

Topper5.3National Series

2022-2023

Organised by ITCA (GBR)

Version 3

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 in the RYA rule book *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx

2 SERIES EVENTS

- 2.1 The series will consist of the following events:

NS 1	SouthAutumn Champs	17 th /18 th September 2022	Island Barn SC
NS 1	NorthAutumn Champs	<u>5th November 2022</u>	<u>Leigh & Lowton SC</u>
NS2	Winter Champs	4 th /5 th March 2023	WPNSA, Portland
NS 3	Inland Champs	15 th /16 th April 2023	Grafham Water SC
NS 4	Coastal Champs	20 th /21 st May 2023	Whitstable YC
NS 5	End of Season Champs	24 th /25 th June 2023	Rutland 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, or a boat using a roto-moulded 'Topper' hull supplied by Topper International (notwithstanding that such a hull may not comply with the International Topper Class Rules in force at the time) provided that in all other material respects the boat complies with the International Topper Class Rules, 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 The two NS1 events will be treated as a single event for the purpose of scoring the series, with each competitor's event score for NS1 being her better event score from the two NS1 events.

- 4.4 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. If this applies to either one of the two NS1 events neither NS1 event will be included in the series for scoring purposes.
- 4.5 Each competitor's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her worst event score. However if NS1 is included within the series for scoring purposes each competitor's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her two worst event scores.
- 4.6 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- 4.7 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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