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|  | **ITCA Midlands Topper Traveller Series**  **Round 6**  Trimpley SC  **10th February 2024**  Trimpley Reservoir Eymore Wood, Bewdley DY12 1PJ  ***Notice of Race (NoR)*** |
| **1** | **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**  **The Organising Authority is Trimpley Sailing Club.** |
| **2.0** | **RULES** |
| **2.1** | The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, The RYA Racing Charter and requirements of Severn Trent Water Ltd.* |
| **2.2** | Competitors will be required to always wear adequate personal buoyancy whilst on the pontoon, on the slipway and whilst afloat – except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This amends Rule 40 |
| **3** | **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATION** |
| **3.1**  **3.2** | The SI’s will be available on the Class Association website no later than 8.00pm on Thursday 8th February 2024  The Official Notice Board is located in the Clubhouse. Any amendments to the SIs will be placed on the Official NoticeBoard no later than 30 minutes before the Warning Signal for the race where they will apply. |
| **4** | **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** |
| **4.1** | The event is open to boats who have membership of the International Topper Class Association. Members of the host club who are not Association members are also eligible to enter. |
| **4.2** | Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and payment of the fee before 8.00pm on Thursday 8th February 2024. Online entries may be found here |
| **4.3** | There will be no entries on the day |
| **4.4** | This event forms part of the ITCA Midlands Topper Traveller Series. All boats will be scored as part of the series, but will be required to be members of the Class Association to qualify for Series Prizes The Notice of Series can be found utilising the above website link |
| **5.0** | **FEES** |
| **5.1** | Entry fee is £20 per boat. |
| **5.2** | Entry fees are payable via the ITCA website only. |
| **6** | **SCHEDULE** |
| **6.1** | Dates of racing: 10th February 2024 |
| **6.2** | Registration: 10th February2024 from 09:00hrs to 09:45hrs |
| **6.3** | The Sailing Area will be Trimpley Reservoir |
| **6.4** | Race Briefing will take place at approximately 10:00hrs |
| **6.5** | The warning signal for the first race will not be before 10,30hrs |
| **6.6** | 4 races are planned. Two races will be held back to back before and after lunch. The Race schedule may be amended by the Race Officer as required on the day. Competitors will be advised of any changes to the Racing Schedule whilst ashore. |
| **7** | **COURSES** |
| **7.1** | Courses will be set by the Race Officer and displayed on the main Race hut. |
| **7.2**  **7.3**  **7.4** | Temporary marks may be laid at the discretion of the Race Officer  Start Line and starting area will be made known at the Official Briefing and may be a fixed line from the Main Race Hut, or from any point on the shore or from a committee boat on the water  Course cards will be available in the Sailing Instructions |
| **8** | **SCORING** |
| **8.1** | RRS Appendix A applies. |
| **8.2** | One race is required to be completed to constitute the series. If four races are completed a boat’s worst score shall be excluded. If less than four races are completed, no score shall be excluded. |
| **9**  **9.1**  **9.2**  **9.3** | **DATA PROTECTION**  The personal information you provide to the organising authority (Trimpley Sailing Club) 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.  By competing in this event, competitors and support team grant to the organising authority (Trimpley Sailing Club) without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable still pictures, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television of the event and CONSENT to the use and publication of such media in or on class, club, sponsor, commercial and other publications or media or websites.  If, for any reason a Competitor wishes to Opt Out of this requirement, they must confirm this to the Club no later than the end of Registration on the day of the event. |
| **10** | **RISK STATEMENT** |
| **10.1**  **10.2** | RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’  Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and is a potentially dangerous activity 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 other 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 organizer 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 safety briefing held for the event;  (h) Risks include strong winds and rough water, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.  **(i) Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** |
| **11** | **INSURANCE** |
| **11.1**  **12**  **12.1** | 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.  **PRIZES**  Prizes will be awarded or given as follows:   1. At least 1st, 2nd, 3rd for both 5.3 and 4.2 fleets. 2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority or Class Association.   **END OF NOTICE OF RACE** |
| **13** | **FURTHER INFORMATION** |
| **13.1** | Club male and female changing facilities are available for competitors use throughout the day. Changing facilities include open changing areas with shower. |
| **13.2** | Please note there are no specific facilities for those with Disabilities. However, all Club facilities are located on the ground floor, with small steps for access into the Clubhouse itself, and into the showers in both the male and female changing rooms. |
| **13.3** | The Club accepts no responsibility for any items lost, stolen or broken whilst left on Club premises. |
| **13.4** | The Trimpley SC Post Code **DY12 1PJ** is valid on most Sat-Navs, Tom-Tom and Google maps. It is pinpointed on the road bridge over the Severn Valley Railway; cross that bridge and the Club entrance is on the left |
| **13.5** | For further information please contact Allison Blakeway, Vice Commodore by voice or text on 07875 725163 or by email [Bongi66@icloud.com](mailto:Bongi66@icloud.com), or via [arearep.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk](mailto:arearep.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk) |