

SW Region Topper Open Meeting

BRISTOL CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

- a. The event is to be held at Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club
- b. The date of the event is 9th July 2023

2. RULES

- a. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024(RRS) and in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter
- b. All entrants must comply with the rules of Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club
- c. If a conflict occurs between the Notice of Race, The Event Sailing Instructions or other documentations then the Event Sailing Instructions takes precedence over the Notice of Race which takes precedence over the other documentations issued. This changes rule 63.7

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY & CANCELLATION POLICY

- a. The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies sailing a 5.3 or 4.2 sail. The event is also open to boats using a roto-moulded 'Topper' hull supplied by Topper International, provided that in all other respects the boat complies with the International Topper Class Rules. Each boat racing at the event will be classed according to the size of the sail used, not on the construction of the hull
- b. To be included in the Class Regional Series a Helm must be bona fide Member of the respective Class Association.
- c. The Entry fee shall be @ £17.50 per boat
- d. Online entries here: [Select Events \(ourclubadmin.com\)](https://ourclubadmin.com)
- e. BCYC Members can enter on the day.
- f. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor for reasons unrelated to COVID-19 their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - f1 Cancellation up to 1 week prior to the event: Entry fee less £5 admin charge, or transfer of entry to another event
 - f2 Cancellation within last week prior to the event: No refund or transfer of entry to another event.
 - f3 If the event is cancelled by ITCA or the host club full refunds will be issued

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 There will be a Telegram group for the purpose of communication between club, ITCA and competitors. Link to join <https://t.me/+QDwF6imVmUMwNzA0>
- 3.2 [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. SCHEDULE

- a. Registration will be held in the Club house on Sunday from 09:30
- b. Briefing in front of the Club house not before 10:30
- c. Sunday Racing
 - c.i. 4 Races. It is intended that all races will be sailed back to back.
 - c.ii. First Warning Signal not before 11:25

- d. The Race office may decide to change the schedule of racing. Any change to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board at least 90 minutes before the originally scheduled start signal of the first race of that days racing.

5. SCORING

- a. The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply
- b. A minimum of 2 races will be sailed to constitute the event, when 3 or more races are sailed one discard will be allowed.

6. SHARING AND CHANGING CRAFT

- a. Change of Craft – A change of craft shall only be permitted in the event of significant damage to the originally entered craft, such that it is unsuitable to race. Any change in craft should be notified to the PRO in writing before sailing. Points earned in the former craft will be retained

7. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- a. Trophies and Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of BCYC.
- b. Trophies for 5.2 & 4.3 fleets

8. RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- a. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to the event. They also allow their names, age category, Club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results published during or after the event.

9. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE (Risk Assessment)

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

- a. 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;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. 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;
- 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

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

- i. He/She is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of him/herself and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event
 - ii. He/She is responsible for the safety of him/herself, his/her boat and his/her other property whether afloat or ashore
 - iii. He/she accepts responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by his/her own actions or omissions
 - iv. His/her boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and he/she is fit to participate
 - v. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve him/her of his/her own responsibilities
 - vi. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
 - vii. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent
10. OTHER
- a. Arrival
 - i. For the safety of all there is a 10 mph speed limit around the edge of the reservoir
 - ii. **All boats and launching trolleys must be thoroughly washed before launching to prevent reservoir contamination with invasive species. A pressure washer is provided at the club**
 - b. Sailing Instructions
 - i. The full sailing instructions will be downloadable before the event and will also be posted on the official notice board
 - c. For further information please contact your class representative/sailing secretary or Andrew Thompson, Events Supervisor, BCYC at andrew@andrewthompson.me.uk