



Rooster Southern Topper Traveller

Hamble River Sailing Club 17 May 2026

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Competitors and support teams shall comply with any reasonable request from the event official.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The official notice board is located on the event page of www.gbrtopper.co.uk
Notices will also be copied to the event Whatsapp.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EyH4BCVV7QW3PuV6jH6tJ7>
- 2.2. All competitors should attend the briefing at 9:20 on Sunday morning at HRSC club house.

3. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of the first race on the day it will take effect except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take place.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main mast on the club house.
- 4.2. AP flag displayed ashore means launching has been postponed. Launching will commence shortly after AP is removed.
- 4.3. Boat shall not move from their place in the dinghy park or go afloat until flag D is displayed. The first warning signal for the next scheduled race will not be made until all boats that launched promptly after the launch signal have had sufficient time to sail directly to the starting area.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule time of the launch and warning signal of the first start is as follows:

launch	4.2 warning signal	5.3 and 6.4 warning signal
10:00	11:10	11:15

- 5.2. To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed on the race committee vessel with one or more sound signals at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3. 4 races are planned for the 17th May 2026.
- 5.4. No starting signal will be made after 15:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Topper 5.3 and 6.4 Class flag will be Flag T.
- 6.2. The Topper 4.2 Class flag will be Flag F.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
17 th 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

- 7.2. The event will consist of up to four races.
- 7.3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The intention is for Racing to be held in the Hamble River and Southampton Water and is shown in Appendix 1.
- 8.2. Main shipping channel will be an obstruction. No sailing will be allowed South of a line linking channel markers Calshot, Reach, Hook Fawley Deep and the BP Terminal Peer. The penalty will be DSQ without hearing.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. The course to be sailed, including the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on each mark is to be left, are set out in Appendix 2. The number of beats to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the race committee from no later than the warning signal until at least the starting signal for each race.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks are inflatable BLUE, BLACK, RED, YELLOW and GREEN.
- 10.2. The outer distance mark for the start line will be RED.
- 10.3. The outer distance mark for the finish line will be BLUE.
- 10.4. The GREEN inflatable is a backup mark if required.

11. START

- 11.1. The start will be between the mast with and orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the outer distance mark at the port end.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark, or the gate, or the finishing line, to its new position.
- 12.2. The requirement to signal a change of course in accordance with RRS 33 does not apply if the race committee changes the angle of the next leg of the course by no more than plus or minus 10 degrees and/or extends or shortens its length by no more than 100 metres. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3. When a support vessel is stationed at Mark 1 and is flying Flag S, all boats will proceed to Marks 2, 3, 5 and Finish.
- 12.4. When a support vessel is stationed at Mark 3 and is flying Flag S, all boats will proceed to Mark 5 and the finish.

13. – FINISH

- 13.1. The finish is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finish outer distance mark.
- 13.2. After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished.
- 13.3. Boats re-crossing the finish line in the direction of the course from the last mark may be scored for their final crossing.
- 13.4. The Race Committee may give a score to any boat that is still racing by displaying flag W to her from an official vessel (which may be in motion) with two sounds. A boat's score in these circumstances will be the place she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. They are no longer required to complete the course. This amends RRS 28.1. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS

- 14.1. The target time, Mark1 time limit and race time limit for each class are as follows:

	5.3 class	4.2 class
Target time	30 minutes	30 minutes
Mark1 time limit	20 minutes	20 minutes
Race time limit	60 minutes	60 minutes
Finishing window	15 minutes	15 minutes

- 14.2. If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race committee will abandon the race. (Similarly, RRS 35 specifies that if no boat finishes within the race time limit the race committee shall abandon the race).
- 14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident on the race course shall inform one of the race committee finish vessels at the end of the finish line as they finish the race, or promptly thereafter. If they do not finish the race they shall inform either a jury vessel or a

support vessel as soon as practicable after they retire. RRS 61 is changed to make these requirements essential for such a protest or request for redress to be valid.

15.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last competitor in that class comes ashore promptly after the last race of the day. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

15.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Club house beginning at the time posted.

16. SCORING

16.1. The event will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

16.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race

16.4. scores as follows:

a. When three or fewer races have been completed, no race score will be excluded.

b. When four races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

17. SAFETY

17.1. RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices – Basic Rule) applies at all times when afloat.

17.2. When a member of the race committee or its designated official considers that a boat, its equipment or a competitor may not be adequate for the current or expected conditions, or for any other reason associated with safety, he or she may stop the boat launching, or require it to return ashore, or go to a designated location.

17.3. Boats shall 'tally out' before launching and 'tally in' immediately on re-turning ashore. The Tally Board will be located adjacent to the slipway. Individual Tally Numbers will be issued at registration.

17.4. Boats that fail to 'tally out' will be considered to have remained ashore and will be ineligible to race.

17.5. Boats that fail to 'tally in' before the Tally Board closes will be penalized with a DNE (Disqualified, not discardable) for the last race of the day. The Tally Board will close 15 minutes after the last boat returns to shore.

17.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall not leave the Race Area without the permission of the Race Committee.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENTS

18.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice or race and sailing instructions.

19. SUPPORT TEAMS

19.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20. WASTE DISPOSAL

20.1. Rubbish may be placed aboard support boats.

21. PRIZES

21.1. Regatta prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third ranked competitors overall in 5.3 and 4.2 class.

21.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of HRSC, ITCA (GBR) and the sponsor(s).

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

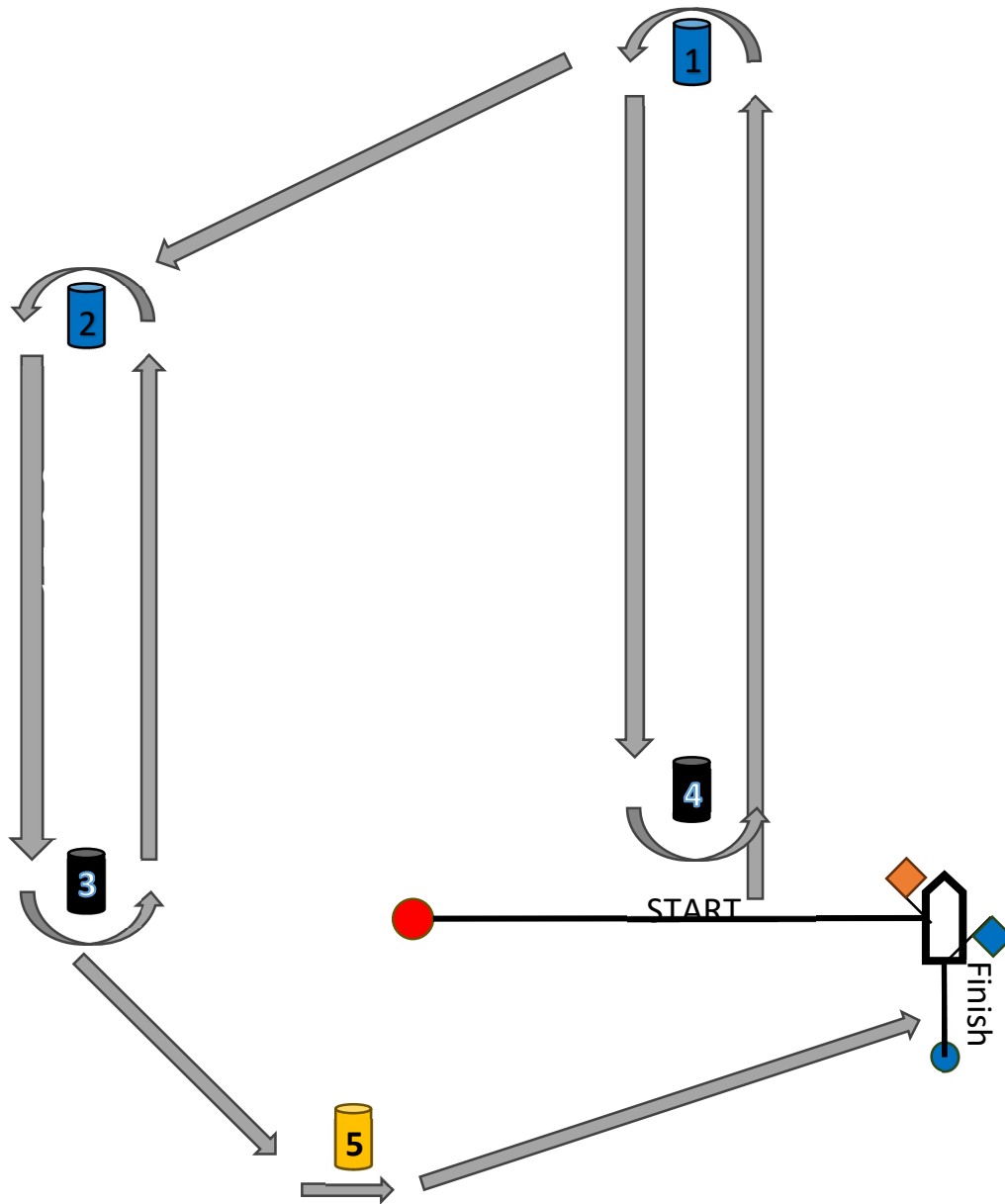
23. INSURANCE

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

APPENDIX 1 : RACING AREA



APPENDIX 2 : COURSES



Course signal	1	2	3
Number of beats	1 beat	2 beats	3 beats
1 st Start 4.2 (outer loop)	1 , 2 , 3 , 5 , Finish	1 , 2 , 3 , 2 , 3 , 5 , Finish	1 , 2 , 3 , 2 , 3 , 2 , 3 , 5 , Finish
2 nd Start 5.3 and 6.4 (inner loop)	1 , 2 , 3 , 5 , Finish	1 , 4 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 5 , Finish	1 , 4 , 1 , 4 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 5 , Finish