
1<sup>st</sup> May. 0800 to 0900 at Queen Mary Sailing Club.
  - c. Welcoming Address.  
30<sup>th</sup> April. 1815 at the Royal Thames Yacht Club.
  - d. 1st May to 4th May. Racing Days.
  - e. Briefing  
0900 at Queen Mary Sailing Club. Attendance by helms is mandatory.
  - f. 1000 on each Racing Day. First warning signal.
  - g. 4<sup>th</sup> May. 1600. Latest time of last warning signal.

#### 1.4.2 Social Programme

A number of social events have been arranged during the competition. Brief details are contained in Appendix 5.

## 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 Class rules shall not apply.
- 2.3 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted at the event on the official notice board.
- 2.4 Races will be umpired.
- 2.5 Right of Appeal will be denied in accordance with rule 70.5 (a).
- 2.6 The Byelaws of Queen Mary Sailing Club shall apply to all participants. The bylaws can be seen at [www.queenmary.org.uk](http://www.queenmary.org.uk) Some of the most relevant of those bylaws are set out in Appendix A of this Notice;
- 2.7 Penalties imposed by umpires shall be One-Turn Penalties rather than Two-Turns Penalties. This changes RRS D2.

## 3 ENTRIES

- 3.1.1 A team shall comprise eight persons, who shall sail together in two boats, four to a boat.
- 3.1.2 All members of each team shall be sailors who take part in racing only as a pastime. They shall not be sailors who, in the last five years, have been paid for competing in a race or have been paid for managing, training, practicing, tuning, testing or otherwise preparing a boat, its crew or its performance enhancing equipment and then competed in that boat or another boat in the same team.
- 3.1.3 At the time of the event, each sailor shall have been a paid-up member of the club he or she represents for at least six months in a subscription category recognised by the rules of that club unless having the express permission of the OA, such permission being given only in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.2 The entry fee is Two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds (£2400.00) payable on submission of the entry form contained in Appendix 1 of this Notice. The entry fee includes the cost of:
  - The use of the boats throughout the regatta including during the practice day
  - Transport from the Royal Thames Yacht Club for the sailing team to Queen Mary Reservoir
  - The following social events for the eight team members
    - The Reception on the 1<sup>st</sup> May
    - The Reception at the House of Commons on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May
    - The Gala Dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May
    - The Prize Giving Tea Party on the 4<sup>th</sup> May
- 3.3 Communication between the Organising Authority and participants will be conducted primarily by e-mail. Each team when entering must provide the OA with a working e-mail address and working mobile telephone number and notify the OA of any change of email address or mobile telephone number if and when that change occurs.
- 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.

#### **4. RISK STATEMENT**

- 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.

#### **5 DAMAGE DISCLAIMER AND DEPOSIT**

- 5.1 Before going afloat for the first time each boat shall lodge with the OA a Damage Deposit of £500. This shall be paid at registration. A scale of damage charges is set out in Appendix 4. In the event of damage being attributed to a boat, the boat may be required to restore the deposit to its original amount before the boat will be permitted to continue in the event. Damage charges will not exceed £500 per boat per incident. Unused damage deposits will be returned as soon as possible and in any case within 5 days after of the end of the event. Additionally before going afloat for the first time in a boat provided by the OA, every competitor shall lodge with the OA a signed Sailing Agreement (Appendix 2 to this Notice of Race).

#### **6 SAFETY**

- 6.1 A 50N CE approved buoyancy aid for each member of the teams shall be worn at all times when afloat. A wet suit or dry suit is not a buoyancy aid.
- 6.2 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.

#### **7 RACE FORMAT AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 The format of the regatta shall consist of two stages,
  - 7.1.1 Stage 1 shall comprise Ranking Rounds following a round-robin-style race schedule, in which each team will race every other team one or more times
  - 7.1.2 Stage 2 shall comprise a final and petty final.

- 7.2 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will also be found on the event website at [www.royalthames.com](http://www.royalthames.com) not later than three weeks before the start of the event.
- 7.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated in the sailing instructions.

## **8 PRIZES**

- 8.1 The Prizegiving will be held shortly after the finish of racing on 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- 8.2 The winning team will be awarded the Cumberland Cup. Other prizes may be awarded.

## **9. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 9.1 Further information may be obtained from Sarah Hornby in the Race Office at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at any time. The Club's office hours are from 0900 to 1700. Sarah's phone number is +44 (0) 20 7235 6262. Her email address is [sailingassistant@royalthames.com](mailto:sailingassistant@royalthames.com)

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

**APPENDIX 2**

**ENTRY FORM**

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



**The Cumberland Cup  
1st - 4th May 2014**

**Name of Club** .....

**Team Captain** .....

**Address:** .....

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.....Postcode.....

**Telephone: daytime:** ..... **Mobile:** .....

**E-mail Address:** .....

**Alternative Contact** ..... **Mobile** .....

**Team Members**

**Helms** ..... .....

**Crew**..... .....

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*Please complete this information so far as possible at the time of entry. It can be changed later if necessary.*

We apply to enter the Royal Thames Cumberland Cup Team Racing Regatta from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> May 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.

Signed: .....

Entries along with the entry fee of £2400.00 should be sent to the Sailing Office of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, [sailing@royalthames.com](mailto: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 may be made by telephone to RTYC Accounts office, +44 (0) 20 7201 6264.



**APPENDIX 4****DAMAGE CHARGES**

This appendix is included only for information and guidance and does not form part of this Notice or the Sailing Instructions. The charges below are all applicable where it is obvious that damage or loss was caused due to misuse by the user

<b>Damage</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Hull	Gel coat or capping nicks	£50.00
	Minor hull damage not requiring lamination	£100.00
	Minor damage requiring lamination	£200.00
	Major damage or new capping – full cost of repair up to	£500.00
Deck	Minor damage	£50.00
	Major damage – full cost of repair up to	£500.00
	Minor winch damage	£35.00
	Major winch damage – full cost of replacement up to	£500.00
Sail damage	Rips smaller than 10cm	£25.00
	Rips larger than 10cm up to 40cm	£50.00
	Rips larger than 40cm – full cost of repair up to	£500.00
	Sail write off – full cost of replacement up to	£500.00
	Spinnaker write off – full cost of replacement up to	£500.00
Winch handles	Loss	£40.00
Bilge Pumps	Damage	£60.00
Flags	Loss	£20.00
Sheets	Damage or loss (per sheet)	£30.00
Spinnaker pole	End fitting damage (per fitting)	£50.00
	Pole break	£150.00
Deck fitting	Damage or loss - full cost of replacement up to	£500.00
Hatches	Minor damage	£50.00
	Major damage - full cost of replacement up to	£500.00
Radios	Loss	£150.00
Buoyancy aids	Loss	£40.00
Tiller extension	Break	£100.00
Bibs	Failure to Return at end of event (even if returned later)	£15.00
	Loss	£50.00

**APPENDIX 5****SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

1. Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. The bar at the Royal Thames Yacht Club Clubhouse will be open for competitors and their companions from 1700. The Coffee Rom will be open for Dinner from 1930. Booking is advised. Please telephone reception at +44 (0) 20 7235 2121.
2. Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. 1900. Reception with drinks and canapés at the Royal Thames Yacht Club clubhouse.
3. Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. 1900. Reception with drinks and canapés on the Terrace of the House of Commons.
4. Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1930 for 2000. Dinner at the Royal Thames Yacht Club Clubhouse.
5. Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May after racing. Prize Giving Tea Party with tea and cakes at Queen Mary Reservoir.

Tickets for the receptions and the dinner on Saturday will be available for friends and companions of team members at an additional cost.

In addition there will be a social programme for friends and companions of team members.