



**BLOODY MARY PURSUIT**  
**11th JANUARY 2020**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**The GJW Direct 46<sup>th</sup> Bloody Mary**  
**Fifth leg of the 2019/20 Selden SailJuice Winter Series**

# **THE 46<sup>th</sup> BLOODY MARY PURSUIT RACE**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The byelaws of Queen Mary Sailing Club will apply.
- 1.3 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 1.4 For the purposes of Thames A Rater class rule E4(a), Queen Mary Reservoir is not 'open water' and consequently spinnakers shall not be carried.

### **2 Notices to competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the upper deck of the clubhouse.

### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the warning signal.

### **4 Signals made ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagpole.
- 4.2 Boats may launch under the direction of the launch support team but shall remain alongside a pontoon or tied to a mooring buoy until flag D is displayed.

### **5 Schedule of races**

The scheduled time of the warning signal is 11:55.

### **6 Class flags**

The warning signal will be flag V.

### **7 Racing area**

- 7.1 The racing area will be Queen Mary Reservoir.
- 7.2 The following areas are obstructions and boats shall not sail in those areas at any time:
  - (a) at the recovery plant on the western wall of the reservoir, the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys;
  - (b) at the southern end of the bund, the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys and the shallows bounded by round yellow buoys;
  - (c) at the outlet at the north east corner of the reservoir bounded by round yellow buoys.

### **8 The course**

The course will be shown on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the warning signal. Additional copies may be posted at other points around the clubhouse.

## **9 Marks**

Course marks will be described on the official notice board.

## **10 The start (changes Rules 26, 29.1, 29.2 and Race Signals)**

- 10.1 The race will be started using Rule 26 except as amended below.
- 10.2 Starting procedure:
  - 10.2.1 The race is a pursuit race with classes starting according to start numbers allocated to each class. The start numbers allocated to classes will be on display on the official notice board throughout the day.
  - 10.2.2 At the starting signal two numerals will be displayed on the committee boat, which will indicate the official time in minutes and correspond to the start numbers of classes. Each change of numerals will, if possible, be accompanied by a sound signal.
  - 10.2.3 The starting signal for each class shall be the change of numerals to the number advertised as the start number for the class.
- 10.3 The starting line:
  - 10.3.1 The starting line will be between the masts of two committee boats each flying an orange flag.
- 10.4 Recalls:
  - 10.4.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with Rule 29.1 except that flag X will be flown for no longer than 30 seconds. This changes Rule 29.1.
  - 10.4.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with Rule 29.2 except that flag First Substitute will only be flown for 30 seconds and will be lowered without a sound signal. Classes subject to a general recall shall start on the start number two greater than their advertised number or two greater than their previous start number if they have previously been subject to a general recall. This changes Rule 29.2 and Race Signals.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal for the fastest class entered will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.

## **11 Changing the next leg of the course (Changes Rule 33 and Race Signals)**

Course marks may be moved by no more than 150 metres during the race but flag C will not be displayed nor will information regarding the change be displayed.

## **12 The finish**

- 12.1 The finish time will be 155 minutes after the warning signal.
- 12.2 A finishing line will be set up as near as practical on, and at right angles to, the line between the marks bounding the leg on which the leading boat is sailing. It will be set up ahead of the leading boat as near as is practical to the finish time. It will be the line between the mast of a race committee boat flying a blue flag and a boat flying a blue flag or a spherical buoy flying a blue flag.
- 12.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee other finishing lines may be set up at designated marks. Designated marks will be identified by orange flags. Other finishing lines will be between each designated mark and the mast of an adjacent race committee boat flying a blue flag.
- 12.4 During the finishing period the Race Committee may deploy another finish line

from a race committee boat displaying flag W and moving back down the course; this finish line being an imaginary line projecting from both sides of the boat and at right angles to the rhumb line of the leg on which the race committee boat is moving

- 12.5 During the finishing period boats shall only sail through one of the finishing lines defined in SI 12.

### **13 Time limits (Changes Rule 35)**

Boats that have not finished within 30 minutes of the finish time will be scored as Did Not Finish. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **14 Signing off, retirement or outside help**

Boats are not required to sign off but a boat that launches and does not start the race, retires from the race or receives outside help during the race, shall submit an Outside Help/Retirement Form (available from the Race Office) to the Race Office within the protest time limit.

### **15 Protests and requests for redress**

- 15.1 The Race Office shall be informed of the intention to protest immediately the owner/person in charge comes ashore and not later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 15.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted to the Race Office on RYA protest forms (available from the Race Office) not later than 30 minutes after notification of the intention to protest.
- 15.3 Protests and requests for redress will be heard: firstly, any that involve boats that may affect the prize giving; and secondly any remaining in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible on the day of the race or the following day. The time and place of the hearing will be notified to parties to the protest by the Race Office.
- 15.4 A party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 10 minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes Rule 66(b).

### **16 Scoring**

- 16.1 Boats will be scored in the order in which each first crosses a finishing line as defined in SI 12 with boats sailing further taking higher places.
- 16.2 Competitors are not required to sign off after the race. However, in the event of a scoring query competitors will be asked to provide as far as possible the following information on the form available from the office:
- a) number of laps sailed;
  - b) the class and sail number of the boat finishing immediately ahead of them; and
  - c) the class and sail number of the boat finishing immediately behind them.

### **17 Radio communications**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**18 Prizes**

The number of prizes to be awarded will be as set out in the Notice of Race. Other prizes may be awarded.

**19 Risk Statement**

Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race.

**20 Insurance**

All competitors shall have insurance cover with a minimum of £3 million third party indemnity and a declaration regarding this cover shall be signed by each owner/person in charge before taking part.

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