

Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club Topper Open & International Topper Class Association (ITCA) (GBR) South East Region Autumn Traveller Series

Saturday 25th October 2025

The Organising Authority is Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club in association with the L&SE ITCA (GBR)

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025 -2028).
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Event sponsors advertising may be supplied and required to be displayed in a position to be specified at registration.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1. Entry will be accepted up to 10.00 hrs on Saturday 25th October 2025.
- 3.2. Registration can be done on the day or can be done in advance by using the following link [Hastings & St Leonards Topper Open](#)

4. FEES

- 4.1. £15.00 per boat.

5. FORMAT OF RACING

- 5.1. The one-day event comprises a series of four races followed by lunch and a prize giving

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The Schedule is as follows:

1.1.1.

Registration	08:30 – 10:00
Competitors' Briefing	10:00
First Warning	10:55
Race 2	Back-to-back with Race 1
Race 3	Back-to-back with Race 2
Race 4	Back-to-back with Race 3



6.2. At its discretion, the Race Committee may change the race start times, the number of races to be sailed and the starting arrangements, depending on sailing conditions on the day.

6.3. There will be no warning signal after 15:00.

7. MEASUREMENTS AND CLUB BOATS

7.1. Boats and gear may be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement during the event, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the club website. Individual printed copies will not be available at registration, please print your own if required.

9. VENUE

9.1. The intended venue is:

Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club
Lower Promenade
St Leonards on Sea
TN38 0BU

The club is situated on the lower promenade of St. Leonards on Sea. (Map Details are shown on the club website www.hastingssc.org.)

A member will meet visiting sailors in the Carpark to the West of the club to direct down to the lower promenade

10. THE COURSE

10.1. Details of courses will be displayed on the course board at the clubhouse on the day of the event.

11. SCORING

11.1. If four races are completed a boat's score will be her total points excluding her worst score.

11.2. If fewer than four races are completed a boat's score will be her total points.

11.3. An event winner will be decided providing one race is completed

12. BERTHING

12.1. Boats may be launched from the club beach or the beach opposite Victoria Hotel. Trailers must allow constant access for vehicles on the promenade

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

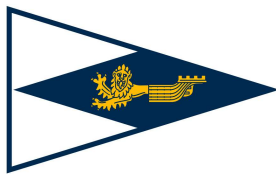
13.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

14.1. The following prizes will be awarded:

- a) Hastings & St Leonards Topper Open Trophy to the winner.
- b) Second and third placed sailors.
- c) Highest placed 4.2 Rigged Topper.
- d) First Female (outside Top 3)
- e) Best placed Hastings & St Leonards sailor.

14.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



15. RISK STATEMENT

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 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 competitors briefing held at the venue;

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the event, and of all of his/her material related to the event, without compensation.
- 17.2. In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with General Data Protection Regulations. More details are available on request.