



## CUMBERLAND CUP 2018

### ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

#### NOTICE OF RACE

**8 - 12 May 2018**

#### 1. THE EVENT

1.1 The Cumberland Cup is an international event for two-boat keelboat team racing. It will be sailed in J80s provided by the organising authority with four sailors per boat with no weight limit. The boats are so modified that they are no longer in class. The clubs throughout the World whose members are offered the 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 organising authority reserves the right in its absolute discretion to invite other teams.

1.2 The organising authority is the RTYC Regattas Limited.

1.3 The event will be held at Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford, London.

1.4 The proposed programme is:

##### 1.4.1 Sailing Programme:

8 May 1100 to 1500: Practice. Time slots to be arranged beforehand with the Race Office.

Registration: Teams will be required to register with the organising authority before going afloat even for practice.

1815: Welcoming Address, Principle Briefing and First Draw for Boats at the Royal Thames Yacht Club. **Attendance by one member of each boat is mandatory.**

9 May 0845: Helm's Briefing.

1000: First Warning Signal.

10 May 0845: Helm's Briefing.

1000: First Warning Signal.

11 May 0845: Helm's Briefing.

1000: First Warning Signal.

12 May 0845: Helm's Briefing.

1000: First Warning Signal.

Helm's Briefing: **Attendance by one member of the crew of each boat will be mandatory.**

##### 1.4.2 Social Programme:

A number of social events have been arranged during the competition. Details will be provided later.

## **2. RULES**

- 2.1 The event will be governed by:
  - 2.1.1 the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules;
  - 2.1.2 the bylaws of Queen Mary Sailing Club except that competitors will not be required to wear a wetsuit or dry suit. 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 Addendum 1; and
  - 2.1.3 rules for the handling of boats, which shall be set out in the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 As the boats, while J/80s, are out of class because of their modifications, the class rules do not apply.
- 2.3 Races will be umpired.
- 2.4 The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with rule 70.5 (a).
- 2.5 The Sailing Instructions will contain provisions providing for penalties to be taken differing from the provisions in Appendix D, but providing for lesser penalties when taken voluntarily by competitors than those imposed by the umpires.

## **3. ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the organising authority, World Sailing Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat and the supplied equipment will be required to display advertising if any as provided by the organising authority.

## **4. ENTRIES**

- 4.1 A team shall comprise eight persons who shall sail together in two boats with four in each boat.
  - 4.1.1 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. Each crew of each team shall be of a mixed gender so that at least one member of each crew shall be male and one shall be female.
  - 4.1.2 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 in writing of the organising authority, such permission being given only in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.2 The entry fee is Two Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds (£2800.00) payable on submission of the [Online Entry Form](#) or contained in Addendum 2 of this Notice. The entry fee includes the cost of:
  - The use of the boats throughout the regatta including during the practice day
  - Transport to and from the Royal Thames Yacht Club for the sailing team to Queen Mary Reservoir
  - The social events referred to above for team members.
- 4.3 Communication between the organising authority and participants will be conducted primarily by e-mail. Each team when entering shall provide the organising authority with a working e-mail address and working mobile telephone

number and notify the organising authority of any change of email address or mobile telephone number if and when that change occurs.

- 4.4 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.

## **5. RISK STATEMENT**

- 5.1 Rule 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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.
  - (viii) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **6. DAMAGE DISCLAIMER AND DEPOSIT**

- 6.1. Before going afloat for the first time each team shall lodge with the organising authority a damage deposit of £1000 (£500 per boat). This shall be paid at registration. A scale of damage charges is set out in Addendum 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. The damage charge attributable to the insurance aspect of the cost of repair will not exceed £500, but the organising authority reserves the right to charge in addition any costs incurred by it effecting temporary repairs needed to make the boat available to continue to sail in this event or one planned for the future. Unused damage deposits will be returned as soon as possible and in any case within 5 days after of the end of the event.

- 6.2. Additionally before going afloat for the first time in a boat provided by the organising authority, every competitor shall lodge with the organising authority a signed Sailing Agreement (Addendum 3) unless the electronic form available from the sailing office has been completed previously.

## **7. SAFETY**

- 7.1. A 50N CE approved buoyancy aid for each member of the every team shall be worn at all times when afloat. A wet suit or dry suit is not a buoyancy aid.
- 7.2. 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.

## **8. RACE FORMAT AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The format of the regatta shall consist of two stages.
  - 8.1.1 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.
  - 8.1.2 Stage 2 shall comprise a final and petty final.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 The courses to be sailed will be a quadrilateral course with port or starboard roundings. The start/finish line will be placed in between the leeward and windward marks starting the beating leg.

## **9 PRIZES**

- 9.1 The Prize giving will be held during the Gala Dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- 9.2 The winning team will be awarded the Cumberland Cup. Other prizes may be awarded.

## **10 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 10.1 Further information may be obtained from the Chief Sailing Officer in the Race Office at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at any time. The Club's office hours are from 0930 to 1730. The Club's phone number is +44 (0) 20 7235 2121 and the Chief Sailing Officer's email is [sailing@royalthames.com](mailto:sailing@royalthames.com).

## **ADDENDUM 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.

**ADDENDUM 2**

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



**The Cumberland Cup  
8 -12 May 2018**

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

**Team Captain** .....

Address: .....

..... 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 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. 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 £2800.00 should be sent to the Sailing Office of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, sailing@royalthames.com or by postal mail to 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF. Cheques should be made payable to RTYC Regattas Ltd. Payment by credit card may be made by telephone to RTYC Accounts office, +44 (0) 20 7201 6264.



## ADDENDUM 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	£60.00
	Minor hull damage not requiring lamination	£100.00
	Minor damage requiring lamination	£220.00
	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	£50.00
Bilge Pumps	Damage	£70.00
Flags	Loss	£25.00
Sheets	Damage or loss (per sheet)	£35.00
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	£160.00
Buoyancy aids	Loss	£50.00
Tiller extension	Break	£120.00
Bibs	Failure to Return at end of event (even if returned later)	£15.00
	Loss	£50.00