



NOTICE OF RACE

Topper Traveller

The Organising Authority is Spinnaker Sailing Club
in conjunction with ITCA (GBR)

Sunday 1st March 2026

Spinnaker Sailing Club, Ivy Lane, Blashford, BH24
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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Under RRS87 the Class Rules of the International Topper Class Association apply.
- 1.3. [NP] The Byelaws of Spinnaker Sailing Club are available on the Club's website and shall apply to all competitors and support persons. This includes site speed limits and restrictions on usage of areas.
- 1.4. Competitors should note that Spinnaker Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1700 on Friday 14th March 2025 on the Spinnaker Sailing Club Website at <https://spinnakersc.clubmin.net/events/1229465>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located at the Race Hut (sited to the North East of the Clubhouse).
- 3.2. [DP] While racing 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Topper Class sailing with 4.2m, 5.3m or 6.4m rigs.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com> paying the required fee.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Entries shall be restricted to 40 boats.
- 4.5. Entries must be made by 1200 on Wednesday 25th February 2026. If the limit on entries is reached before this time a waiting list will be operated. If an entry is withdrawn their place shall be offered to those on the waiting list in order of application. Entries will not be accepted on the day.

4.6.This Event forms part of the Rooster Southern Area Topper Traveller Series.. Entry to this event does not constitute entry to the series. For further details of the Series including entry and qualification requirements please see the separate Notice of Series

5. FEES

5.1.The entry fee for the event shall be £19.50.

5.2.If an entry is withdrawn by 1200 on Wednesday 25th March 2026 the entry fee shall be refunded minus a £5 administration fee or transfer of entry to another ITCA (GBR) event. After this date no refund shall be made if an entry is withdrawn.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1.The following crew limitations apply: none.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1.Registration will be between 0930 and 0955 on Sunday 1st March 2026 on the Club House Patio.

7.2.The Race Briefing will be held at 1000 at the Race Hut.

7.3.The warning signal for the first scheduled race will be at 1027.

7.4.No warning signal will be made after 1530.

7.5.Number of races scheduled: 7

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1.Boats shall comply with their Class Rules on the date of the event

8.2.Boats may be inspected at any time.

8.3.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.

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

9.1.[NP]At all times while afloat each competitor shall wear an appropriately sized and correctly fitted personal flotation device meeting the standard of ISO 12402-5 (50N Buoyancy Aid) at all times.

9.2.[NP]For events on or between 1st November and 31st March, competitors must wear a minimum of a wetsuit (of at least longjohn design with thermal insulating material and properties to shoulder height) or a drysuit whilst afloat.

9.3.[NP]All craft shall be washed and checked in accordance with the RYA Check, Clean, Dry guidance at their home venue, and then prior to leaving the grounds of Spinnaker Sailing Club the same procedure shall be applied. This is to protect the biosecurity of Blashford Lake and other venues.

10. VENUE

10.1.NoR Addendum A shows the location of the event and the racing area.

11. COURSES

11.1.The course to be sailed shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1.Not Applicable.

13. SCORING

13.1.One race is required to constitute a series

13.2.When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the

total of her race scores excluding her race scores. When 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.3.Rule A5.3 will apply.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1.Support person vessels will not be permitted on Blashford Lake.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

15.1. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

16. BERTHING

16.1.[NP][DP]Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

17.1.Boats may only be hauled out on a slipway or area of foreshore within the Spinnaker Sailing Club boat park.

18. DATA PROTECTION

18.1.The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18.2.Spinnaker Sailing Club Ltd and it's employees, officers and volunteers may take photographs and video footage of the event for use by us in for publicity and educational purposes including in the local and sailing press, our website, social media and other outlets. If you do not consent to your image being published please notify the Club via email to admin@spinnakerclub.co.uk

19. RISK STATEMENT

19.1.RRS3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

19.2.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:

- 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 boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

- f) The provision of patrol boat 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 safety briefing held for the event;

19.3. On occasions Blue Green Algae is present within Blashford Lake. In the event of an algal bloom and scum forming all entrants will be required to complete an additional Acceptance of Risk Statement prior to participation.

20. INSURANCE

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

21. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each rig size.

21.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

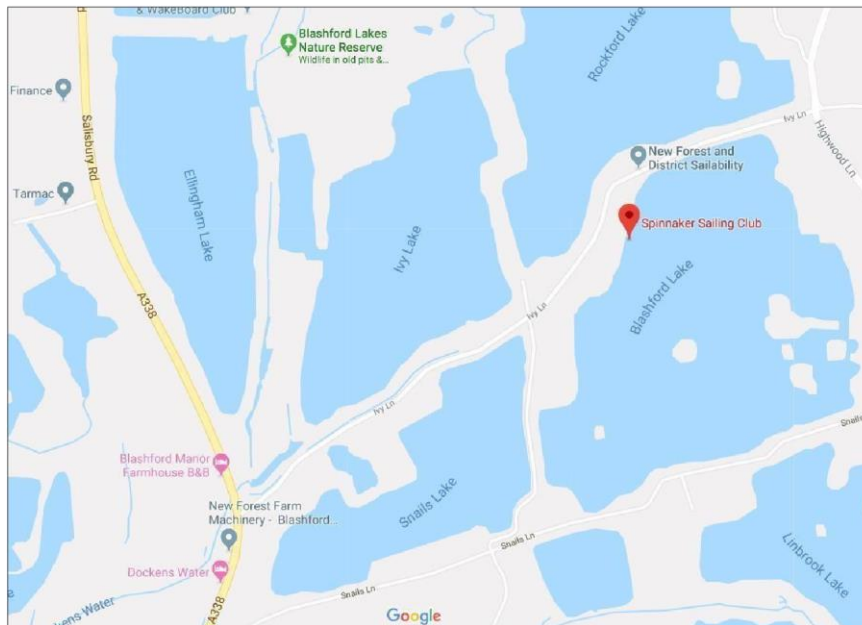
21.3. Prizegiving shall be in the vicinity of the clubhouse as soon as possible after the last race.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1. For further information or support with the entry process please contact the Spinnaker Sailing Club Office – admin@spinnakerclub.co.uk

ADDENDUM A

Location of Blashford Lake



Turn into Ivy Lane (narrow lane with passing places). After 300m turn right in to Spinnaker Club. Straight ahead to small car park and restricted launching. Turn left before gate, continue for about 50m – go through gate and continue past wooden buildings on left to large car park and two launching areas.

