



North Topper Series 1

Notice of Race

22nd March 2020

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of ITCA (GBR) and rules of the host club will also apply.
- 1.3. Competitors and their supporters should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that by entering this event they undertake to compete in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk. The notation in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 2.2. There will be one fleet for boats using both 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails. 6.4 sails are not permitted.
- 2.3. Every competitor must be a current member of ITCA. Competitors that are not already a member of ITCA (GBR) should join ITCA (GBR) before registration, or on the first occasion may pay £5 to become a temporary member of ITCA (GBR) for the duration of the event.
- 2.4. Competitors shall be under 18 on the 31st December 2020
- 2.5. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the event.
- 2.6. For organisational and safety reasons all entries should be made on the event on-line entry form at least 10 days before the event. Entries after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of one of the area reps or, on the day, the safety officer for the event. Entry on the day may therefore not be possible.
- 2.7. All helms are required to submit ITCA Parent / Guardian forms at registration at the event, these can be downloaded or will be emailed prior to the event. Forms for entry on the day will be available at the venue.

3. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. All boats shall comply with the International Topper class rules; in particular, only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used.
- 3.2. Each boat shall display the 2019/20 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA (GBR) prescriptions. Each boat trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number of the boat to which it belongs. Competitors that have not already been allocated a 2019/20 Championship Number will be allocated one at registration. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR); using class legal digital 8's and to obtain and attach a suitable tag to the handle of the boat's trolley.
- 3.3. Sailors may not change from 4.2 to 5.3 or 5.3 to 4.2 sails in one event.



4. ENTRY & FEES

- 4.1. Pre entry is required using the on-line entry system at <https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/> before 23:59 16th March 2020
- 4.2. Entries on the day are subject to confirmation by the area rep (or safety officer for the event and will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the Race COmmittee, there is adequate safety cover available.
- 4.3. The entry fee is £10 per boat payable on the day.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. The entry fee is £10 per boat payable on the day.
- 5.2. Registration will be from 09:00 to 9:45 on the day of the event.
- 5.3. Each competitor shall register before racing. To register, each competitor shall provide a completed entry form (signed by their parent or legal guardian in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) and proof of current membership of ITCA (GBR).

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Racing is scheduled to take place on 22nd March only
- 6.2. There will be a competitor briefing, which all competitors should attend, starting at **10:00**. The launch signal for the first race is expected to be made shortly after the end of this briefing.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is no earlier than Sunday 10:40am.
- 6.4. No starting signal will be made after 15:00, unless fewer than three races have been completed by a class by that time in which case this time limit may be extended to 15:30.
- 6.5. It is intended that there will be 4 races on the day with 2 back-to-back before lunch followed by 2 more after lunch

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1. N/A

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available at the registration desk and available online.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. It is intended that the course to be sailed will be an outer loop.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 10.2. Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. Race scores will be excluded as follows
 - a) When 3 or fewer races have been completed, no race score will be excluded



- b) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. 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.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be given depending on the number of boats entered and determined by the club.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Only support boats authorised by the Event Safety Officer will be permitted in the racing area.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- 15.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.1

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. Rule 4 of the Racing rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for the boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

18. INSURANCE



- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 000 000 per event or the equivalent.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information please contact:

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