



International Topper Class Association (GBR)
Notice of Series
Midlands Area Traveller Series 2023-2024



1 RULES

- 1.1 The Traveller series will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2 Prescriptions of the ITCA (GBR) and any other such instructions determined by the host Club will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All Sailors and attending parents/guardians must abide by the latest Government COVID guidelines/restrictions, including any guidance as specified by RYA, ITCA and the hosting club.
- 2.2 The series is open to members of a National Topper Class Association sailing an International Topper class dinghy, or a boat using a roto-moulded 'Topper' hull supplied by Topper International that in all other respects complies with the International Topper Class Rules, with a 5.3 or 4.2 sail.
- 2.3 Topper sailors can also enter Midlands Traveller events (assuming there are spaces available) that take place at their home club for which they are fully paid-up members.
- 2.4 The value of the entry fee is at the discretion of the host club or as defined on the ITCA website during entry. Please refer to the event notice of race for any further details.
- 2.5 All Entries/payments for events will be online through the ITCA website.
- 2.6 The person and boat stated on the entry form for each event will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at that event.
- 2.7 The Standard ITCA Entry form will be emailed to the Entered Sailor prior to the event (at the email registered for the sailor; on the ITCA System). The Sailor and Parent/Guardian are to complete the form and hand in a paper copy to the host club during at registration
- Note: It is the Sailor and Parent / Guardian responsibility to ensure all details (including the Email address) are up to date on the ITCA System.

3 Traveller Event Withdrawal

- 3.1 If the Sailor wishes to withdraw from a Traveller event, they should email arearep.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk requesting this.
- 3.2 If withdrawal is requested (for any reason), more than 14 days prior to the event taking place, refund will be Entry fee less £5 admin charge.
- If there is an opportunity to transfer the sailor's entry to an alternative Midlands Traveller event in the same series, and places are available; this can be requested and will be considered at the discretion of the Midlands Topper Traveller Coordinators.
- 3.3 If withdrawal is requested within 14 days of the event, then the entry fee is non-refundable.



4 APPROVED SAIL

4.1 Only sails that are supplied by Topper International and stamped 'Race Approved Sail' must be used.

4.2 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.

4.3 If a sailor uses a mix of sail sizes during the series, they will be eligible only for a Series position and will not be eligible for the 4.2 Sail Series Category

4.4 Reefed 5.3 Sails will continue to be classified as having sailed as a 5.3 Classification.

5 TRAVELLER SERIES EVENTS

Events are planned for the following dates. Those marked * TBC are intended dates but not confirmed. Updated dates will be posted on the Topper class association website.

2022/2023 series	Date	Club
Event 1	Sunday 17th September 2023	Bartley Sailing Club (RYA RTG Indicator)
Event 2	Saturday 21st October 2023	Hollowell Sailing Club
Event 3	Saturday 4th November 2023	South Staffs Sailing Club
Event 4	Saturday 2nd December 2023	Notts County Sailing Club
Event 5	Saturday 13th January 2024	Blithfield Sailing Club
Event 6	Saturday 10th February 2024	Staunton Harold Sailing Club
Event 7	Saturday 16th March 2024	Burton Sailing Club
Event 8	Saturday 27th April 2024	Draycote Water Sailing Club

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS/NOTIFICATION OF RACE

6.1 Sailing Instructions/Notification of Race will be published by the host club and be available prior to the event.

6.2 To allow the safety/committee boat to help recover a capsize or provide assistance during a race;

Outside Help:

“RRS 41(a) is changed to allow help to recover after a capsize or provide assistance to a sailor from the race committee or registered support vessels”

7 SCORING

7.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

7.2 RRS A8 will be used to break event ties.

7.3 An event will be deemed to have been “Completed” when one or more starts have taken place.

7.4 The Series Scoring will be calculated as follows:

2 Event Series = 2 Events to Count

3 Event Series = 2 Events to Count

4 Event Series = 3 Events to Count

5 Event Series = 4 Events to Count

6 Event Series = 4 Events to Count

7 Event Series = 5 Events to Count

8 Event Series = 6 Events to Count

7.5 A did not compete DNC (Series Score) shall be scored as one more than the total entry for the Traveller Series.

7.6 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing “boat” with “competitor” and “race” with “event”.

8 EVENT CANCELLATION

8.1 If the Traveller event is cancelled due to adverse weather conditions (including too light winds) that does not permit the event to take place, the refund amount will be as follows:

- (i) Cancelled on the day at the event – No Refund
- (ii) Cancelled prior to the day of the event – Refund will be calculated, minus host club costs and £5 admin fee (per sailor)

9 TRAVELLER SERIES TROPHIES/PRIZES

9.1 There will be a levy added to each event entry. This levy is to covers the cost of the end of series trophies/prizes etc.

9.2 All Sailors who enter the 2022-2023 Series Traveller Events will be eligible for entry into the 2022-2023 Series, providing they are also a member of the National Topper Class Association.

9.3 Sailors who are a member of the host club but are not a member of the National Topper Class Association will be permitted to have their home club event score included the 2022-2023 Series, however they must join the National Topper Class Association should they want other event results to be included in the 2022-2023 Series.

9.4 If only 1 event takes place; then series trophies/prizes will **not** be awarded.

9.5 Trophies/Prizes for the Traveller Series will be awarded for: First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Overall.

9.6 Other Trophies/prizes may be awarded for the series at the discretion of the Midlands Topper Traveller Series Administration Team, subject to participation levels and series qualifying criteria being met.

TRAVELLER SERIES TROPHIES/PRIZES Cont.

9.7 Perpetual Trophies (Returning) will be awarded for

- (i) Overall Series Winner
- (ii) 4.2 Sail Winner
- (iii) Under 13 Winner
- (iv) Endeavour Award

9.8 Only one Perpetual Trophy will be awarded per Sailor, the order of preference will be as shown in section 9.7. If this situation occurs, then the Sailor will be awarded the highest preference trophy with the remaining trophy(s) being awarded to the next applicable sailor. This rule does not apply to the Endeavour award (iv) which can be presented to any sailor that has taken part in the series and can also be awarded to a sailor who wins another Perpetual Trophy.

9.9 Winners of the perpetual trophies must complete the accompanying form and return to arearep.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk

9.10 The Endeavour award (if presented) can be awarded to any sailor who has completed in the series, independent of them winning any other prize/trophy.

9.11 Any age-related trophies will be awarded based upon the sailor's age on the date of the last event in the series. If the date of the last event changes within 1 month prior to the event taking place, then the age of the sailor will be calculated using the original planned date of the last event.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11 INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per event.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information please contact:
ITCA Midlands Area Rep and Traveller Coordinators
Email – arearep.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk