

BANBURY SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race

Topper Midlands Traveller

at Boddington Reservoir

18 February 2023

Covid-19 Statement: By taking part in the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges they are responsible for complying with any regulation in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with Banbury Sailing Clubs Covid-19 procedures.

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be classified Category "C".

1.2 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, and the event sailing instructions

1.3 Topper Class Rules shall apply as standard.

1.4 Competitors should note that Banbury Sailing Club 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 the front of the RYA rule book.

2. Conditions of Entry

2.1 The event is open to International Topper Class boats, that comply with the class association rules on the date of the entry.

2.2 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 crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the sailing instructions, nor the inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew his/her boat and the management thereof.

2.3 All competitors are required to wear personal floatation devices while afloat and on any club pontoons

2.4 The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

2.4 All competitors shall be deemed guest members of Banbury Sailing Club and shall comply with the clubs rules and will adhere to all current Government COVID-19 guidelines.

2.5 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million.

2.6 The entry closing date is per the event details on the ITCA website.

3. Risk Statement

3.1 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." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

3.2 By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

3.2.1 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 risks whilst taking part in the event.

3.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whenever afloat or ashore.

3.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

3.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

3.2.5 The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

3.2.6 The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

3.2.7 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

3.2.8 The organising authority will not accept any liability for loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

4. Entry Fee

4.1 The entry fee is set by the ITCA and payable upfront via the ITCA website.

4.2. Entry for the event closes at 8.00pm on Thursday 16th February 2023

4.3 Cancellation policy can be found on the ITCA Series Notification of Series

5. Advertising

5.1 Boat may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority or the class association.

6. Programme schedule

6.1 ITCA entry forms to be emailed to the entered sailors within 1 week of the event. These are to be completed/signed and handed into the host club on the morning of registration.

6.2 Briefing will be made 10.00am at the club house

6.3 Four races are scheduled to take place.

6.4 The first race will start at 10.30am with race 2 following back to back.

6.5 A short break for lunch

6.6 Races 3 and 4 will be sailed back to back following lunch

6.7 Prize giving will commence as soon after the final race as possible.

7. Measurement

7.1 A boat or equipment may be subject to inspection on a random check to ensure compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

8. Course

8.1 The course will be set by the Race Officer on the day and displayed on the side of the committee boat. The course will also be displayed on the blackboard by the access steps of the clubhouse. Full details will be provided within the Sailing Instructions

9. Venue

9.1 The venue is Banbury Sailing Club, Boddington Reservoir, Byfield, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 6XU

9.2 The sailing area will be Boddington Reservoir

10. Scoring

10.1 One Race minimum must be completed to constitute an event result.

10.2 If 3 races or fewer have been completed, a boats score shall be the total of her race scores

10.3 If more than 3 races have been completed a boats score shall be her total race scores excluding her worst score as discard.

10.4 All rigs (5.3 and 4.2) will be scored as a single fleet.

11. Support Vessels and outside help

11.1 Support boats will not be allowed.

12. Data Protection

12.1 Results – As part of this event your results will be published in the public domain and to your class association, this is a condition of entry. Data likely to be published with results may include such information as; sail number, sailing club, age, gender.

12.2 Photography – By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event. Competitors consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and associated websites.

13. Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place overall and for 1st & 2nd 4.2 rig.

13.2 Prizes will be distributed at the event

14. Coaching

14.1 ITCA have arranged for a coach to provide on-water coaching to the less experienced sailors during the races. This is not intended to give individuals unfair advantage, rather to support their development and motivation for the future. No other support teams will be allowed on the water.

15. Outside Help

15.1 Rescue crews are permitted to assist helms who are struggling to right their boat after a capsize. The crew will stand by until it is apparent that assistance is required and then assist in righting the vessel. Helms may then continue to race as the capsize is viewed as sufficient penalty. The rescue crew will attend and assist in the order that they see the vessels capsize. This changes RRS 41.

16. Dogs

16.1 Well behaved dogs are allowed at Banbury Sailing Club and around Boddington Reservoir. Please ensure dogs are on a lead at all times in the environs of the club and any mess is picked up and disposed of correctly.

BIOSECURITY – You will be required to confirm that your boat has been 'Checked, Cleaned and Dried' for a minimum of two days prior to arriving at Banbury sailing Club.

For your information

Banbury Sailing Club See website for further information, how to find the club, etc.

www.banburysailing.org.uk