



Topper Super South Championships 2023

The Poole Yacht Club Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September 2023

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Poole Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association GBR (ITCA GBR).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. 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)
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP].
- 1.6. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB), at least three days prior to the event and will be published on the ITCA event web page.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at: <https://www.pooleyc.co.uk/>
- 3.2. 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. [DP].

3.3 An event WhatsApp group has been set-up for competitor communications. This is for information purposes only and does not replace the Official Notice Board. The link to join is: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGI5ypMC5IkEDxwxYVuseb>

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Topper Class with 4.2 and 5.3 rigs.

4.2. Competing helms shall be current members of ITCA.

4.3. Pre entry is required using the ITCA on line entry system at [ITCA \(GBR\) Members - operated by OurClubAdmin](#)

4.4. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.5. A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event. The forms are available as part of the online entry process.

4.6. Entry closes at midnight on Friday 1st September 2023.

4.7. Each boat shall display the 2022/23 championship number of the competitor (unless otherwise agreed with the Race Committee) in accordance with the class rules for 'Event numbers'. Each launching trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle to clearly display the Championship Number to the boat that it belongs. Competitors who have not been allocated a current Championship Number will be allocated a temporary number at registration. It will be the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the championship numbers to the sail in accordance with the class rules and an appropriate tag to the handle of the trolley.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is £60 per boat.

5.2 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor unrelated to COVID-19 their entry fee will be refunded as follows:

- a) Cancellation up to and including 1st September 2023. Entry fee less £5 admin charge.
- b) Cancellation after 1st September 2023. No refund or transfer to another event will be permitted.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration will be 09:30 to 10:30 on Saturday 16th September 2023 in the Academy.

7.2. The competitor briefing will be at 10:30 on Saturday 16th September 2023 on the patio on the south side of the clubhouse.

7.3. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First warning signal	No. of races
Saturday 16 th September	11:55	3
Sunday 17 th September	10:25	3

7.4. The event will consist of up to six races. There will be no more than four races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate in the name of the owner and shall produce it if requested to do so by the OA.

9. VENUE

9.1. The venue is The Poole Yacht Club, New Harbour Road West, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset BH15 4AQ (Addendum A).

9.2. The racing area will be to the west of Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour (Addendum B).

10. COURSES

10.1. The courses to be sailed will be inner and outer trapezoid.

11. SCORING

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

11.2. The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

11.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.2.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

12.1. Only support boats that are part of the Poole YC official safety fleet and authorised by the Event safety Officer will be permitted in the race area. [DP]

13. BERTHING

13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP].

14. DATA PROTECTION

14.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (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 event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

15.1. 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.

16. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

16.1. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor 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. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

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.

17. 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 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.

18. INSPECTIONS

18.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

19. INSURANCE

19.1. 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.

20. PRIZES

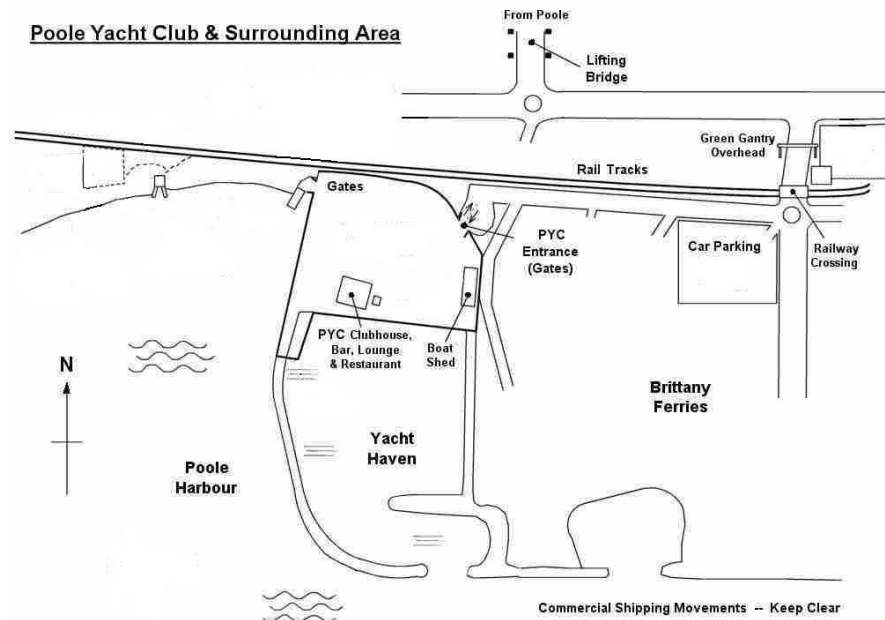
20.1. As a minimum, prizes will be awarded as follows: Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall boat in the 4.2 and 5.3 rig will be awarded. Prizes will be awarded to boats in the London/South-East, Southern and South-West Regions outside the main prizes. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Sean Semmens, South-West Event Officer, ITCA, at events.southwest@itca-gbr.co.uk

Further information about the Club and the area can be found on the “visitors” page of The Poole Yacht Club website <https://www.pooleyc.co.uk/> ; for further information including to book access for support craft or **overnight stays for caravan and camper vans** please contact the office at The Poole Yacht Club [01202 672687].

Addendum A



Addendum B – Race Area

