

ITCHENOR SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

International Topper Class Association (ITCA) – Open Meeting

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** The Itchenor Sailing Club (ISC) sailing instructions will apply and are available on the Club's website (www.itchenorsc.co.uk) and from the Club office on the day of the event. These change some rules in the RRS.
- 1.3** The ISC Sailing Instructions will be subject to amendments for the event. These amendments will be placed on the Club's website prior to the event and will also be available on the day.
- 1.4** The time limit in ISC sailing instruction 14.2 is amended to 90 minutes
- 1.5** The Exoneration Penalty (with the minimum penalty increased from two to three places) and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. These procedures can be obtained from the ISC Office and the RYA web site.
- 1.6** All boats shall comply with the International Topper class rules, in particular only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used, and sails shall have been officially stamped Race Approved Sail. Class rule change to Class Rule 5.3:

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Itchenor Sailing Club.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The event is open to 4.2 and 5.3 boats of the ITCA Topper Class.
- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter online via the ITCA website

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is as follows below and should be paid through online entry.

- a. 4.2 & 5.3 Entry 1 Day £18.00
- b. 4.2 & 5.3 Entry 2 Day £35.00

4.2 For boats visiting Chichester Harbour who have not already paid Harbour Dues, there is a £2.00 charge payable on top of the race fees. This has been included in the entry fee.

4.3 Included in the entry fee is a bowl of pasta for competitors once ashore after racing

5. REGISTRATION and SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will take place from 08.30 am Saturday 16th June at ISC. Please ensure that a signed consent form has been completed.

5.2 Dates of racing and programme:

Date	Race	Warning Signal	HW	Height
16/05/2026	First race of day	11:05	11:40	4.7m
17/05/2026	First race of day	10:55	12:29	4.8m

This schedule of races is indicative and will depend on weather conditions. The Race Committee aim to run up to four races back-to-back each day. All races are expected to be held back-to-back.

5.3 The target time for the finish of the lead boat will be 45 minutes, with a time limit of 90 minutes for the last boat.

5.4 There will be a briefing for competitors in the vicinity of the Bandstand at 10:00 on Saturday 16th May 2026

6. VENUE

6.1 The location of the event is Itchenor Sailing Club, Chichester Harbour, West Sussex PO20 7AG.

6.2 The racing area will be in Chichester Harbour.

7. SCORING

7.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

7.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

7.3 (a) When fewer than 3 races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, with no discard.

(b) When 6 or more are completed, there will be one discard.

(c) When 8 or more are completed, there will be two discards.

8. PRIZES

8.1 There will be keeper style prizes for the following:

5.3s

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 1st female outside the top 3
- 1st U13

4.2s

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

8.2 Prize giving will take place on the Club lawn at 15:00 on Sunday 17th May or as soon as possible after racing is completed.

9. SAFETY TALLIES AND SIGNING OFF

There will be a tally board with numbered wrist bands that must be worn by all competitors while afloat. Each competitor must collect his or her own band to sign on for the race. At the end of the days racing this band must be returned to the tally board. The opening and closing of the tally board will be controlled by the Beach Master. Failure to tally out and in may result in a disqualification from the event.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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."

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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of support 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 familiarize 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;

11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

1. BERTHING AND TRAILERS

1.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned area on the ISC landing stage.

1.2 Please note that the staging could get wet at high water so all gear and valuables should be left secure. Boats staying on the stage overnight should be tied down.

1.3 Trailers must be manhandled from the road to the Club stage as vehicles are not permitted down the Club Lane. Parking for cars is available at the Harbour Conservancy car park (Pay & Display).

Road Trailers may remain on the staging; however, the staging may flood at high water Spring Tides.

1.4 For sailors arriving at the club with a boat on a road trailer, especially at busy times, it is simplest to go straight into the Conservancy Pay and Display Car Park, unhitch and wheel the boat plus sailing kit down Club Lane on to the stage. Road trailers may be left in the car park or on the stage under your dinghy. Cars are not permitted in the club lane.

2. CLUBHOUSE

All competitors and their families are invited to use the facilities of the Club, during their stay. They will be deemed to be Temporary Members for the duration of the event, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and traditions.

3. DRESS

Members and visitors to the club are asked to change from their sailing clothes in the evenings and dress appropriately for the time of day. It is recommended that valuables are not left in the changing rooms. Items of value may be deposited with the Office for safe keeping, at owner's risk.

4. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in the Club is available. Please arrange with the Office: 01243 512400.

5. CATERING

Bar and catering facilities will be available for the duration of the event.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION.

Please Contact: Itchenor Sailing Club, Itchenor, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 7AG.

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