



**Topper Open Meeting  
London and South-East Spring Traveller 5  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

*The Organising Authority is Weir Wood Sailing Club in conjunction with ITCA (GBR)*

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**3 RULES**

- 3.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024* (except as modified by the Sailing Instructions), the Sailing Instructions and this NoR. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 3.2 Competitors should note that the Organising Authority 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 or on the RYA website at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).
- 3.3 The RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information, go to [www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. This changes RRS Part 5B, Rule 63.1.
- 3.4 The event is open to International Topper Class boats, both 5.3 and 4.2 rig, that comply with the class association rules on the date of the event. Sailors shall be either a paid-up member of the Topper Class Association or Weir Wood Sailing Club
- 3.5 All competitors shall be deemed temporary members of Weir Wood Sailing Club and must comply with the rules defined by The Club.
- 3.6 Each boat shall display the 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. 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.
- 3.7 Weir Wood Sailing Club members may use their normal sail/boat number for registration and should attach a trolley label to assist the beach master.

**4 ENTRY FEES**

- 4.1 Entry is in advance through the ITCA website.
- 4.2 Entries may be limited to 50 as per the details on the booking system on the ITCA website after which there shall be a waiting list. No entries shall be accepted on the day of the event.
- 4.3 Entry fees: £20 per boat payable (£15 for WWSC members) through the ITCA website.
- 4.4 Sailors will be given a complimentary hot meal and drink at lunchtime between races.

## 5 EVENT SCHEDULE:

- 5.1 Registration: Boats shall register online at the ITCA website. Online entries will close on at 23:59hrs on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.
- 5.2 Registration Desk in the clubhouse will be open at 8.45am – 9.30am for helms to confirm arrival and the issue of Regatta Fleet mast-head ribbons.
- 5.3 There will be an event and safety briefing at the Clubhouse at 10:00am
- 5.4 First Warning Signal not before 10:55.
- 5.5 The intention is to sail 4 races, two races back-to-back, before lunch and then 2 races, back-to-back, after lunch.
- 5.6 Prize-giving shall be as soon as possible after the last race
- 5.7 Race times are subject to change and any variation will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the Club Race Hut

## 6 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 6.1 The regatta is open to all helms being members of the ITCA GBR class association. Weir Wood Sailing Club members will be allowed entry without needing ITCA GBR membership.
- 6.2 Eligible boats shall enter by 22<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, entries to be made via the ITCA GBR website [www.itca-gbr.co.uk](http://www.itca-gbr.co.uk).
- 6.3 **Parent/Guardian Declarations:** All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the person(s) acting in loco parentis at registration.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online at ITCA (GBR)'s website at least 3 weeks prior to the event.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will take place Weir Wood Sailing Club, Priory Road, Forest Row RH18 5HT.

## 9 THE COURSES AND STARTS

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be a trapezoid course.
- 9.2 The main fleet comprising 5.3 and 4.2 rigs shall form the first start.
- 9.3 A Regatta fleet, comprising less experienced helms shall start second. Sailors in the Regatta Fleet shall fly a mast-head ribbon provided by Organiser at the Registration Desk. Helms in the Regatta Fleet may receive coaching assistance from a member of WWSC's RYA Coaching Team. This changes RRS Rule 41.
- 9.4 A course diagram will be included in the Sailing Instructions. The courses will be announced at the Event Briefing at 10.00am at the clubhouse.

## 9 SCORING

- 9.1 The rules of racing RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When fewer than four races are completed the boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.4 When four races are completed the boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

## **10 BERTHING AND LAUNCHING**

10.1 Boats shall be assigned to a launching area for the event upon arrival and must follow the Beach Master's instructions. Boats may not be launched until directed to do so.

## **11 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

11.1 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **12 PRIZES**

12.1 Prizes shall be awarded for the first three places of each of the 5.3, 4.2 and Regatta fleets.

12.2 A 1<sup>st</sup> girl prize for the first female helm will be awarded

12.3 Endeavour prizes will be awarded in each of the three fleets.

12.4 There shall be prizes for the top three WWSC helms.

12.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **13 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES**

13.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and their sponsors 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.

## **14 RISK STATEMENT**

14.1 Rule 4 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.'

14.2 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 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 event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of support 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 specific risks to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend the safety briefing at the venue.

## **15 INSURANCE**

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

**WWSC Club Membership:**

All participants, crews and friends are extended membership privileges for the duration of the event.

**Parking**

Parking is available in the club car park. Boats should be unloaded in the car park and walked down on their launching trolleys to the slipways. Please note that there is an overhead cable between the car park and the reservoir grounds: masts cannot be stepped in the car park.

Cars may not enter the club grounds beyond the main barrier.

**Security**

Valuables should not be left in the changing rooms or visible in cars. A limited number of lockers are available in the club entrance lobby for valuables on a first come, first served basis. No payment required.

**No dogs permitted beyond the barrier**

According to the terms of our lease, dogs are not permitted in the club grounds. They may be left in cars in the car park at the owner's risk. There are nearby woods and walking trails.

**Food and Drink**

The Galley will be serving a good selection of hot and cold food during the day. Please pre-order your meal requests early on the day to help the chef and kitchen staff have everything ready. The priority during lunch will be to serve lunch to the sailors so please be aware parents and other supporters' meals may not be served at the same time.

**Further information:**

For further information may be obtained from the club website at [wwsc.org.uk](http://wwsc.org.uk).

Your personal contact for this event is Nick Skinner, email [nick@wwsc.org.uk](mailto:nick@wwsc.org.uk)