



Castle Cove Sailing Club Sailing Instructions



South West Topper Open Traveller 2023 04 June 2023

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024)
- 1.3. The Topper class rules also apply.
- 1.4. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least sixty minutes before the start of the first race affected on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the window to the left of the front door at Castle Cove Sailing Club.
- 3.2. Notices may also be transmitted via Telegram, details will be available at registration.

4. Code of Conduct

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag mast at Castle Cove
- 5.2. When a change to the sailing instructions is posted, flag L will be displayed over a numeral pennant indicating the number of the change. Flag L displayed alone indicates a notice to competitors has been posted, which is not a change to the sailing instructions. This changes race signal L.
- 5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.4. No competitors are to go afloat until the flag D is displayed. No starting signal will be given for at least 30 minutes after the flag D is displayed.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. Four races are scheduled
- 6.2. Time of the warning signals are:
 - Race 1 10:55 hours
 - Race 2 ASAP after Race 1
 - Race 3 ASAP after Race 2
 - Race 4 ASAP after Race 3Last permissible warning signal 15:30

7. Class Flags

- 7.1. The warning signal flag for the racing will be the Class Flag T.

8. Racing Area

- 8.1. The racing area will be Portland Harbour

9. The Courses

- 9.1. The course to be sailed is illustrated in Attachment A which show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Committee Vessel will display a signal board indicating the number of laps to be sailed as described in Attachment A.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the mast displaying the orange flag on the starboard end starting mark and the staff displaying the 2 red flags on the port end starting mark.



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10.2. Races will be started by using rule 26.

11. The Finish

11.1. The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and Dan buoy with a Blue flag buoy off the bow of the committee boat

11.2. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finish line within 15 minutes after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to be finishing irrespective of the number of laps they have completed. Their position in the race will be noted from their finishing order and number of completed laps with those having the most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps. This means that boats that have only completed 1 lap shall be ranked behind boats that have completed 2 laps. Boats that have completed 2 laps shall be ranked behind boats that have completed 3 laps, etc.

11.3. Back markers may be given their position taken on the course by a Race Committee boat displaying flag W with two sound signals.

12. Eligibility and Entry

12.1. Either the Topper 4.2 or 5.3 will be eligible to race, though the same sail should be used throughout the event.

12.2. Competitors under the age of 18 years, at the time of the event shall be required to have their registration form signed by their parental/guardian prior to the start of racing.

12.3. Entries will not be valid until payment is received.

12.4. All entrants are granted temporary membership of CCSC for the duration of the event and required to comply with the club rules and byelaws as published in the club handbook 2023

13. Penalty System

13.1. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply (for information on the procedures, visit the RYA website). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

14. Scoring

14.1. 4.2 and 5.3 rigs will be scored separately.

14.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a championship.

14.3. A boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores

15. Safety

15.1. Whilst afloat all competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy to provide at least 50N of floatation. This replaces rule 40. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices.

15.2. Tally System

15.2.1. A tally system will be in operation.

15.2.2. The location of the tally board will be adjacent to the Club main flag pole

15.2.3. Your tally, (an elastic wrist band), must be collected from the tally board and worn at all times whilst afloat.

15.2.4. On completion of (or retirement from) the race, or races where they are held back to back, you must return directly to Castle Cove Sailing Club and replace your tally on the tally board in its correct position

15.2.5. In the event that you come ashore away from Castle Cove Sailing Club, you must telephone the club on 01305 783708 as soon as practicable, to report your position and safety.

15.2.6. Any boat(s) that fails to comply with the safety/tally system will be disqualified from the race/races concerned.

16. Prizes

16.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee having regard to the number of boats entered.

17. Disclaimer of Liability



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- 17.1. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4
- 17.2. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 17.3. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 17.4. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 18 below for the duration of the regatta.
- 17.5. 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 occurred, 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 Beach-masters.
- 17.6. In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury is accepted CCSC, the Race Committee or the crew of any safety boat.
- 17.7. Competitors automatically grant to CCSC the right to use any images, either still or video, of the event.

18. Insurance

- 18.1. Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £2,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by CCSC, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.

