



SW TOPPER TRAVELLER - Parkstone Yacht Club

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 2022
Organising Authority - Parkstone Yacht Club
Poole Harbour, UK

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2. Appendix T of the RRS will apply (Arbitration).
- 1.3. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule, may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the previous day.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the internal Sailing Office window on the lower ground floor of the club house and <https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=1156>
- 3.2. A short race briefing will be held at 10:00 on Saturday 10th September on the ground floor undercroft of the club house. A briefing for the coached regatta will follow. On Sunday 11th September there will be a briefing for the coached regatta fleet at 09:00.
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. [DP]
- 4.2. Competitors will park their boats in the allocated class area. [DP]
- 4.3. Competitors must be clothed appropriately for the weather conditions. Tallies will not be issued if the beachmaster deems that a competitor is not appropriately dressed. [DP]
- 4.4. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat or on the foreshore near the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be flown. Life jackets without permanent buoyancy shall be suitably inflated. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 4.5. Competitors will launch as instructed and in the order defined by the beachmaster. Any boat failing to follow this instruction may be held back by the beachmaster until all other classes have launched. [DP]

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff on the main slipway (the "Race Flag Staff").
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3. Signals displayed with a fleet's Class Flag only apply to that fleet.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Class	Races Scheduled per day
<i>Topper 4.2</i>	<i>3 but up to 4 may be sailed</i>
<i>Topper 5.3</i>	<i>3 but up to 4 may be sailed</i>
<i>Coached Regatta</i>	<i>No minimum or maximum</i>

6.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:45 on Saturday and 10:00 on Sunday. Target launch on Saturday is 10:15 and Sunday is 09:30.

6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.4. No warning signal will be made after 14:35 on Sunday

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flags are:

Class	Class Flag
<i>Topper 4.2</i>	<i>IC Flag Foxtrot</i>
<i>Topper 5.3</i>	<i>IC Flag Tango</i>
<i>Coached Regatta</i>	<i>IC Flag Romeo</i>

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Poole Harbour. If conditions allow this will be in the area to the West of Brownsea Island known as the Top Triangle.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. All angles and leg lengths are for illustration only and are not to scale.

9.2. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee vessel from the warning signal using the signals in Appendix A. The course for a specific class will be identified by the class flag or name, followed by one of the abbreviations listed in Appendix A.

9.3. If one of two gate marks is missing and/or has not been replaced as described in RRS 34, then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This changes RRS 34.

10. MARKS

10.1. The marks will be movable inflatable buoys.

10.2. A description will be given at the briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB). This will not constitute a change to Sailing Instructions.

10.3. The starboard end starting mark will be the race committee signal boat displaying an Orange flag. The port end starting mark will be a dan buoy displaying an Orange flag.

10.4. The starboard end finishing mark will be the race committee signal boat displaying an orange flag. The port end finishing mark will be a Dan buoy or boat displaying a Blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Any areas which are obstructions will be posted on the ONB.

12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a launch, or a Dan buoy with an orange flag, at the port end.
 - 12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.[DP]
 - 12.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2. (This does not apply to the coached regatta fleet)
13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
 - 13.2. Minor moves (up to approximately 100m) of a mark or the finishing line may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.
14. THE FINISH
- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the finish boat and a Dan buoy with a blue flag or launch displaying a blue flag.
 - 14.2. When the committee boat displays Flag S, and a support boat displays Flag G at the leeward gate, with repeated sound signals, boats will round the port hand gate mark and proceed to the finishing line. This changes RRS 32.
 - 14.3. After finishing and clearing the finishing line boats shall avoid the course area including the finishing area and all boats not finished.
15. PENALTY SYSTEM
- 15.1. RRS 44 applies.
16. TIME LIMITS AND FINISHING ON THE COURSE.
- 16.1. The target race time is 40 minutes and the race time limit is 75 minutes.
 - 16.2. In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing position to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in any following back-to-back race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. This shall not be the basis for a redress request under rule 62(a). This changes rule 35.
17. HEARING REQUESTS
- 17.1. A protesting boat shall inform the race committee of the boat(s) being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing. This adds to RRS 61.1(a). If the protesting boat is unable to go to the committee vessel, the patrol boat attending or mothership may notify the committee vessel on their behalf. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that any notification of an intent to protest is acknowledged by the race committee.
 - 17.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office.
 - 17.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.
 - 17.4. Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
 - 17.5. Breaches of instructions 19 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The scoring system is as follows: RRS Appendix A.
- 18.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4. Rule A5.3 applies.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. Tallies will be issued from the Beachmaster's hut each day and must be worn at all times whilst afloat.
- 19.2. Immediately upon coming ashore each competitor shall hand their tally to the Beachmaster and no later than 15 minutes after the final boat ashore.
- 19.3. Failure to tally out, or to return their tally within the time limit in line with 19.2 above, will result in a 5-point penalty being applied to the boat's result for the final race of that day, but score not worse than DNC. This adds to RRS Appendix A.
- 19.4. A boat that retires from, or does not participate in a race, shall notify a patrol boat or the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Boats are not permitted to leave the race area without the permission of the safety officer and shall be accompanied by a patrol boat.
- 19.5. Immediately upon arriving ashore at Parkstone Yacht Club a boat that retired from a race or did not start a race shall notify a race committee representative in the Beachmaster's Hut.
- 19.6. Where outside help is provided (other than under the conditions stated in RRS 41) to a competitor by a recognised patrol boat, the competitor may continue racing. The patrol boat shall inform the Race Officer of the assistance and where such help has materially affected the position of the boat the race committee may, without a hearing, apply a penalty of up to 20% of the number of starters in that race (rounded up). No penalty shall result in a score that exceeds a disqualification. Application of a penalty shall not affect the score or place of any other boats. This alters RRS 41, 63.1 and A5.
- 19.7. Crossing Shipping Lane
 - 19.7.1. Boats shall not manoeuvre in such a manner that they interfere with the safe navigation of commercial shipping.
 - 19.7.2. No boat may pass through or enter an imaginary boxed area that lies between the stern of a RIB flying a U flag and making intermittent sound signals and the bow of a commercial vessel. If a Harbour Launch is proceeding as escort this must be taken as part of the prohibited area and all vessels must be given sea room of a minimum of 20 metres.
 - 19.7.3. Competitors may only cross the main shipping channel when instructed to do so and must comply with the instructions of the patrol boat crews whilst crossing this channel.
 - 19.7.4. The penalty for infringing SI 19.5 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee but may include disqualification from all completed races and exclusion from the remainder of the event.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Officer.
- 20.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1. Not applicable

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1. All boats assisting with the management or safety of the event will be considered official vessels.
- 23.2. Official vessels (other than club boats) will fly flag Lima (yellow/black check).

24. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 24.1. Any visiting support vessels are required to register with the Race Office.
- 24.2. No support person on board a vessel that is not registered as part of the safety fleet shall provide help or assistance to a boat or competitor at any time while afloat, except when necessary in the interests of safety or when expressly asked to do so by a member of the race committee or safety officer. This changes rule 41.
- 24.3. Support vessels and support persons shall stay more than 150m outside the course areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first start until the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26. BERTHING

- 26.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.
- 26.2. Address: Parkstone Yacht Club, Pearce Avenue, Poole, BH14 8EH

27. Not applicable

28. Not applicable

29. PRIZES

- 29.1. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the event. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the class or organisers.

30. RISK STATEMENT

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in any event at PYC, each participant agrees and acknowledges that:

- 30.1. 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 risk whilst taking part in such events.
- 30.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 30.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 30.4. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extreme weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that their safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- 30.5. The provision of race management teams, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 30.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor, and/or the boat and its equipment is accepted either by the club or the crew of such patrol craft.
- 30.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing or racing in Poole Harbour and Poole Bay including:
 - 30.7.1. Tidal conditions in Poole Harbour, which are complex with areas of shallow water common as well as very fast tidal flows in parts of the harbour.
 - 30.7.2. The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, a chain ferry in the harbour entrance and, at times, high volumes of leisure boat traffic. The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972, applies to all these craft including racing yachts.
 - 30.7.3. The Poole Harbour Sail Racing Procedures issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners, (<https://www.phc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Poole-Harbour-Sail-Racing-Procedures-V.8-Aug-2020.pdf>) which place requirements on all persons subject to RRS competing within the harbour.

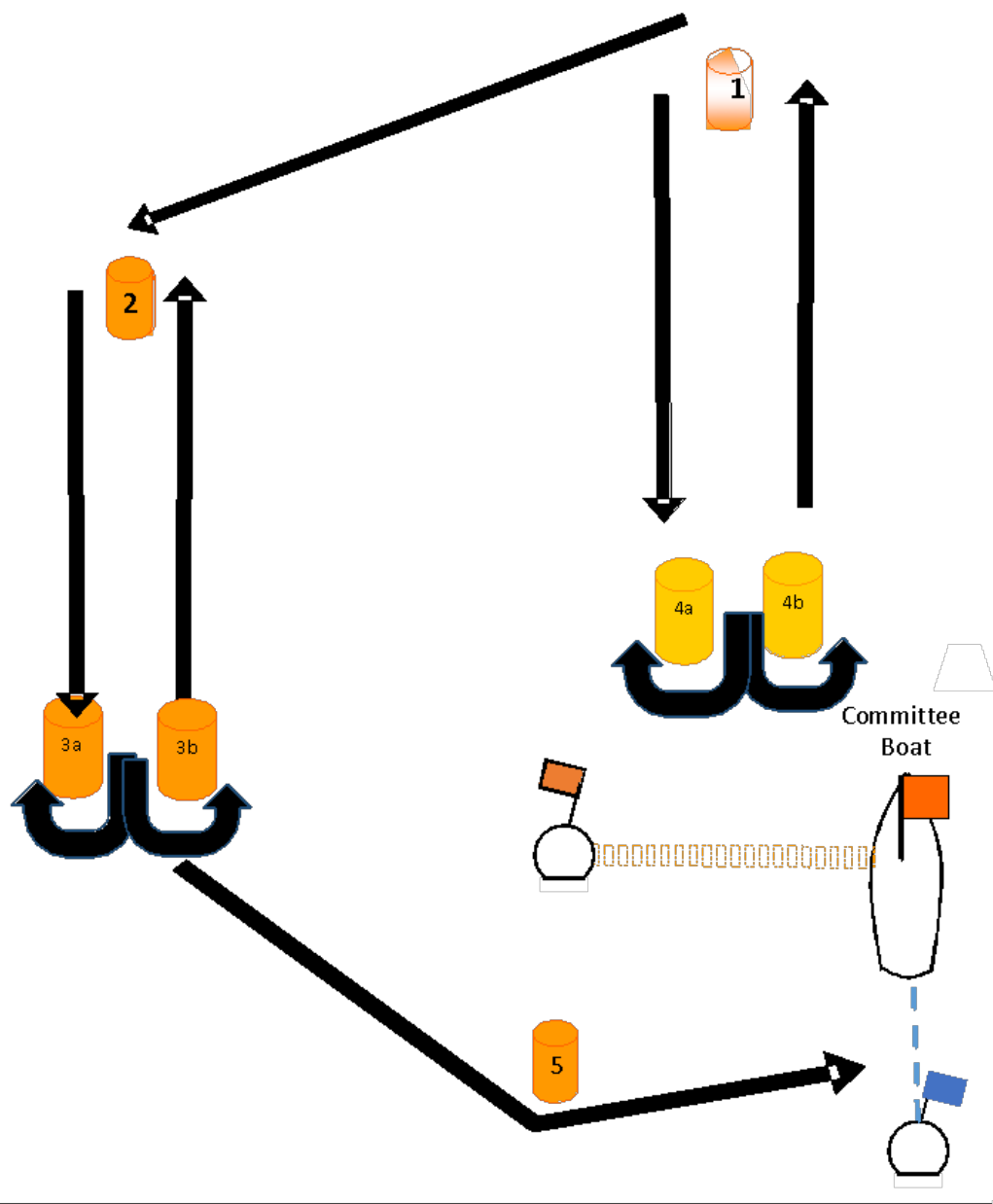
31. INSURANCE

- 31.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

32. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

- 32.1. Each competitor and support person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures.
- 32.2. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

Addendum A – Courses



Course signal	Course
O1 or I1	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
O2	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
O3	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
O4	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
I2	1(P), 4a/b(Gate), 1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
I3	1(P), 4a/b(Gate), 1(P), 4a/b(Gate), 1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
I4	1(P), 4a/b(Gate), 1(P), 4a/b(Gate), 1(P), 4a/b(Gate), 1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish