



Topper London & South East Spring Traveller Series 2026

Organised by ITCA L&SE

NOTICE OF SERIES

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR).
- 1.2. The rules governing each event in the series will be specified in the *Notice of Race* and *Sailing Instructions* published for each event (taking precedence over this *Notice of Series* if there is any conflict).
- 1.3. All boats shall comply with the International Topper Class Rules [World Sailing - Topper](#). In particular, only sails, foils and spars that are supplied by Topper International and stamped Race Approved Sail may be used.
- 1.4. Competitors should note that the ITCA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 1.5. Where the meaning of this document is not clear or not as intended by the authors, the original intent of the authors shall take precedent over what is written.

2. SERIES EVENTS

- 2.1. The Spring series will consist of the following events:

Spring Series 2026		
Spring 1	28 th February	Island Barn Reservoir SC "Barnstormer"
Spring 2	19 th April	Whitstable Traveller
Spring 3	25 th April	Crawley Mariners Traveller
Spring 4 & Regional Champs	16 th & 17 th May	Itchenor – L&SE Spring Regional Championships
Spring 5	6 th June	Tamesis Traveller
Spring 6	27 th June	Hastings & St Leonards Traveller

- 2.2 Additional events may be added on 60 days' notice.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The series is open to sailors sailing a *Topper* and who are members of a National Topper Class Association (<https://www.itca-gbr.co.uk/membership>). Paid up members of the host clubs may also enter that host club's event.

- 3.2. When overall results are produced the 4.2 Class results will be extracted from the final overall ranking to give the final 4.2 overall results.
- 3.3. A sailor may have results in both 4.2 and 5.3 classes and these will be identified separately in the results. If a sailor has sailed in both classes, they still need a minimum of 2 events to be entered in the series for each class and they will have 2 separate entries.
- 3.4. There is no fee to enter the series and entry is automatic for ITCA members.
- 3.5. Only sailors who launch at an event will be eligible for the series
- 3.6. Only Sailors who live in or are members of a club in L&SE and sail primarily in L&SE region are eligible for awards.

4. APPROVED SAILS

- 4.1. Only sails that are supplied by Topper International may be used.
- 4.2. Competitors may only use ONE sail during each event. If for any reason a sail requires changing, written permission must be obtained from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail unless the change of sail is due to gear failure and it is impracticable to obtain such permission.
- 4.3. Reefed 5.3 Sails will continue to be classified as having sailed as a 5.3 Class

5. SCORING

- 5.1. The Series will be scored by Appendix A where 'races' is replaced by 'event'
 - 5.1.1. For the purpose of scoring the series (5.3 or 4.2), a competitor's score for each event ('event score') will be points equal to their position in their respective fleet results at the event.
- 5.2. When a competitor does not launch at an event, their event score for that event will be:
 - 5.2.1. For 5.3's: one more than the number of unique launched boats in their fleet at that event.
 - 5.2.2. For 4.2's: one more than the number of unique sailors entered into the series
- 5.3. A competitor's score will be the total of all their event scores excluding their worst event scores, the number of scores to exclude is shown below.
 - 5.3.1. The number of events excluded will depend on the number of events completed as defined by the table In appendix A.
- 5.4. If there is a tie it will be broken by A8 where 'race' is replaced by 'event'.
- 5.5. Where no 4.2 sailors attend an event, that event will not count towards the series
- 5.6. Where an event completes 0 races or is cancelled for any reason, that event will not be counted towards the series.
- 5.7. Where an event has less than two participants in a specific class, that event will not be counted towards the series for that class.

6. SERIES PRIZES

- 6.1. Series prizes will be awarded to, as a minimum: 5.3 class first, second and third ranked competitors overall. In 4.2 first ranked overall.
- 6.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of ITCA (GBR) and the sponsors.
- 6.3. If "1st Boy" and "1st Girl" Trophies/Prizes are awarded, these will be to the highest placed sailor who has not received a prize/trophy

6.4. Any age related trophies for an event will be awarded based upon the sailor's age on the date of the event. Any age related trophies for the series will be based upon the RYA sailor's age in the year of the series.

7. INSURANCE

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

8. DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and series. 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 Organising 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.

9. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event or the series as a whole

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Appendix A

1. Discard Table

Events completed	Discards
1 or 2	0
3 or 4	1
5 or 6	2
7 or 8	3
9, 10 or 11	4
12 or 13	5
14 or more	6