

WAVENEY & OULTON BROAD YACHT CLUB

Topper open meeting

Sunday 19th October 2025

Organising authority: Waveney & Oulton Broad Y.C.



Notice of Race

1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. The event is for Topper dinghies with 5.3 and 4.2 rigs. All boats will race together as one fleet. Handicaps will not be applied.
3. Insurance: All boats must have at least £2,000,000 third party insurance cover.
4. Entries must be made online at
<https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=1614>
5. Schedule:

09:00 to 09:30	Registration in the clubhouse
09:30	Competitors' briefing at the clubhouse
10:27	start of Race 1
11.51	start of Race 2
13.30	start of Race 3
	Race 4 to follow.

Prize-giving will be as soon as possible after racing.
6. Sailing Instructions will be available online at
<https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=1614> by Friday 17th October and at registration.
7. The racing will take place on Oulton Broad with starts either from the clubhouse or from a committee boat.
8. The starting sequence will be: warning signal 6 minutes before start and preparatory signal 3 minutes before start.
9. Scoring
The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
4 races are scheduled.
If all 4 races are sailed, there will be 1 discard. If 3 or fewer races are sailed, there is no discard.
10. Safety
Buoyancy aids must be worn while racing.
Be aware that sailing boats must not impede the commercial passenger vessel 'Waveney Princess'. She has right of way (*Broads Authority Navigation Byelaw 24*) and is designated an obstruction.

General Information

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the Broads Authority regulations regarding boat tolls.

On arrival:

- Use the pay-and-display car park for Nicholas Everitt Park. A main entrance for this is opposite St Mark's Church on Bridge Rd, Oulton Broad. The postcode for St Mark's is NR33

9JX. Drive through the car park, past signs to Pets Corner, and you will find the WOBYC dinghy park and slip way. The clubhouse is approx. 200 metres walk away overlooking the Broad.

- The car park fee is £5 per day. You can pay with cash or using your phone (Ringo or various other apps).

Catering:

- Drinks and snacks will be available in the downstairs canteen in the morning and upstairs in the bar in the afternoon. There are also various food outlets within walking distance of the club.

Please note that club racing for dinghies and keelboats will also be taking place during the morning and there are likely to be boats of all sorts on the Broad, including motorboats which are supposed to keep clear of sailing boats but sometimes they're not very good at that! Keep a good look out!

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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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. 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;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
7. 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 safety briefing held for the event.