

**International Topper Class Association
(GBR)
Notice of Series
Eastern Area Traveller Series 2023**

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 at www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx

2 TRAVELLER SERIES EVENTS

Events are planned for the following dates. Any changes will be posted on the Topper class association website.

Traveller Event	Date	Club
East Event 1	8 th January 2023	Snowflakes Sailing Club
East Event 2	26 th February 2023	Royal Harwich Yacht Club
East Event 3	19 th March 2023	Hunts Sailing Club
East Event 4	23 rd April 2023	Waldringfield Sailing Club
East Event 5	14 th May 2023	Horning Sailing Club
East Event 6	9 th July 2023	Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club
East Event 7	10 th September 2023	Ely Sailing Club
East Event 8	24 th September 2023	Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club
End of Series East Event 9	22 nd October 2023	Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 All Sailors and attending parents/guardians must abide by the latest Government COVID guidelines/restrictions, including any guidance as specified by RYA, ITCA and the hosting club.

3.2 The series/events are open to sailors sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 5.3 or 4.2 sail and who are members of a National Topper Class Association.

3.3 Topper sailors can also enter Eastern Traveller events (assuming there are spaces available) that take place at their home club for which they are fully paid-up members.

3.4 To be considered in the overall series, competitors must complete registration online and must be a member of ITCA.

3.5 There will be one fleet for boats using either 5.3 or 4.2 sails.

3.6 When overall results are produced the 4.2 class results will be extracted from the final overall ranking to reflect their true 4.2 positioning.

3.7 The value of the entry fee is at the discretion of the host club or as defined on the ITCA website during entry. All payments are to be made via the ITCA Club Admin website. Please refer to the event notice of race for any further details.

3.8 The person and boat stated on the entry form for each event will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at that event.

4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 All boats shall comply with the International Topper Class rules; in particular, only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used.

4.2 Each boat shall display their Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race committee) in accordance with ITCA (GBR) prescriptions. Each boat trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number of the boat to which it belongs.

4.3 To be considered in the overall series, competitors must have competed in at least 3 events during the series.

4.4 Competitors may use only ONE sail during each event. If for any reason a sail requires changing the competitor MUST obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.

4.5 Reefed 5.3 sails will continue to be classified as having sailed as a 5.3 Class.

4.6 Sailing Instructions/Notification of Race will be published by the host club and be available prior to the event.

5 SCORING

5.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

5.2 For the purpose of scoring the series, a sailor's score for each event (event score) will be points equal to their class position in the overall class results for the event.

5.3 When a sailor does not enter or register at an event, their score for that event will be one more than the largest registered entries at all of the series events.

5.4 An event will be deemed to have been "Completed" when one or more starts have taken place.

5.5 A sailor's score will be the total of all their event scores excluding their worst event scores.

5.6 The number of events excluded will depend on the number of events completed as defined by the Series Scoring table below:

2 Event Series = 2 Events to Count

3 Event Series = 2 Events to Count

4 Event Series = 3 Events to Count

5 Event Series = 4 Events to Count

6 Event Series = 4 Events to Count

7 Event Series = 5 Events to Count

8 Event Series= 5 Events to Count

9 Event Series = 6 Events to Count

5.6 RRS A8 will be used to break event ties.

5.7 Where no 4.2 sailors attend an event, that event will not count towards the series

5.8 Where an event completes 0 races or is cancelled for any reason, that event will not be counted towards the series.

6 TRAVELLER SERIES TROPHIES/PRIZES

6.1 There will be a levy added to each event entry. This levy is to cover the cost of the end of series trophies/prizes etc.

6.2 All Sailors who enter the 2022-2023 Series Traveller Events will be eligible for entry into the 2022-2023 Series, providing they are also a member of the National Topper Class Association.

6.3 Sailors who are a member of the host club, but are not a member of the National Topper Class Association will be permitted to have their home club event score included in the 2023 Series. However, they must join the National Topper Class Association should they want other event results to be included in the 2023 Series.

6.4 If only 1 event takes place; then series trophies/prizes will not be awarded.

6.5 Series prizes will be awarded to, as a minimum: Overall 1st 5.3 Class, Overall 2nd 5.3 Class and Overall 3rd 5.3 Class, next highest placed boy and girl and Overall 1st Place 4.2 Class

6.6 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of ITCA (GBR) and the sponsors, this will be subject to participation levels and series qualifying criteria being met.

6.7 Perpetual trophies (returning) will be awarded to:

Overall Series Winner 5.3 Class

End of Series Event Winner 5.3 Class

Overall Series Winner 4.2 Class

6.8 Winners of the perpetual trophies must complete the accompanying form and return to arearep.eastern@itca-gbr.co.uk

6.9 The Endeavour award (if presented) can be awarded to any sailor who has completed in the series, independent of them winning any other prize/trophy.

7 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

7.1 Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

8 INSURANCE

8.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event.

9 FURTHER INFORMATION

9.1 For further information please contact:

Anna Clark or Michael Wemyss, ITCA Eastern Area Reps

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