



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

TOPPER OPEN MEETING

2026 Rooster Southern Traveller Event 5

Sunday 5th July 2026

Chichester Harbour high water 15:54, 4.4m

1. Location/Facilities/Organising Authority

- 1.1. The open meeting will be held at Bosham Sailing Club Hut, Cobnor Estate, Chidham, Chichester PO18 8TE. Note that this is on the opposite side of Bosham Channel to Bosham village. There will be no visitors' launching from Bosham Quay.
- 1.2. From the turnoff at Chidham opposite the Bosham Inn, the boat park is approximately 2km along this road, which becomes a private road for the last part (turn left immediately after the second sharp right). Please keep to the 15mph speed limit on the private road. Pass the entrance to Cobnor Activities Centre and Christian Youth Enterprises (CYE) before turning left into the parking area/boat park just before entering the grounds of the Cobnor House.
- 1.3. There are limited gents and ladies changing facilities at Cobnor (small rooms, portaloos, no showers).
- 1.4. Hot and cold drinks and snacks will be available to purchase before and after racing. A post-race drink and snack for competitors is included in the entry fee.
- 1.5. Parking at Cobnor is included in the entry fee.
- 1.6. A Chichester Harbour visitors fee is payable for those not possessing an annual harbour permit.
- 1.7. Camping at Cobnor is available. Contact the Cobnor Estate on 01243 572123 or office@cobnorestate.co.uk.
- 1.8. The organising authority is Bosham Sailing Club ('BSC' or the 'Club'), Quay Meadow, Bosham, West Sussex PO18 8LU.
- 1.9. The race committee comprises the sailing manager, the race officer, the patrol co-ordinator and the BSC Topper class captain.

2. Rules

- 2.1. Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in:
 - (a) the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028](#) (RRS). These include the [prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association](#) (RYA), the class rules of the boats taking part, and the NoR, sailing instructions (SI) and Notices to Competitors (NtC).
 - (b) the [RYA Racing Charter](#), and
 - (c) the [Revised Chichester Harbour Race Code of Conduct](#),
- 2.2. RRS 40.1 applies at all times when afloat. Buoyancy aids must be worn.
- 2.3. The SI may change some racing rules. Changes will be detailed in the SI.
- 2.4. If there is any discrepancy between the NoR, SI or NtC displayed on BSC's website and any printed version in circulation, the online version shall prevail.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be published on the BSC website and may additionally be displayed at the Cobnor hut and communicated via the [BSC Topper Open WhatsApp group](#).

4. Entries and Eligibility

- 4.1. Racing is open to Topper 4.2 and 5.3 dinghies.
- 4.2. The entry fee is £32 per boat, which includes a £2 ITCA fee. A £3.50 Chichester Harbour visitors fee is payable for all boats not displaying an annual Chichester Harbour plaque.
- 4.3. All boats must display a current annual Chichester Harbour plaque or have paid a visitor fee with entry.
- 4.4. Enter online via the ITCA event page [here](#). Entries are accepted until 23:59 on 5th July 2026.
- 4.5. For all entrants aged under 18 on the day of the race, their parents/guardians confirm they have read and agree to the Declaration attached to this NoR.

5. Sailing Instructions

SI will be published on the BSC event page [here](#) and on the [ITCA entry page](#).

6. Racing Programme, Courses and Racing Areas

- 6.1. Four back-to-back races are planned.
- 6.2. The first warning signal will not be before 10:55. No warning signal will be given after 15:30
- 6.3. The race committee reserves the right to alter the programme at its discretion to suit conditions on the day.
- 6.4. Race starts and finishes will be from a committee boat in Chichester Harbour. Competitors may sail to the start area from their home club, provided suitable safety support is available from that club.
- 6.5. Courses will be laid around inflatable racing marks within Chichester Harbour. The courses to be sailed will be displayed at the start line in accordance with the SI.

7. Time Limit

The target race time for the first boat to finish will be 30 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to finish each race will be one hour.

8. Scoring and Results

- 8.1. The low point scoring system as prescribed by the RRS Appendix A shall be used.
- 8.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 8.3. Each boat's event score shall be the total of all her race scores, except that when four races have been completed, her worst score shall be excluded.
- 8.4. A boat that comes to the starting area alone in a race shall be scored accordingly.
- 8.5. Results will be published on the BSC website.

9. RYA Exoneration Procedure

The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply.

10. Trophies and Prizes

- 10.1. The following trophies will be awarded:
 - First 5.3 – Topper Mug
 - First 4.2 – Topper GobletOther trophies and prizes may be awarded depending on the number of competitors.
- 10.2. All trophies awarded remain the property of BSC and shall be returned immediately to the Club on request.
- 10.3. The holder (or their parent/guardian) is responsible for the trophy as per the Club bylaws, including engraving, safekeeping and adequate insurance and returning the trophy to the Club office on request at a date designated by the Club.
- 10.4. No trophy may be taken outside of the UK.
- 10.5. The prizegiving will be held at Cobnor as soon as practical after racing.

11. Risk Statement

RRS Rule 3 'Decision to Race' states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk, including but not limited to adverse weather and water quality conditions, equipment failure, poor seamanship, injury or death. 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;
- (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, if any, is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their own 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.

12. Insurance

All boats shall be adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

13. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to BSC will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with [BSC's privacy policy](#). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14. Media

BSC or approved persons may take photographs and video footage of events/training for use in connection with the promotion of the Club and its activities. If you do not consent to the use of such images, please inform the BSC Office at office@boshamsailingclub.com.

15. Contact details

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PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

This declaration is agreed to at the time of entry by the parent/guardian of all participants under 18 years of age on the day of an event.

By entering, you confirm that you have read and agree to the below terms and are duly authorised as the parent/guardian to agree to these terms. Bosham Sailing Club accepts no liability for false, inaccurate, or misleading declarations.

By entering, I give permission to the organisers of this event to administer any relevant treatment or medication to my dependent when/if necessary. It is my responsibility to inform the organisers of any known conditions and medication requirements.

In addition, if the case arises, I authorise the organisers to place my dependent under the care of medical professionals and give permission for any relocation and/or treatment required to be carried out in accordance with their diagnosis. I understand that I shall be notified of this situation occurring as soon as possible, but that participant safety may take priority.

Under law, this competitor is my dependent.

- I accept and acknowledge the risks and liabilities outlined in the Risk Statement in the NoR.
- I declare that during the event the boat sailed by my dependent will be adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
- I confirm that my dependent is competent to take part and able to deal with conditions that may arise during the event.
- I confirm I will not allow my dependent to participate whilst intoxicated or otherwise unfit to do so.
- I confirm that the boat my dependent is sailing is seaworthy and correctly rigged for the conditions expected.
- I confirm that I am responsible for my dependent's property whether afloat or ashore.

During the event:

- I will be responsible for my dependent throughout the event, and I will be available at the event venue during the time my dependent is afloat.

OR

- I will appoint a person, named in an email to office@boshamsailingclub.com , who has agreed to act in loco parentis. They will be responsible for my dependent throughout the event and will be available at the event venue during the time my dependent is afloat.