



International Topper Class Association (GBR)
Notice of Series V2
Midlands Area Traveller Series 2026



1 RULES

- 1.1 The Traveller Series will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*
- 1.2 Prescriptions of ITCA (GBR) and any other such instructions determined by the host club will apply. These will be detailed in the Event NOR/Sl's.
- 1.3 ITCA implements the RYA Racing Charter and sailors are required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028) and on the RYA website ([Racing Charter](#)).

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all members of the National Topper Class Association.
- 2.2 Sailors must participate in the series/events using an International Topper Class dinghy (5.3 or 4.2 rigs) that is compliant with class rules.
- 2.3 Topper sailors who are not members of ITCA may participate in a Midlands Traveller event (assuming there are spaces available) held at the home club for which they have membership. Full annual membership can also be obtained via the [ITCA website](#).
- 2.4 The value of the entry fee is as defined on the ITCA website. Please refer to the event notice of race for further details.
- 2.5 All entries/payments for events will be online through the ITCA website, unless stated otherwise.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 The standard ITCA entry form will be emailed to the registered parent/guardian prior to the event (at the email registered for the sailor on the ITCA membership register). The sailor and parent/guardian are to complete the form and hand in a paper copy to the host club during registration.
- 2.8 It is the responsibility of the sailor and their parent/guardian to ensure all details (including email addresses) are up to date on their ITCA membership profile.



3 TRAVELLER EVENT WITHDRAWAL

- 3.1 If the sailor wishes to withdraw from an event before it takes place, please email arearep.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk to advise accordingly.
- 3.2 If withdrawal is requested (for any reason), more than 7 days prior to the event taking place, refund will be entry fee less £5.00 administration charge. If there is an opportunity to transfer the sailor's entry to an alternative ITCA Midlands Traveller event in the same series, and places are available, this can be requested and will be considered at the discretion of the Midlands Topper Traveller coordinators.
- 3.3 If withdrawal is requested within 7 days of the event, then the entry fee is non-refundable. Transfer of the entry fee to another event will be offered where possible.

4 APPROVED SAIL

- 4.1 Only sails that meet the Topper Class Association rules are to be used. 5.3 and 4.2 sail sizes are accepted.
- 4.2 Competitors may only use 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 If a sailor uses a mix of sails sizes during the series, they will be scored individually for each sail size, resulting in separate Series results for each sail size. Qualification for Series prizes will be subject to the minimum qualification criteria detailed in section 7 below.
- 4.4 Reefed 5.3 sails will continue to be classified as a 5.3 classification.

5 TRAVELLER SERIES EVENTS

- 5.1 Events are planned for the following dates. Those marked TBC require final confirmation and will be advised as soon as practically possible. Updated dates will be posted on the Topper Class Association website.

2025 Series	Date	Club
Event 1	Saturday 31st January	South Staffs Sailing Club
Event 2	Sunday 26 th April	Oxford Sailing Club (Combined South)
Event 3	Saturday 16 th May	Shustoke Sailing Club
Event 4	Sunday 20 th September	Bartley Sailing Club
Event 5	Saturday 24 th October	Hollowell Sailing Club
Event 6	Saturday 7 th November	South Staffs Sailing Club



5.2 Additional events may be added at the discretion of ITCA Midlands. The Notice of Series will be updated accordingly.

6 NOTICE OF RACE/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be issued by the host club and made available via the ITCA website prior to the event.

6.2 To allow the safety/committee boat to help recover a capsized or provide assistance during a race.

Outside Help:

"RRS 41(a) is changed to allow help to recover after a capsized or provide assistance to a sailor from the race committee to registered support vessels"

7 SCORING

7.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

7.2 A minimum of two events will be required to constitute a series.

7.3 The series scoring will be calculated as follows:

No of Events	No of Events to Count
2 Series Events	2 Event Scores
3 Series Events	2 Event Scores
4 Series Events	3 Event Scores
5 Series Events	3 Event Scores
6 Series Events	4 Event Scores
7 Series Events	5 Event Scores
8 Series Events	6 Event Scores
9 Series Events	7 Event Scores
10 Series Events	7 Event Scores

7.4 A boat that did not compete (DNC) shall be scored as one more than the total entry for the series.

7.5 5.3 series scores can only be awarded when using a 5.3 sail size. 4.2 series scores can only be awarded when using a 4.2 sail size. If a sailor uses both sail sizes during a series they will receive scores in both the 5.3 and 4.2 sail series.

7.6 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event".

8 EVENT CANCELLATION

8.1 If the Traveller event is cancelled due to adverse weather conditions (including too light winds) that does not permit the event to take place, the refund amount will be as follows:

- (i) Cancelled on the day of the event – No refund.
- (ii) Cancelled prior to the day of the event – Refund will be calculated, minus host club costs and £5.00 administration fee (per sailor).

8.2 The ITCA Midlands team will liaise with the host club team in the week prior to the event to monitor weather conditions as necessary. Every effort will be made to provide sufficient notice in the event an event is cancelled.

9 SERIES TROPHIES/PRIZES

9.1 There will be a levy added to each event entry to cover the cost of the end of series awards and will be incorporated into the entry fee.

9.2 If only 1 event takes place then series awards will not be presented.

9.3 Awards for the series will be awarded to at least the first three places overall.

9.4 Other trophies/prizes may be awarded for the series at the discretion of the ITCA Midlands Area Team, subject to participation levels and series qualification criteria being met.

9.5 Perpetual Trophies (Returning) will be awarded for:

- (i) Overall Series Winner – 5.3 Sail
- (ii) Overall Series Winner – 4.2 Sail
- (iii) Under 13 Award
- (iv) Endeavour Award

9.6 Only one perpetual Trophy will be awarded per sailor, the order of preference will be as shown in section 9.5. Sailors will be awarded the highest preference trophy with remaining trophies being awarded to the next applicable sailor.

9.7 Winners of the perpetual trophies must complete the acceptance form and return to arearep.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk.

9.8 The Endeavour Award (if presented) can be awarded to any sailor who has completed in the series, independent of them winning and other prize/trophy.



9.9 Age related trophies will be awarded based upon the sailor's age at the end of the calendar year of the series taking place.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept and liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after an event or the series.

11 INSURANCE

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

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information please contact: Iain Swinton
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