



## TOPPER SOUTH WEST TRAVELLER SERIES 2023

Organised by ITCA (GBR) SW

### NOTICE OF SERIES (NOS)

The notation [DP] in a rule means that a breach of that rule, may, at the discretion on the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.

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).

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR).
- 1.2 The rules governing each event in the series will be specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions published for each event (taking precedence over this Notice of Series if there is any conflict).
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the ITCA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](http://Racing Charter (rya.org.uk))

#### 2 EVENT DOCUMENTS INCLUDING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 All event documents will be published by the host club and be available at the event and may be posted on the ITCA website

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted as per the event Notice of Race (NOR). General SW notices will be posted on the SW Toppers Whats-app group.
- 3.2 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The series is open to sailors sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 6.4,5.3 or 4.2 sail and who are members of the Topper Class Association (ITCA). Paid up members of ITCA may enter any of the events. Non-members of ITCA may be permitted to enter one training and one Traveller event before joining ITCA on a 'try before you buy' basis.

- 4.2 To enable a sailor to get a result in the Traveller series the sailor must be a member of ITCA (<https://www.itca-gbr.co.uk/membership>). There is no entry fee for the series.

## 5 [DP] APPROVED SAIL

- 5.1 Only sails that are supplied by Topper International and stamped Race Approved Sail may be used
- 5.2 Competitors may only use ONE sail during each event. If for any reason a sail requires changing the competitor MUST obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.
- 5.3 All sails used shall display the sailor's championship number on their sail as per class rules. Sailors without a championship number shall request permission from the Race Committee prior to launching on the first day of racing. Sailors shall not use a sail carrying the same sail number or championship number of another sailor, in the event of duplication of either sail number or championship number only the results of the sailor / boat registered to that sail number / championship number will be scored.

## 6 SCHEDULE - SERIES EVENTS

- 6.1 The SW Traveller series will consist of the following events:

| <i>Date</i>  | <i>Venue</i>                        | <i>Event</i>  | <i>Notes</i>  |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Paignton Sailing Club               | ITCA Open Training<br>Traveller # 1 (Summer 1)                |   |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> May     | Saltash Sailing Club                | ITCA Open Training<br>Traveller # 2 (Summer 2)                |   |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June<br>Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June     | Castle Cove SC                      | ITCA Open Training<br>Traveller # 3 (Summer 3)                |   |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July<br>Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> July     | Bristol Corinthian YC               | ITCA Open Training<br>Traveller # 4 (Summer 4)                | Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> open training will be used as a selector event for the 2023/24 RYA RTG squad   |
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept<br>Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | Salcombe Yacht Club                 | ITCA Open Training<br>Traveller # 5 (Autumn 1)                |   |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept<br>Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | Poole Yacht Club                    | 'Super South Championships'<br>Traveller # 6 (Autumn 2)       | 'Super South Champs' 2 days of championship racing. It is a combined traveller with the South and London/South-East regions. This will also be the Topper South West Area Championships. The event will be used as a selector event for the 2023/24 RYA RTG squad |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct       | Starcross Yacht Club                | Traveller # 7 (Autumn 3)<br>ITCA Open Training                | Note the traveler is on the Saturday and ITCA training is on the Sunday   |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct     | Royal Western Yacht Club - Plymouth | 'Final Fling'<br>SW Autumn Champs<br>Traveller # 8 (Autumn 4) | 2 days of regatta racing. The Toppers will have their own class within a bigger regatta   |

- 6.2 8 events are scheduled for the overall SW Traveller Series. The program will be broken into sub series', events 1 to 4 inclusive being the Summer Traveller series and events 5 to 8 inclusive being the Autumn Traveller series
- 6.3.1 Any event that is rescheduled for another date and/or venue will be advertised a minimum of 14 days before the first date that the change effects.

- 6.3.2 Cancellation, postponement or rescheduling any event to another venue / date is not grounds for redress under rule 62.1.

## **7 SCORING**

- 7.1 For the purpose of scoring the series (6.4 or 5.3 or 4.2), a competitor's score for each event ('event score') will be points equal to their position in the overall results for the 6.4 or 5.3 or 4.2 class at the event.
- 7.2 When a competitor does not enter or register at an event, their event score for that event will be one more than the largest registered entry at any of the series events.
- 7.3 For RYA RTG indicator events only, the event results for the 4.2 class will not count towards the series results.
- 7.4 If 3 or more events are completed each competitor's series score will be the total of their event scores excluding their worst event score. If 6 or more events are completed each competitor's series score will be the total of their event scores excluding their worst two event scores.
- 7.5 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- 7.6 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event"

## **8 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 8.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall register with the event Organising Authority at registration and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the event Organising Authority.
- 8.2 [DP] Support person vessels shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel so they can be called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency.
- 8.3 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 8.4 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## **9 DATA PROTECTION & RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS**

- 9.1 In order to manage the an event, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images as in NOS 9.2 will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations that came into effect in May 2018.
- 9.2 By participating in this series, a competitor automatically grants to ITCA (GBR), the organising authority of any constituent event and any event or series sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the series, and of all of his/her material related to the series, without compensation.

## **10 RISK STATEMENT**

- 10.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 10.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 and omissions;
  - d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - f) 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 briefing held for the event.
- 10.3 The fact an OA or race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Instructions.

#### **11.0 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement**

- 11.1 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of series, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

#### **12 INSURANCE**

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent

#### **13 SERIES PRIZES**

- 13.1 Overall Series prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third (depending on number of entrants) ranked competitors overall for the 5.3 class and 1<sup>st</sup> overall for the 4.2 class. Prizes may be awarded for the 6.4 class if it is deemed enough entries are received.
- 13.2 Prizes may be awarded for the Summer and Autumn sub series'.

#### **END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **Further information**

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