

South Staffordshire Sailing Club

Notice of Race (NoR) for the Topper Open Meeting 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined as a rule in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the South Staffordshire Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.3 The organizing authority is South Staffordshire Sailing Club in conjunction with ITCA (Midland Area)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on registration to the event and on the Official Club Racing notice board in the corridor opposite the entrance to the bar.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELEGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a relevant Boat Class measurement certificate and sailed by a helm sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 4.2 or 5.3 sail,
- 4.2 A parent or responsible adult must, at the club, accompany a competitor under the age of 18 years and comply with the Club Safeguarding Policy.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee will be £20.00 per boat.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The event will take place on Saturday 31st January
- 6.2 Registration will be online via ITCA website (Midland Area page/Calendar).
- 6.3 The warning Signal for the first race for helms with both 4.2 or 5.3 sail is 10.55 am, 4 races will be sailed (if conditions allow), race 1 will start at 11.00am, race 2 will follow as soon as possible, race 3 will start at 1.30pm, race 4 will follow as soon as possible.
- 6.4 A briefing will take place at 10.30 am prior to the first race.
- 6.5 Four races to be sailed, with one discard. If less than three races are sailed, all races will count.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 Each entrant may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate or evidence that the boat complies with the relevant class rules.
- 7.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

8. VENUE

8.1 Races will be sailed at lower Pool, Gailey Lea Lane, Penkridge, Staffs. ST19 5PT.

9. COURSES

9.1 Course details will be as per the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

Scoring will be According to Appendix A

RRS 90.3(e) will apply.

11. RISK STATEMENT

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

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

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.

Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

INSPECTIONS 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.

DECLARATION By entering the event competitors agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, confirm that they have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that their boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race & the Sailing Instructions throughout the event.

12. PRIZES

12.1 The allocation of prizes for events will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and the event organiser

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information contact the Fleet Sailing Captain.

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