

NOTICE OF RACE

Kingston 2025 River Cultures Festival – Sailing

Saturday 6th September 2025

1. Organizing Authority

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority for this event is Thames Sailing Club, Tamesis Club and Minima Yacht Club, acting together.

2. Rules

- 2.1 Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 2.2 The provisions of Part 2c: Navigation - steering sailing and speed of The Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 ("Thames Byelaws") apply between a boat that is subject to the RRS and a boat that is not.
- 2.3 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) shall apply at all times when afloat during the event.
- 2.4 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

3. Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the website at <https://minimayc.co.uk/kingston-2025> before 0900 on Friday 5th September.

4. Communication

- 4.1 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 4.2 SI 4.1 shall not apply to voice communication received during the Junior race.

5. Eligibility and entry

- 5.1 This event is open to members of one of the following clubs:
- (a) Thames Sailing Club (contact Mark Laity)
 - (b) Tamesis Club (contact Marcus Chavasse)
 - (c) Minima Yacht Club (contact Rob Brooks)
- 5.2 [NP] Entries should be made through the contact at the relevant club before 0900 on Saturday 30th August.
- 5.3 Due to the limitations of river sailing, no multihull or foiling boat is eligible and boats may not use any trapeze at any time during the event.

6. Fees

- 6.1 The entry fee is £5 per person taking part as helm or crew, to be paid via the relevant club.

7. Schedule

- 7.1 A summary schedule is attached to this notice of race.
- 7.2 A pursuit race of 60 minutes duration will be started not before 1430. Start times will be based on class Portsmouth Numbers and will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 The pursuit race will be followed by a “demonstration of craft” in and along the banks of the sailing area. All boats planning to take part in this must follow the instructions and timings to be published on the website at <https://minimayc.co.uk/kingston-2025>.
- 7.4 A Junior Race for sailors aged under 18 on the day of the event will be started not before 1630. This race may be started in more than one flight if necessary to accommodate the number of entries.

8. Venue

- 8.1 Changing facilities and refreshments for competitors will be available at Minima Yacht Club's Club House at 48a High Street, KT1 1HN.
- 8.2 Subject to capacity, boats may be launched from Minima's boat park on the opposite (Middlesex) bank, accessible from Barge Walk. The access road is secured by a barrier, contact Paul Bloomfield on 07917 085 332 for the code.
- 8.3 The sailing area will be on the Thames between Kingston Bridge and Raven's Ait.
- 8.4 The general layout of marks is provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Risk Statement

- 9.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 9.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) 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;
 - (f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g) 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;

10. Insurance

- 10.1 [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

11. Privacy Statement

- 11.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with Minima Yacht Club's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

12. Prizes

- 12.1 Prizegiving will be held in the Club House not before 1800.
- 12.2 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Pursuit Race, and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Junior Race.
- 12.3 At least three entries of boats of the same class shall constitute a Class. Any class with fewer than three entries shall comprise a General Rating Class.

River Cultures Festival Sailing Saturday 31st August – Schedule

Time	
1330	Minima Club House open; changing facilities and soft drinks available.
1425	Pursuit race warning signal
1430	Pursuit race start 0 (duration 60 minutes)
1545–1615	Demonstration of craft
1625	Junior race warning signal
1630	Junior race start (duration approximately 45 minutes)
1800	Prizegiving (Minima Club House)

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