

# Notice of Series 2024



## TOPPER SOUTH WEST TRAVELLER SERIES 2024

### Organised by ITCA (GBR) SW NOTICE OF SERIES (NOS)

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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 [DP]All boats shall comply with the International Topper Class Rules [World Sailing - Topper](#) In particular, only sails, foils and spars that are supplied by Topper International and stamped Race Approved Sail may be used
- 1.4 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://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 event is open to all International Topper class dinghies. The event is also open to boats using a roto-moulded 'Topper' hull supplied by Topper International, provided that in all other respects the boat complies with the International Topper Class Rules. Each boat racing at the event will be classed according to the size of the sail used, not on the construction of the hull."
- 4.2 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.

- 4.3 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] [NP] ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Each boat trolley shall be clearly labelled / have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number of the boat to which it belongs.

## **6 SW Topper Traveller and Training Refund Policy**

- 6.1 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor for reasons unrelated to COVID-19 their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
- a. Cancellation up to 2 weeks prior to the event: Entry fee less £5 admin charge, or transfer of entry to another event
  - b. Cancellation within last 2 weeks prior to the event: No refund or transfer of entry to another event.

## **7 SCHEDULE - SERIES EVENTS**

- 7.1 The SW Traveller series will comprise of an overall series with 11 events scheduled. The overall series will be broken down into a Summer Series of 7 events and after a break for the summer school holidays an Autumn Series of 4 events.
- 7.1.1 The SW Traveller series will consist of the following events:
- Traveller 1 (Summer 1) – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club
- Traveller 2 (Summer 2) – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Fowey (Fowey combined clubs)
- Traveller 3 (Summer 3) – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Paignton Sailing Club
- Traveller 4 (Summer 4) – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Castle Cove Sailing Club
- Traveller 5 (Summer 5) – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Saltash Sailing Club
- Traveller 6 (Summer 6) – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Dittisham Sailing Club (River Dart)
- Traveller 7 (Summer 7) – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – RYA regional Junior Championships – WPNSA (Portland) – This event will also be used by the RYA as a selector event for the RYA RTG squad, and in order to not prejudice any 4.2 sailors applying for RTG wanting to sail a 5.3 rig, 4.2 results for this event will not count towards the SW Traveller series(s).
- Traveller 8 (Autumn 1) – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Plymouth Youth Sailing (Mountbatten) – This event will also be used by the RYA as a selector event for the RYA RTG squad, and in order to not prejudice any 4.2 sailors applying for RTG wanting to sail a 5.3 rig, 4.2 results for this event will not count towards the SW Traveller series(s).
- Traveller 9 (Autumn 2) – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – “Super South” Warsash Sailing Club. This event is a 2 day regatta and is a combined traveller with London / SE and South regions and is hosted by Warsash SC on the Solent.
- Traveller 10 (Autumn 3) – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Chew valley Lake Sailing Club
- Traveller 11 – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. End of Season Championships – Parkstone Yacht Club

- 7.1.2 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.
- 7.2 Cancellation, postponement or rescheduling any event to another venue / date is not grounds for redress under rule 62.1.

## **8 SCORING**

- 8.1 For the purpose of scoring the series (6.4, 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 5.3 or 4.2 class at the event.
- 8.2.1 When a competitor does not enter or register at an event, their event score for that event will be one more than the combined number of competitors in that series. The scoring code DNC will be used.
- 8.2.2 When a competitor has entered an event, but then does not sail in that event, their score for that event will be one more than the number of sailors that do sail in that event and the scoring code DNS will be used.
- 8.3 For RYA RTG indicator events only, the event results for the 6.4 and 4.2 class will not count towards the series results (see 7.1.1 Schedule)
- 8.4.1 A minimum of 2 events are required to constitute a series in the 6.4, 5.3 and 4.2 classes.
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- 8.5 a) If 3 or less events are completed each competitors score will be the total of their event scores.  
b) If 4, 5 or 6 events are completed each competitor's series score will be the total of their event scores excluding their worst event score.  
c) If 7, 8 or 9 events are completed each competitor's series score will be the total of their event scores excluding their worst two event scores.  
d) If 10 or 11 events are completed each competitor's series score will be the total of their event scores excluding their worst three event scores.
- 8.6 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- 8.7 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event"

## **9 [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 9.1 Support person vessels shall register with the event Organising Authority at registration and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the event Organising Authority.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 [NP] 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.

## **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 INSURANCE**

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent OR a value as stated in the event NOR whichever is the higher

## **12 PRIVACY STATEMENT**

12.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **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 1st overall for the 4.2 class. Prizes may be awarded in the 6.4 class if ITCA SW deem there enough entries. Additional prizes may be awarded.

13.2 Prizes may be awarded for the Summer and Autumn sub series'.

13.3 It is anticipated that series prizes will be awarded at the last event in the relevant series

## **END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

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