

Topper 5.3 National Series

2024-2025

Organised by ITCA (GBR)

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 on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

2 SERIES EVENTS

- 2.1 The series will consist of the following events:

NS 1	Autumn Champs	28 th / 29 th Sept 2024	Carsington SC
NS 2	Winter Champs	8 th / 9 th March 2025	WPNSA, Portland
NS 3	Inland Champs	12 th / 13 th April 2025	Derwent Reservoir SC
NS 4	Coastal Champs	17 th / 18 th May 2025	Plas Heli, Pwllheli
NS 5	End of Season Champs	28 th / 29 th June 2025	Paignton SC

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The series is open to members of a National Topper Class Association sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 5.3 sail.
- 3.2 Every such competitor that enters and registers in the 5.3 class at one of the series events will automatically be entered into the series.

4 SCORING

- 4.1 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 5.3 class at the event.
- 4.2 When a competitor does not enter or register in the 5.3 class at an event, her event score for that event will be one more than the largest registered entry in the 5.3 class at any of the series events.
- 4.3 If an event is cancelled, or insufficient races are completed by the 5.3 class at an event to make the event valid, then that event will not be included in the series for scoring purposes.
- 4.4 Each competitor's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her worst event score.
- 4.5 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- 4.6 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event".

5 SERIES PRIZES

- 5.1 Series prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third ranked competitors overall.
- 5.2 Prizes will also be awarded to the first, second and third ranked male and first, second and third ranked female competitors.
- 5.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of ITCA(GBR) and the sponsors.

6 FURTHER INFORMATION

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