



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**The GJW Direct 50<sup>th</sup> Bloody Mary**  
**6th leg of the 2025/26 Selden SailJuice Winter Series**

Queen Mary Sailing Club  
Queen Mary Reservoir  
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# **THE GJW Direct 50<sup>th</sup> BLOODY MARY PURSUIT RACE**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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### **1 Rules**

See NOR 1.

### **2 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no less than 60 minutes before the scheduled time of the warning signal.

### **3 Communications with competitors**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located on the upper deck of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Queen Mary Sailing Club office on the upper deck of the Clubhouse: telephone number 01784 248881;  
email: [sailingsecretary@queenmary.org.uk](mailto:sailingsecretary@queenmary.org.uk).

### **4 Code of Conduct**

Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### **5 Signals made ashore**

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

### **6 Schedule**

See NOR 7.

### **7 Class flags**

The warning signal will be flag H.

### **8 Racing area**

The racing area will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

### **9 The course**

The course will be shown on the official notice board not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled time of the warning signal. Additional copies may be posted at other points around the clubhouse.

### **10 Marks**

Course marks will be described on the official notice board.

## **11 Obstructions**

The following areas are designated as 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 shallows bounded by orange or white buoys and the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys;
- (c) if a dredger is at any time located somewhere on the reservoir other than as described in (a) and (b) above, the area bounded by its anchor buoys;
- (d) at the outlet at the north east corner of the reservoir, the area bounded by round yellow buoys.

## **12 The start**

- 12.1 The race will be started using RRS 26 except as amended below.
- 12.2 Starting procedure: (changes RRS 26.1 and Race Signals)
  - 12.2.1 The race is a pursuit race with classes starting according to allocated start numbers. The start numbers allocated to each class will be on display on the official notice board throughout the day.
  - 12.2.2 At the first starting signal numeral 00 will be displayed on the race committee boat. The numeral displayed will be changed at one-minute intervals, to 01, 02 and so on, indicating the official time in minutes, and corresponds to the start numbers of the classes.
  - 12.2.3 The starting signal for each class shall be the change of numeral to the number advertised as the start number for the class. Each change of numeral will, if possible, be accompanied by a sound signal.
- 12.3 The starting line:
  - 12.3.1 The starting line will be between the masts of two committee boats each flying an orange flag.
- 12.4 Recalls: (changes RRS 29.1, 29.2 and Race Signals).
  - 12.4.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 except that flag X will be flown for no longer than 30 seconds. This changes RRS 29.1.
  - 12.4.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2 except that flag First Substitute will only be displayed for 30 seconds and will be removed 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 RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the last starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS 35, A4.

## **13 Changing the next leg of the course**

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. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

## **14 The finish**

- 14.1 The finish time will be 155 minutes after the warning signal.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee other finishing lines may be set up at designated marks. Designated marks will be identified by yellow flags. Other finishing lines will be between each designated mark and the mast of an adjacent race committee boat flying a blue flag.
- 14.4 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.

## **15 Time limits**

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. This changes RRS 35.

## **16 Hearing requests**

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted to the Race Office on RYA Hearing Request forms (available from the Race Office) not later than 30 minutes after notification of the intention to protest.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 A party to a hearing may request a reopening no later than 10 minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 63.7(b)(2).

## **17 Scoring**

Boats will be scored in the order in which each first crosses a finishing line as defined in SI 14 with boats sailing further taking higher places.

## **18 Safety Regulations**

Boats are not required to sign off but a boat which launches and does not start the race, or retires from the race shall promptly after returning to shore, submit a completed Retirement Declaration Form (available from the Race Office) to the Race Office.

**19 Trash disposal**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

**20 Prizes**

See NOR 10.

**21 Risk Statement**

See NOR 8.

**22 Insurance**

See NOR 9.