

Notice of Race

Crawley Mariners Yacht Club Topper Open Meeting – London & S E Traveller Series Saturday 6th April 2024

The organising authority is Crawley Mariners Yacht Club
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1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (except as modified in the Sailing Instructions), the Sailing Instructions and this NOR. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that CMYC 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 the front of the RRS.
- 1.3. Rights to use Names & Likeness: 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.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The event is open to International Topper Class boats, both 5.3 and 4.2 rig, that comply with the class association rules on the date of the event. Sailors shall be either a member of the Topper Class Association or Crawley Mariners Y C.
- 2.2. All competitors shall be deemed temporary members of Crawley Mariners Y C and must comply with the rules defined by The Club.
- 2.3. Entry is in advance through the ITCA website. No entries shall be accepted on the day.
- 2.4. Entries may be limited as per the details on the booking system on the ITCA website after which there shall be a waiting list

3. Fees

- 3.1. Entry fees: £15 per boat payable (£10 for CMYC members) through the ITCA website.

4. Event Schedule

- 4.1. There will be a maximum of 4 races.
- 4.2. There will be a briefing at the Clubhouse at 10:00
- 4.3. First Warning Signal **Not Before** 10:55
- 4.4. The intention is to sail 4 races, two races back to back before lunch and then 2 races back to back after lunch.
- 4.5. Race times are subject to change and any variation will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

5. Venue

- 5.1. The venue is CMYC, Hedgecourt Lake, Felbridge. RH19 2QG

6. Courses

- 6.1. Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration, on the club website cmyc.co.uk and the ITCA website www.itca-gbr.co.uk

8. Scoring System

- 8.1. The rules of racing RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 8.2. At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3. When fewer than four races are completed the boats score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.4. When four races are completed the boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.
- 8.5. All rigs (5.3, 4.2, and reefed) will be scored as a single fleet.
- 8.6. Appendix P applies

9. Local Rules

- 9.1. All competitors agree to be bound by the Rules and Bye-Laws of CMYC.

10. Facilities

- 10.1. Dogs are allowed on site but must be kept on a lead and under control and are not allowed in the clubhouse.
- 10.2. Bacon butties will be available on arrival. A hot lunch will also be available.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own and their boats safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 11.2. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and, or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the Association as the co-organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, beach masters, and shore crews.
- 11.3. The provision of support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities. By launching, a boat and its crew are presumed to be fit and competent for the prevailing conditions.

12. Awards

- 12.1. Awards and prizes will be made at the discretion of the organising authority and shall be a minimum of 1st, 2nd, 3rd place overall and 1st, 2nd 4.2 rig.

NOTICE TO ALL VISITORS - Invasive Species Procedure. Hedgecourt Lake is a SSSI

Before launching, all competitors are required to ensure that their boat has been 'Checked, Cleaned and Dried' for a minimum of two days prior to arriving at CMYC.

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm>

This includes:

CHECK your equipment and clothing for live organisms – particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN and wash equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly.

DRY all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions.

Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

SITE ACCESS & PARKING

The gate to the club will be open from 08:15

The car park is immediately prior to the club house and vehicles must not be taken beyond the clubhouse. Boats are to be taken through to the rigging area in front of the clubhouse.