



Rooster Southern Topper Traveller 2
Portchester Sailing Club - 12th May 2024
HW 15:31

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The event will be held under the burgee of Portchester Sailing Club on the 12th May 2024.
- 1.2. The organising authority is Portchester Sailing Club (PSC) in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA GBR).
- 1.3. PSC welcomes all competitors as temporary members of the sailing club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing except where varied below.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.
- 2.3. This Notice of Race can be changed by amendments or by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.4. Shipping & Yachts – Boats are reminded that the RRS includes the Collision Regulations with regards to vessels motoring in the Main Channel of the Harbour, which may be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre.
- 2.5. Except with the prior written permission of the race committee every competitor whilst afloat shall wear adequate clothing for sailing.
- 2.6. Rule 41.1 is in force. A personal buoyancy aid shall be worn at all times when afloat.
- 2.7. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider that the boat, its equipment and/or helm are not adequate for the likely conditions.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The sailing instruction will be published on the ITCA event web page at least three days prior to the event.
- 3.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the PSC Race Box not later than 11:00 on the day of the Event.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The official notice board will be online – details of which will be published in the Sailing Instructions
- 4.2. 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/Ket5gsQk3DT1PWYCFLa6C4>

5. CLASSES, ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The event is open to all boats of the Topper Class with 4.2 and 5.3 rigs.
- 5.2. All sailors should be members of ITCA GBR or PSC.
- 5.3. Entries must be made online on the ITCA website
- 5.4. Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall complete and submit a parental consent form at registration.
- 5.5. Entry will be limited to 50 boats.
- 5.6. Entries will close at midnight on Wednesday 8th May 2024 or earlier if entry limit is reached.**
- 5.7. There will be no on the day entries.
- 5.8. Each competitor with a 2024 Championship number shall display it (unless otherwise agreed with the Race Committee) in accordance with the class rule for 'Event numbers'. If a competitor does not have a 2024 Championship number, its sail number shall be displayed in accordance with class rules.
- 5.9. Each launching trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number or/ and the sail number.

6. FEES

- 6.1. The entry fee will be £25.
- 6.2. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, their entry fee will be refunded less a £10 admin charge if cancellation by email is received to liason.southern@itca-gbr.co.uk by midnight on Sunday May 5th.

7. CONDITION OF ENTRY

- 7.1. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
12 th May	11:30	Registration Opens
	12:00	Registration Closes
	12:15	Briefing
	13:30	First Start
	Approx 1 hour after the last boat is recovered	Competitor Afternoon Tea and Prize Giving

8.2. The event will consist of up to four races.

8.3. No warning signal will be made after 16:00

9. THE COURSE

9.1. Racing to be held in the Upper Reaches of Portsmouth Harbour.

9.2. The course to be sailed will be either a Windward Leeward Course with a single Windward Mark, two Leeward Gate Marks with a start / finish line approx. one third up the windward leg or a Triangle / Sausage course with a start / finish line approx.. one third. The course will be confirmed during the briefing as per the schedule outlined in section 8.

10. SCORING

10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. When 3 or fewer races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3. When 4 races or more have been completed a boat's series score shall be her total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Regatta prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third ranked competitors overall in 5.3 and 4.2 class.

11.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of PSC, ITCA (GBR) and the sponsor(s).

12. PENALTIES

12.1. For breaches of any rule, other than the rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, the Protest Committee may decide the penalty be less than DSQ.

12.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one Gybe).

13. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS

13.1. Only support boats that are part of the events safety fleet and authorised by the Event safety Officer will be permitted in the race area.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. Rule four 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."

14.2. 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 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 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 safety briefing held for the event.

15. USE OF PERSONAL DATA

15.1. The Organising Authority will hold and use competitor's personal data for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at https://portchestersc.clubmin.net/uploads/979053/public_download