

Topper Open Meeting 2023

Paignton Sailing Club (PSC), South Quay, Paignton Harbour, Devon, TQ4 6DT

Sunday 23rd April 2023

PREAMBLE: The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The Topper Class rules shall apply.
- 1.3. The following documents also govern this event, and are therefore *Rules*, however a boat may not protest another boat for breaking any rule in these documents:
 - The Tor Bay Harbour bylaws
 - The PSC bylaws.
 - Support Vessel Rules (can be found in the PSC Operating Procedures).
- 1.4. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than 12:00 on Wednesday 19th April 2023. Paper copies will not be available.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board will be online – details of which will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2. There will be a Telegram group for competitors – details of which will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3. [NP] While afloat, 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. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to International Topper class dinghies, sailed with either 4.2 or 5.3 sail.
- 4.2. Entries must be made online on the ITCA website https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/index_v1.php before 23:59 on Friday 21st April 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.3. Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall complete and submit a parental consent form at registration.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee is £25.
- 5.2. Payment must be made online.

6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1. All boats must be sailed single-handed.

7. Advertising

- 7.1. [NP] Boats may be required to display event advertising as instructed by the Organising Authority.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series - Not Applicable

9. Schedule

- 9.1. Schedule:

Date:	Activity:	Time:
Sunday 23 rd April 2023	Registration	09.00 to 10.00
	Briefing	10.00
	First warning signal (not before)	10.55
	Scheduled number of races	4
	Last permissible warning signal	15.30

10. Equipment Inspection

- 10.1. [NP] All boats must display on their mainsails their own sail number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.

11. Clothing and Equipment – Not Applicable

12. Venue

12.1. The race areas will be within the confines of Tor Bay and will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

13. Courses

13.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Penalty System

14.1. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply (for information on the procedures, visit the RYA website). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

15. Scoring

15.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races completed	Scores excluded
1 – 3	0
4	1

16. Support Person Vessels

16.1. All Support Person Vessels shall register before 23:59 on Wednesday 19th April 2023 with the Race Committee and shall comply with the 'Support Vessel Rules' which can be found in the PSC Operating Procedures on the PSC website.

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats – Not Applicable

18. Berthing

18.1. [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

19. Haul-Out Restrictions – Not Applicable

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools – Not Applicable

21. Data Protection

21.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the racing. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the racing (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the racing and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2. By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during racing, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

21.3. In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with General Data Protection Regulations. More details are available on request.

22. Risk Statement

RRS 3 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. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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 the event.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

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- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) 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 briefing held for the event.

23. Insurance

23.1. [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. Prizes

24.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

25. Event Contacts

25.1. Event Director – Nick Ripley – sailing@paigntonsailingclub.co.uk – 07905 465992