

Notice of Series



North Topper Series 2024-25

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

2 SERIES EVENTS

- 2.1 The series will consist of the following events:

NT 1	14 September 2024	NE	Yorkshire Dales SC
NT 2	19 th October	NW	Bolton SC
NT 3	16 th November	NW	West Lancashire YC
NT 4	TBC		TBC
NT 5	26 th April	NW	Budworth SC
NT 6	TBC		TBC

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The series is open to members of ITCA (GBR) sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 5.3 or 4.2 sail.
- 3.2 To be considered in the overall series, competitors must complete registration on-line and must be a member of ITCA.
- 3.3 There will be one fleet for boats using both 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails.
- 3.4 The 6.4 rig is not eligible to enter the series.
- 3.5 Every competitor must be a current member of ITCA. Competitors that are not already a member of a National Topper Class Association should join ITCA (GBR).

4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All boats shall comply with the International Topper class rules; in particular, only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used. [DP]
- 4.2 Each boat shall display the 24/25 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. Competitors that have not already been allocated a 2023/24 Championship Number should obtain one before the first event. 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. [DP]

5 SCORING

- 5.1 For the purpose of scoring the series, a competitor's score for each event ('event score') will be points equal to her position in the overall results for the event (of the competitors that are members of ITCA).
- 5.2 When a competitor does not enter or register at an event, her event score for that event will be one more than the largest registered entries at all of the series events.
- 5.3 Event scores will be excluded as follows:
 - a) When four or fewer events have been completed, no event score will be excluded.
 - b) When five events have been completed, one event score will be excluded.
 - c) When six events or more have been completed, two event scores will be excluded.
- 5.4 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- 5.5 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event".

6 SERIES PRIZES

- 6.1 Series prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - a) First, second, third overall
 - b) First 4.2
- 6.2 To be eligible for series prizes for 4.2, sailors must have sailed more events with a 4.2 sail than a 5.3 sail.
- 6.3 There will be additional prizes for the NE and NW events as follows:
 - a) The competitor with the lowest score at the North-East Events will be awarded the North-East Topper Traveller Trophy
 - b) The competitor with the lowest score at the North-West Events will be awarded the North-West Topper Traveller Trophy
- 6.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of North Toppers, ITCA (GBR) and the sponsors.
- 6.5 Prizes will be awarded at the last event of the series, after the prizes for the last event.

7 DATA PROTECTION

- 7.1 The class privacy policy is available on the class website at: <https://www.itca-gbr.co.uk/privacy-policy/>
- 7.2 By entering and competing in any event of the series, the parents/guardians and sailor agree that any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television and written reports may be published on websites or social media. If you do not agree to this, please notify the organisers by email listed in section 8.

8 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 8.1 For further information please contact:
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