



Topper Southern Traveller 3
Hamble River Sailing Club 17 May 2026
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The event will be held under the burgee of Hamble River Sailing Club on the 17 May 2026.
- 1.2. The organising authority is Hamble River Sailing Club (HRSC) in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA GBR).
- 1.3. HRSC welcomes all competitors as temporary members of the sailing club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.
- 2.3. This Notice of Race can be changed by amendments or by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.4. Shipping & Yachts – Boats are reminded that the RRS includes the Collision Regulations with regards to vessels motoring in the Main Channel in the river, which may be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. Additionally, it is a local bye law that shipping in the Solent & Southampton Water always have rights of way over sailing boats.
- 2.5. Except with the prior written permission of the race committee every competitor whilst afloat shall wear adequate clothing for sailing.
- 2.6. Rule 41.1 is in force. A personal buoyancy aid shall be worn at all times when afloat.
- 2.7. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider that the boat, its equipment and/or helm are not adequate for the likely conditions.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB), at least three days prior the event and will be published on the ITCA event web page.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The official notice board is located on the event page of www.gbrtopper.co.uk
- 4.2. An event WhatsApp group has been set-up for competitor communications. This is for information purposes only and does not replace the Official Notice Board. The link to join is: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EyH4BCVV7QW3PuV6jH6tJ7>

5. CLASSES, ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The event is open to all boats of the Topper Class with 4.2, 5.3 and 6.4 rigs.
- 5.2. Entry will only be available online. Only eligible boats may enter and pay by registering online using the on-line entry system at www.gbrtopper.co.uk
- 5.3. A parent/guardian declaration must be completed for any competitor under the age of 18. The forms will be emailed out and are available at registration.
- 5.4. Entry will be limited to 50 boats.
- 5.5. Entries will close at midnight on Wednesday 13th May 2026 or earlier if entry limit is reached.
- 5.6. There will be no on the day entries.
- 5.7. Each competitor with a 2026 Championship number shall display it (unless otherwise agreed with the Race Committee) in accordance with the class rule for 'Event numbers'.
If a competitor does not have a 2026 Championship number, its sail number shall be displayed in accordance with class rules.
Each launching trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number or/ and the sail number.

6. FEES

- 6.1. The entry fee will be £35. (£30 for fully paid HRSC members). There will be no refunds if the entry is cancelled within seven days of the event unless entry can be resold. Entry fee includes car and trailer car parking on the Donkey Derby Field.
- 6.2. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - a) Cancellation up to and including 13th May. Entry fee less £10 admin charge
 - b) Cancellation after 13th May. No refund or transfer to another event will be permitted.

7. CONDITION OF ENTRY

- 7.1. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
17 May	8:30	Registration Opens
	9.15	Registration closes
	9.20	Briefing
	11:15	First start
	Approximately 1 hour after the last race boat recovered	Prize giving

- 8.2. The event will consist of up to four races.
- 8.3. No warning signal will be made after 15.00.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The intention is for Racing to be held in the Hamble River and Southampton Water.
- 9.2. The course to be sailed will be inner and outer trapezoid.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. When fewer than 3 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. When 4 races or more have been completed a boat's series score shall be her total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third ranked competitors overall in 5.3 and 4.2 class.
- 11.2. Prizes for the 6.4 fleet will be awarded according to fleet size.
- 11.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of HRSC, ITCA (GBR) and the sponsor(s).

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. For breaches of any rule, other than the rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, the Protest Committee may decide the penalty be less than DSQ.
- 12.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one Gybe).
- 12.3. Main shipping channel will be an obstruction. No sailing will be allowed Southwest of a line linking channel markers Calshot, Reach, Hook Fawley Deep and the BP Terminal Peer. The penalty will be DSQ without hearing.

13. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS

- 13.1. Only support boats that are part of the events safety fleet and authorised by the Event safety Officer will be permitted in the race area.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. Rule four 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."
- 14.2. 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 organiser 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.

15. USE OF PERSONAL DATA

- 15.1. The Organising Authority will hold and use a competitor's personal data for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at <https://www.hrsc.org.uk/the-club/hamble-river-sailing-club-data-privacy-policy-1>

NOTES (Not part of the Notice of Race)

Directions to Venue

These are available on the website: <http://www.hrsc.org.uk>

Visiting boats should drive to Hamble quay where you will be directed by our arrival team to the parking area for boats. Cars and trailers should then be parked in the designated parking area.

Expected Racing Area



Further Information

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