



Topper Super South Championships 2023

The Poole Yacht Club Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is The Poole Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association GBR (ITCA GBR).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. 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).
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP].
- 1.5. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at: <https://www.pooleyc.co.uk>
- 3.2. The race office is located in the Academy on the ground floor outside the clubhouse.

3.3. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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. [DP].

4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2. Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the Organising Authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the mast on the south side of the clubhouse.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5.3. Boats shall not leave the slipway or beach to race if Flag D is displayed from a mast next to the slipway. Flag D removed with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes' after flag D is removed. [DP].

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Registration will be 09:30 to 10:30 on Saturday 16th September 2023 in the Academy on the ground floor.

6.2. The competitor briefing will be at 10:30 on Saturday 16th September 2023 on the patio on the south side of the clubhouse.

6.3. The race schedule is:

Date	First warning signal	No. of races
Saturday 16 th September	11:55	3
Sunday 17 th September	10:25	3

6.4. The event will consist of up to six races. Additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. There will be no more than four races a day.

6.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flag for the **5.3 class** will be flag T.

7.2 The class flag for the **4.2 class** will be flag T defaced with "4.2".

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be in Poole Harbour to the west of Brownsea Island and south of The Poole Yacht Club.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.

9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.4. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p, 4s, 4p and 5 will be orange inflatable buoys.

10.2. The Starting Marks will be a mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

10.3. The Finishing Marks will be a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP] [NP]

11.1. The following area is designated as an obstruction:

The area to the east of a line running North from "Cakes" mark (a yellow race mark), and to the north of a line running East from "Cakes" mark will be considered a "Prohibited Zone" (Addendum A) and an obstruction under rule 19, as this comprises

the turning basin for the Port of Poole. This may also be marked by a Safety boat on station, depending on conditions.

12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

12.3. A boat that does not start within four minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

13.2. Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m or less than 10 degrees from the previous mark) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14.2. The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:

- a) When a race committee vessel displays flag W with one sound, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course, at a nearby mark or not.
- b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place matching her race position in that race. This changes RRS A5.
- c) Boats finished this way will not have grounds for redress.
- d) If SI 14.2 is used, this overrides SI 15.3.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	20 minutes
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Race Time Limit	70 minutes
Target Time	45 minutes
Finishing Window	20 minutes

15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10. Page 3 of 8

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1. In addition to RRS 61.1(a) a boat intending to protest should notify the committee vessel immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement.

16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16.3. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office in the Academy

16.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where they will be held, which may be online.

16.5. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the ONB.

16.6. Data and the information from cameras, video and positioning equipment shall not be grounds for redress.

17. SCORING

See NOR 11

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

18.1. A safety tally system will be in operation. Tally numbers will be advised at Registration.

18.1.1. The tally control point will be by the gate from the dinghy park to the beach.

18.1.2. Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their sail number and name to advise they are going racing.

18.1.3. Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and giving their sail number and name to advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

18.1.4. The penalty for failing to check-out or check-in as instructed above will be a standard penalty without a hearing. The standard penalty will be three points non excludable added to the boat's series score, and five points for subsequent infringements. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

18.2. Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall make every attempt to inform an official boat before leaving the racing area. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

19.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed.

19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

21. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

See NOR 12.1

22. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

22.1. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23. PRIZES

23.1. As a minimum, prizes will be awarded as follows: Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall boat in the 4.2 and 5.3 rig will be awarded. Prizes will be awarded to boats in the

London/South-East, Southern and South-West Regions outside the main prizes.

23.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

24. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

See NOR 16.

25. RISK STATEMENT 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.' 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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;

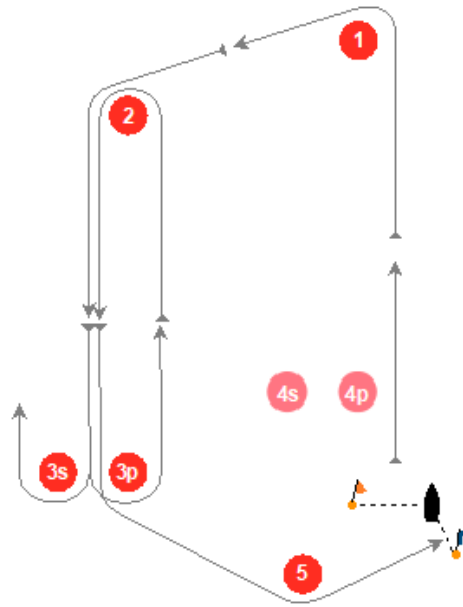
(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

26. INSURANCE

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

Appendix A – COURSES

O	COURSE: TRAPEZOID OUTER LOOP Reaching Finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
O4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish



COURSE: TRAPEZOID INNER LOOP Reaching Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
I4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

