

Notice of Race

INTERNATIONAL TOPPER
CLASS ASSOCIATION (GBR)



Noble Marine National Championships Largs SC 2nd to 8th August 2025



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The organising authority is International Topper Class Association (GBR) (ITCA (GBR)) in conjunction with Largs Sailing Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of ITCA (GBR) and rules of the host club, Largs Sailing Club, also apply. [DP]
- 1.3 Competitors and their supporters should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter (Charter) and that by entering this event they undertake to compete in compliance with the Charter, which can be found on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>. [DP]
- 1.4 The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 2.2 There will be separate championships for boats using 6.4 sails, 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails. There will also be a Regatta Fleet for less experienced sailors (in all cases provided there are, in the view of the organising authority, sufficient entries).
- 2.3 Every competitor must be a current member of a National Topper Class Association. Competitors that are not already a member of a National Topper Class Association may join ITCA (GBR) at registration, or pay £20 (or £5 if a member of the host club) to become a temporary member of ITCA (GBR) for the duration of the event.
- 2.4 Substitution of competitors is not allowed. Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the event.

3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 All boats entered in championship classes shall comply with the International Topper class rules, in particular only sails, spars and foils supplied by the licensee, Topper International, shall be used. [DP]
- 3.2 Each boat shall display the 2024/25 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with the class rules for Event Numbers. Each boat trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number of the boat to which it belongs. Competitors that have not already been allocated a 2024/25 Championship Number will be allocated one at registration. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to their sail and boat in accordance with the class rules, and to obtain and attach an appropriate tag to the handle of their boat's trolley. [DP]
- 3.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.4 Competitors may be asked to wear race bibs chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.5 While racing, boats shall not use a sail that is larger or smaller in size than the one applicable to the championship class in which they are entered. Boats in the Regatta fleet may use either a 5.3 sail or a 4.2 sail.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Pre entry is required using the on-line entry system accessed via the ITCA (GBR) website, itca-gbr.co.uk.
- 4.2 The entry fee for championship classes is:
 - a. £250 for entries received on or before 2 July 2025;
 - b. ; and
 - c. £330 for entries received thereafter, up to and including 26 July 2025, when on-line entry will close.
- 4.3 The entry fee for the Regatta fleet is:
 - a. £150 for entries received on or before 2 July 2025;
 - b. ; and
 - c. £230 for entries received thereafter, up to and including 26 July 2025, when on-line entry will close.
- 4.4 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, their entry fee will be refunded as follows:

- a. Cancellation up to and including 2 June 2025: Entry fee less £5 admin charge;
- b. Cancellation between 3 June 2025 and 2 July 2025: 50% of entry fee; and
- c. Cancellation after 3 July 2025: No refund.

4.4.2 A family discount, in the form of a refund, is available for families with two or more entries across any of the fleets. Entries should be completed as normal and the family discount(s) must be applied for at the event from the race office after registration has closed for subsequent payment by bank transfer. For a second (and subsequent) entry(ies), the discount is 25% for the second (and subsequent) entry(ies) only.

5 REGISTRATION, EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND INITIAL COMPETITOR BRIEFING [DP]

5.1 Registration will be open between 09:30 and 11:00 and 3:00 and 4:00 on Saturday 2 August 2025, and 09:30 and 11:00 on Sunday 3 August 2025 at Largs Sailing Club.

5.2 Each competitor shall register before racing (and their boat will not count as an entry for the purpose of scoring until they have done so). To register, each competitor shall provide a completed entry form (signed by their parent or legal guardian in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) and proof of current membership of a National Topper Class Association. [DP]

5.3 Each boat shall also be presented for equipment inspection and limitation marking before racing. Equipment inspection will be open between 09:30 and 11:00 on Sunday 3 August.

5.4 There will be an initial competitor welcome, **which all competitors and their parents/guardians should attend**, on the morning of Sunday 3 August.

6 FORMAT

6.1 Subject to the number of entries:

- a. The 6.4 National Championships will be a single series.
- b. The 5.3 National Championships will consist of a Qualification Series and a Final Series.
- c. The 4.2 National Championships will be a single series.
- d. Any racing by the Regatta Fleet will be a single series.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Racing is scheduled to take place for all championship classes on each day from Sunday 3 August 2025 to Friday 8 August 2025 inclusive.

7.2 Races are currently scheduled as follows:

Day	6.4 Championships	5.3 Championships		4.2 Championships	Regatta Fleet
Sunday 3 August	3 races	3 races	Qualification	4 races	TBA
Monday 4 August	3 races	3 races	Qualification	4 races	TBA
Tuesday 5 August	3 races	3 races	Qualification	4 races	TBA
Wednesday 6 August	3 races	3 races	Final	4 races	TBA
Thursday 7 August	3 races	3 races	Final	4 races	TBA
Friday 8 August	3 races	3 races	Final	4 races	TBA

7.3 The warning signal for the first race on each day of the championships, other than Sunday 3 August 2025 which is not expected to be before 13:00, is not expected to be before 10:25, but this may change – check SIs and Notices.

7.4 For each championship class, races on each day will normally be sailed back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The race committee will try to limit the time that any competitor is afloat, without a break ashore, to no more than 6 hours, but depending upon conditions this time may be exceeded to allow a race to be completed.

7.5 On the last day of the championships, no starting signal will be made after 14:30, unless the Gold fleet in the 5.3 National Championships has not completed a race by that time, in which case this time limit may be extended to 15:30 for that fleet.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the official Notice Board (ONB), which is available via the ITCA (GBR) website, prior to the event.

9 COMMUNICATION

9.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

10 VENUE

10.1 The venue will be Largs Sailing Club, Largs Yacht Haven, Irvine Road, Largs KA30 8EZ.

10.2 Racing will be in the Firth of Clyde off Largs.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 For championship classes, the courses to be sailed will be inner and outer loop trapezoid courses as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 The courses to be sailed by the Regatta fleet will be communicated to them by their race committee before racing on each day.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply, with the word "will" replaced by "may" in the first sentence of RRS T2.

12.2 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

13 SCORING

13.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A will apply, as amended below and by the Sailing Instructions.

13.2 The number of race scores to be excluded from the calculation of each boat's series score, depending upon the number of races scored, will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

13.3 RRS 90.3(e) will apply with '24 hours' changed to '30 minutes'.

For the 5.3 National Championships

13.4 At least three races must be completed in the Qualification Series prior to the fleet being split into Final Series fleets (Gold, Silver and, potentially, Bronze). A single race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final Series to constitute the Championship.

13.5 A boat's Championship score will be the total of her scores in all races in the Final Series after discards, together with a points score equal to her overall ranking at the end of the Qualification Series (which shall not be discarded). All boats in the Final Series Gold fleet will rank ahead of all boats in the Final Series Silver fleet, who will rank ahead of all boats in the Final Series Bronze fleet (if applicable).

13.6 When the Championship is not properly constituted (minimum one race completed by the Gold Fleet in the Final Series), prizes will still be awarded, however the Overall Championship Trophy will not be awarded.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of ITCA (GBR), the host club and the event sponsor(s).

14.2 Whilst the event is open to sailors of all nationalities, only sailors that are eligible to compete for Great Britain at a World Sailing sanctioned event, as defined in World Sailing Regulation 17, will be eligible to win certain trophies and prizes.

15 RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Rule 3 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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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 omission;
- 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 organisers 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

16 INSPECTIONS

- 16.1 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race or any other document governing this event.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per incident or equivalent. [DP]

18 PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 18.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the other rules that govern the event, 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information please contact:

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