



Ely Sailing Club

ITCA (GBR) East Area Traveller

Topper Open Meeting Sunday 8th September 2024

Notice of Race

Organising Authority.

Ely Sailing Club, in association with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA)(GBR), East Region.

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 ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at:
www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx
- 1.4 Competitors should be familiar with the ITCA Rules available from the Eastern Area Traveller Series 2024 Notice of Race:
<https://www.itca-gbr.co.uk/area-pages/eastern/racing/>
- 1.5 Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.6 By participating in this event the competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Topper class, in accordance with the ITCA Eastern Area Traveller Series 2024 Notice of Race:
<https://www.itca-gbr.co.uk/area-pages/eastern/racing/>
- 2.2 Entries will be accepted up to 09:00hrs on Sunday 8th September 2024.
- 2.3 Entries should be made via the ITCA website:
<https://www.itca-gbr.co.uk/area-pages/eastern/calendar/>

3 FEES and REFUND POLICY

Required entry fee, set by ITCA Eastern Region is as follows:

- Early Bird entry fee of £12 is available until 04.09.24 at 23:59:59
- Then the entry will increase to £16.

If an entry is cancelled by the participants their entry fee will be refunded as follows, as set by ITCA Eastern Region:

- More than 14 days before the event. Entry fee less £5 admin charge
- Cancellation 7-14 days before the event if place can be resold. Entry fee less £5 admin charge
- Cancellation within 7 days of the event. No refunds

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will be held in the Clubhouse from 09:00 on Sunday 8th September 2024.
- 4.2 BRIEFING. Competitors' briefing will be at 10:30am on the lawn outside the Clubhouse, in fair weather, or inside if the weather is inclement.
- 4.3 RACE FORMAT. The one-day event will comprise a series of four races. The intention is to sail two races in the morning and two races in the afternoon, followed by the prize giving. At its discretion the Race Committee may change the times of starting races or the number to be sailed to suit weather and other conditions.
- 4.4 START TIMES. The scheduled start times are as follows:
 - 1st Race – 11:00 (Warning Signal 10:55)
 - 2nd Race – ASAP after the first race
 - 3rd Race – To follow after Lunch. Times to be displayed on the white board in the Clubhouse.
 - 4th Race – ASAP after third race

5 MEASUREMENT

Boats and gear may be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available 1 week before the event and will be available at registration.

7 THE COURSE

The course will be displayed on the Course Board on the side of the Starters Box.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply
- 8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 8.3 When two or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.4 When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not be allowed.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11 PRIZES

Ely Sailing Club Organising Committee will award prizes for the Travellers Trophy. Additional spot prizes may also be awarded.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE RISK STATEMENT

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 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 safety briefing held for the event
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims

13 INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

14 OTHER INFORMATION

Directions to Ely Sailing Club and other information are available on the Club website – www.elysailingclub.org

A tuck shop will be in operation during the day offering snacks and hot and cold drinks.

Participants and spectators are advised to bring a packed lunch.

Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Ely Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

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