

MIDLANDS TOPPER TRAVELLER SERIES – HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE V1.0

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Hollowell Sailing Club
Hollowell Reservoir
Hollowell
Northamptonshire
NN6 8RN

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by 'The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024', as amended by Sailing Instructions (Hollowell Sailing Club Sailing Instructions for Topper Open 2024 v1.0).

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.
- 2.2 All competitors shall be deemed temporary members of Hollowell Sailing Club and must comply with the rules defined by Anglian Water and Hollowell Sailing Club.
- 2.3a For entry to the event all Toppers are to enter in advance through the ITCA Website in the normal manner. All Entries must be members of the ITCA class association (**or members of the host club**). Topper entry closes on Thursday 21st November 2024 @ 8pm

3. FEES

The entry fee for Toppers is payable in advance via the ITCA website.
Lunch (Optional) £3.00. Lunch will need to be ordered and paid for before 11:00am, card payment is available.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will take place on Saturday 23rd November 2024; 09:00 – 10:00.
- 4.2 Topper Sailors are to bring a signed copy of the ITCA Entry form that they will give to the host club upon registration.
- 4.3 There will be 4 races. Warning for the first race – 10:30 hrs.
- 4.4 Number of races: 4 (2 races, back-to-back in the morning, 2 races, back-to-back after lunch)

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 A boat or equipment may be checked at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 5.2 Non class legal boats may be allowed to compete at the race officer's discretion.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the ITCA website before the day of the open, a copy will be available at the event. These will be the sailing instructions for the topper event and not the generic Hollowell SC Sailing Instructions.

7. VENUE

The venue has separate male and female showers open for all age groups, with separate showers divided by curtains. Toilet facilities are separately available for males and females, and a separate facility is available for those with disabilities.

8. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat board as described in the sailing instructions.

9. COACHING

ITCA may arrange for a coach to be provided for on-water coaching to the less experienced sailors during the races. This is not intended to give individuals unfair advantage, rather to support their development and motivation for the future. The coach will adhere to coaching principles and behaviours as required under Rule 2, Fair Sailing. No other on-water coaches are permitted for the duration of the event

10. SCORING

- 10.1 At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than three races are completed the boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When three or four races are completed the boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score. (1 discard)
- 10.4 All rigs (5.3, 4.2, and reefed) will be scored as a single fleet. Only 1 sail can be used per event.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Topper 5.3 fleet and 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Topper 4.2 fleet.
Further spot prizes may be awarded depending on numbers and makeup of the fleets.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

13. INSURANCE

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.

14. BIOSECURITY MEASURES

Under Anglican water guidance the club operates a wash, clean and dry biosecurity policy that must be followed by all craft and their trailers as detailed on the club website or open entry forms. Visiting members will be asked to sign a declaration to confirm they have read, understood and followed this process.

15. DOGS

No dogs are allowed in the clubhouse or anywhere on the club grounds at any time, unless as required by disability or illness or in the interests of public safety.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see Hollowell SC website at hollowellsc.org.uk or contact Greg Croxton (Hollowell SC Youth Fleet Captain) by emailing greg@croxtonmedia.co.uk.