

# ***ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB***



## ***Royal Thames CARMELA CUP***

***2009 National Championship of  
Two-Boat Team Racing in Keelboats***

supported by the  
**Royal Yachting Association**

to be held at Queen Mary Reservoir, London  
by kind permission of Queen Mary Sailing Club  
on  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

## **Notice of Race**

1. THE EVENT

- 1.1 Royal Thames Yacht Club Carmela Cup is the National Championship of Two-Boat Team Racing in Keelboats and is planned to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009.
- 1.2 The event will be held at Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA (<http://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/clubFind.asp>).
- 1.3 The Organising Authority is the Royal Thames Yacht Club.
- 1.4 The Championship will be sailed in J-80 – type yachts provided to the Organising Authority by the RYA..

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Championship will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- 2.2 Races will be umpired.
- 2.3 Right of Appeal will be denied in accordance with rule 70.5 (a) (of RRS 2009-2012, rule 70.4(a) of RRS 2005-2008)

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 A team shall comprise 8 persons who shall sail together in two boats, four to a boat. A team shall represent an RYA (or other national authority)-affiliated club or association or a recognised class association. Team members shall be bona fide members in good standing of the organisation they represent. However the Organising Authority may, on request by a team and at its sole discretion, waive this requirement for up to one team member per boat. That person shall not steer while racing.
- 3.2 Application for entry for the Championship shall be by receipt of a completed application form and the appropriate fee. The Organising Authority may refuse entry to any team.
- 3.3 If by the closing date the number of applications for entry exceeds the capacity of the event, the decision of the Organising Authority as to which teams will be accepted will be final and no explanation as to the reasons for refusal of an entry need be given. However the Organising Authority will take the following factors into account:
  - (a) the date on which the completed entry was received
  - (b) the quality of the teams as evidenced by the information provided on the entry form
  - (c) where there is more than one entry from a club or organisation, which of those entries is designated as the first team
  - (d) any other factors that the Organising Authority considers relevant
- 3.3 The Royal Thames Yacht Club intends to enter at least one team.
- 3.4 Closing Date for entries is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Applications received after the closing date will be dealt with in strict order of receipt if vacancies exist.

3.5 The entry fee is £320.00 payable on submission of the entry form. An additional £100 late entry fee will be payable with any entry that is accepted after the closing date. The entry fee of any team that cannot be accommodated within the event will be returned.

3.6 Communication between the Organising Authority and competitors will be conducted primarily by e-mail. Each team must provide the organisers with a working e-mail address.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

4.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By leaving her mooring or, in the event of a crew change, by coming to the starting area the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

4.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however it may have been caused, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters and, for the purposes of this clause, the umpires.

#### 5. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

5.1 Each team shall be liable for non-insured damage to boats or property. A cheque for £500 made payable to Royal Thames Yacht Club must be presented at registration. This will be used to pay for damage to boats or to any property of the organisers that is not covered by the organising authority's insurance. All collisions resulting in damage to a boat shall be brought to the attention of an umpire immediately by the person causing the damage and by the person sailing the damaged boat so that damage costs can be assessed and attributed. If damage is attributed to a team, that team shall provide an additional cheque sufficient to bring the total unused damage deposit back to £500 before being allowed to continue sailing. Attributed damage costed at a total of more than £300 may result in a team being excluded from further sailing in the Championships. Non-attributed damage costs will be divided equally between teams to the limit of the damage deposit.

#### 6. SAFETY

6.1 An adequate buoyancy aid shall be worn at all times while on the water. A wet suit or dry suit is not a buoyancy aid.

#### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. They will be based on the current UKTRA sailing instructions with such amendments as the Race Committee considers appropriate.

7.2 The courses to be sailed will be designated or indicated in the sailing instructions.

8. PRIZES

8.1 Upon completion of a satisfactory series the winning team will be awarded the Royal Thames Yacht Club Carmela Cup. The best-placed University team consisting entirely of Undergraduates will be awarded the Royal Thames University Challenge Trophy. The Organising Authority shall be the sole judge of whether or not the series has proved a satisfactory national championship based on the number of races completed.

9.0 REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING.

9.1 Teams must complete registration, including lodging of damage deposit, before going afloat.

9.2 Registration will take place at Queen Mary Sailing Club, beginning at 0830 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

9.3 There will be a briefing for skippers each morning beginning at 0915 at QMSC. Attendance at the briefing will be mandatory.

9.4 Questions at the briefing, to be answered by either the Principal Race Officer or the Chief Umpire as appropriate, shall be delivered to the Registration desk before 0915 and be phrased in such a way as to be answerable by either 'Yes' or 'No'.

**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO Royal Thames Yacht Club Carmela Cup: the National Championship of Two-Boat Team Racing in Keelboats.**

Name of team: .....

representing ..... (all team members must be bona fide members of the Club or association represented).

Ranking in your club: Only team / First team / Second team / Third team

Team Captain (to whom all correspondence will be addressed):

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Address:

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Telephone: daytime: ..... mobile: .....

E-mail Address: .....  
(ESSENTIAL)

**Team Racing CV of Helms**

Helm 1: .....  
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Helm 2: .....  
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*We apply to enter the Royal Thames Carmela Cup: the National Championship of Two-Boat Team Racing in Keelboats. 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 and in particular paragraph 4.*

Signed: .....

Entries 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. The entry fee of £320 must be received at the above address BEFORE the application will be considered valid. Cheques should be made payable to Royal Thames Yacht Club. Payment by credit card may be made by telephone to RTYC Accounts office, 020 7201 6264. Credit card payments will not be processed until an entry is confirmed by the Organisers.