

## **Notice of Race**

### **ITCA Midlands Topper Championships 2024**

Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club, Saturday & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The organising authority is International Topper Class Association in association with Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club.

#### **1. Rules:**

- 1.1. The event will be run under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The current International Topper Class Association rules will apply where they do not conflict with 1.1.

#### **2. Conditions of Entry:**

- 2.1. Entry is open to all current members of the International Topper Class Association, NCSC members or visitors.
- 2.2. The event is sailed in International Topper Class boats, both 5.3 and 4.2 rigs that comply with the class association rules.
- 2.3. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who must ensure that the boat and helm are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

#### **3. Fees:**

- 3.1. The entry fee for the event will be £25

#### **4. Entries:**

- 4.1. Registration and fee payment online via the page <https://members.ncsc.org.uk/event/804789>  
Enter by "ticket" using the link "Tickets for "Topper Midland Championship 2024".  
**Note you will be prompted to Login. Please create a "guest" account to facilitate this.**  
**Your details will be deleted after the event.**  
Deadline for online entries 18.00hrs Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- 4.2. Late paper entries at Club from 09.30hrs on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 using the NCSC Open meeting entry form. Credit card payment may be possible via the club's credit card reader.
- 4.3. Saturday evening meal tickets for under 14's and Adults will be available for booking online on the same page as entries. The deadline for booking is 18.00hrs Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **5. Schedule:**

- 5.1. Total number of races planned in the series is 7. Some races will be held "back to back"
- 5.2. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June; Warning signal for 1<sup>st</sup> race no earlier than 10.55hrs. Times of further races when the fleet is onshore will be displayed at the Race Office.
- 5.3. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June; Warning signal for 1<sup>st</sup> Race no earlier than 08.55hrs. Times of further races when the fleet is onshore will be displayed at the Race Office.
- 5.4. Race durations are expected to be 45 minutes for the leading boat.
- 5.5. The last race will start no later than 12.00hrs on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June with prize giving to be held as soon as possible thereafter.

## 6. Sailing Instructions:

6.1. The Sailing Instructions are available on the Notts County Sailing Club's website <https://www.ncsc.org.uk/open-meetings/>

## 7. Notices:

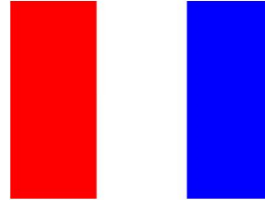
8.1 Notices will be posted on the board in the club house conservatory near the Race Office

## 8. The Course:

8.1. Will be displayed on the Committee boat. A map of the buoys is visible on <https://www.ncsc.org.uk/open-meetings/> and in the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. Class Flag:

10.1. Flag T will be used as the class flag.



## 10. Scoring:

- 10.1. The Scoring system is as follows:
- 10.2. A minimum of two races are required to constitute a series
- 10.3. All rigs (5.3 and 4.2) will be scored as a single fleet without handicaps applied. Only 1 sail can be used during the event.
- 10.4. If 7 races are held; 2 discards.
- 10.5. If 6, 5 or 4 races are held: 1 discard.
- 10.6. 3 or less races all scores to count.

## 11. Prizes:

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in two age groups of Under 19 years and Under 13 years on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.
- 11.2. The ITCA Midlands Topper Championships Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the event.
- 11.3. There will be an additional Prize to the first placed member of NCSC.

## 12. Disclaimer of Liability:

12.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. Decision to race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunctions with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## 13. Insurance:

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or equivalent.

## 14. Further information:

14.1. For further information please contact John Sears on [johnl.sears@btopenworld.com](mailto:johnl.sears@btopenworld.com)