

TOPPER REGATTA FLEET

The Topper Regatta fleet was created for the younger and less experienced sailors. I started the fleet because I hated seeing the younger sailors with a string of "Did not finish" results and getting put off.

We provide a mix of games, tuition and simple races. The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment, but they will also learn lots.

The sailors will be in a coaching team, for instruction and games. With a team prize at the end of the week.

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There will be closer supervision and safety cover than in the main racing fleet. Coaching is permitted during races for all but the race leaders. Sailors with little or no racing experience are welcome, and will be looked after.

The usual daily schedule will be racing in the morning, then ashore for a break at lunch time and games etc in the afternoon, all depending on the weather.

Highlights of the week are the Pirate ship building afternoon and the Picnic cruise.

For some wind conditions and activities we will sail with 2 in a boat. So be prepared to share. For games and activities where boats could be beached or roughed up we provide a few old training boats.

We have young enthusiastic coaches, but we will need parent volunteers to help in safety boats and to wave flags on a start boat.

There will be a main event briefing for all the fleets each morning, which you ought to attend. Then we will have a short briefing before going on the water. At the end of each day there will be a meeting in the club to go through the days sailing, and to award prizes.

I look forward to meeting everyone.

ARTHUR MARSHALL