

International Topper Class Association (GBR)
Notice of Series Eastern Area Traveller Series 2025-26
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1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR).
- 1.2. The rules governing each event in the series will be specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions published for each event. The event specific Sailing Instructions will take precedence over this Notice of Series if there is any conflict.
- 1.3. Competitors should note that ITCA (GBR) 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 <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

2. TRAVELLER SERIES EVENTS

- 2.1. Events are planned for the following dates. Any changes will be posted on the International Topper Class Association website.

Traveller Event	Date	Club
East Event 1	7 th September 2025	Hunts Sailing Club
East Event 2	28 th September 2025	Royal Harwich Yacht Club
East Event 3	19 th October 2024	Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club
East Event 4	4 th January 2026	Snowflake Sailing Club
East Event 5	15 th Mar 2026	Blackwater Sailing Club
East Event 6 (End of Series)	24 th May 2026	Snettisham Beach Sailing Club

- 2.2. Any event that is rescheduled for another date and/or venue will be advertised a minimum of 14 days before the first date that the change affects.
- 2.3. Cancellation, postponement or rescheduling any event to another venue / date is not grounds for redress under rule 62.1

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The series/events are open to sailors sailing an International Topper Class dinghy with a 5.3 or 4.2 sail and who are members of the International Topper Class Association (ITCA).
- 3.2. Topper sailors who are non-members of ITCA may be permitted to enter one Traveller event before joining ITCA on a 'try before you buy' basis.
- 3.3. All sailors who register at one of the series events will automatically be entered into the series.
- 3.4. There will be one fleet for boats using either 5.3 or 4.2 sails.
- 3.5. When overall results are produced the 4.2 class results will be extracted from the final overall ranking to reflect their true 4.2 positioning.
- 3.6. The value of the entry fee is at the discretion of the host club or as defined on the ITCA website during entry. Please refer to the event notice of race for any further details.
- 3.7. The person and boat stated on the entry form for each event will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at that event.

4. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. Each boat shall display the Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat in accordance with ITCA (GBR) prescriptions (or an identifying No. agreed with the Host Club Race Committee at each event, prior to the start of racing). Each boat trolley shall be clearly identified by a tag or other marking displaying the Championship Number of the boat to which it belongs.
- 4.2. Competitors may use only ONE sail during each event. If for any reason a sail requires changing the competitor MUST obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.
- 4.3. Reefed 5.3 sails will continue to be classified as having sailed as a 5.3 Class.
- 4.4. Sailing Instructions/Notice of Race will be published by the host club and be available prior to the event.
- 4.5. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - a. Cancellation up to 2 weeks prior to the event: Entry fee less £5 admin charge, or transfer of entry to another event
 - b. Cancellation within last 2 weeks prior to the event: No refund or transfer of entry to another event.

5. SCORING

- 5.1. The low points scoring system of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS Appendix A) will apply.
- 5.2. For the purpose of scoring the series, a sailor's score for each event (event score) will be points equal to their class position in the overall class results for the event.
- 5.3. When a sailor does not register at an event, their score for that event will be one more than the combined number of competitors in that series. The scoring code DNC (Did Not Compete) will be used.
- 5.4. When a sailor has registered at an event, but does not sail in that event, their score for that event, will be one more than the number of sailors registered in that event. The scoring code DNS (Did Not Start) will be used.
- 5.5. An event will be deemed to have been "Completed" when one or more starts have taken place.
- 5.6. A sailor's score will be the total of all their event scores excluding their worst event scores.
- 5.7. The number of events excluded will depend on the number of events completed as defined by the Series Scoring table below:

2 Event Series = 2 Events to Count
3 Event Series = 2 Events to Count
4 Event Series = 3 Events to Count
5 Event Series = 4 Events to Count
6 Event Series = 4 Events to Count
- 5.8. RRS Appendix A8 will be used to break event ties.
- 5.9. Where no 4.2 sailors attend an event, that event will not count towards the series.
- 5.10. Where an event completes 0 races or is cancelled for any reason, that event will not be counted towards the series.

6. TRAVELLER SERIES TROPHIES/PRIZES

- 6.1. There will be a levy added to each event entry. This levy is to cover the cost of the end of series trophies/prizes etc.
- 6.2. If only 1 event takes place; then series trophies/prizes will not be awarded.
- 6.3. Series prizes will be awarded to, as a minimum: Overall 1st 5.3 Class, Overall 2nd 5.3 Class and Overall 3rd 5.3 Class, next highest placed boy and girl and Overall 1st Place 4.2 Class
- 6.4. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of ITCA (GBR) and the sponsors, this will be subject to participation levels and series qualifying criteria being met.
- 6.5. Perpetual trophies (returning) will be awarded to:

Overall Series Winner 5.3 Class
End of Series Event Winner 5.3 Class
Overall Series Winner 4.2 Class

- 6.6. Winners of the perpetual trophies must complete the accompanying form and return to arearep.eastern@itca-gbr.co.uk
- 6.7. The Endeavour award (if presented) can be awarded to any sailor who has completed in the series, independent of them winning any other prize/trophy.

7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 7.1. Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. 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.

8. INSURANCE

- 8.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per event.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 9.1. For further information please contact:

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10. VERSION HISTORY

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1.0	Initial version	Not applicable	23 August 2025