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Tamesis Club
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ITCA
International Topper
Class Association



RYA
Junior Club Championship
Qualifying event

TOPPER OPEN

**L&SE SPRING 5 TRAVELLERS SERIES
& RYA JUNIOR CLUB CHAMP EVENT!**



9:00AM REGISTRATION OPENS
10:00AM BRIEFING
***10:30AM FIRST START**
 x4 RACES PLANNED
 LAST START NO LATER THAN 3PM
ENTER BY THE 3RD JUNE AT: ITCA-GBR.CO.UK

***25 BOAT LIMIT - EARLY ENTRY ADVISED**

Refreshments, breakfast and lunch available.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- The organising authority is Tamesis Club together with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA).
- The Tamesis Club Topper Open Meeting is an event of the London & Southeast Autumn Traveller Series and an RYA Junior Championship Qualifier.

2 RULES

- The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), which include the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the ITCA and the Standard Sailing Instructions of Tamesis Club, which include the provisions of Part 2c: Navigation - steering sailing and speed of The Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEE

- The regatta is open to boats of the ITCA Topper class.
- Entries should be made online before midnight Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at on the ITCA-GBR website: <https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=1781>
- Late entries may be available in person at registration, subject to availability.
- Entry fee is **£18.00**. Payment by card only please.
- The club reserves the right to limit the number of entries. These will be accepted in the order received. We will cap the maximum number of entries at 25 sailors with 10 slots reserved for club members.
- All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of Tamesis Club during the event. As such competitors agree as a condition of entry to abide by all the club's rules and byelaws.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- See the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- The Sailing Instructions (Standard) are available on the Tamesis Club website under [Sailing Notices](#).
- The course to be sailed and the course area will be announced at the briefing and displayed ashore or on a committee boat.

6 TAMESIS CLUB LOCATION

- Trowlock Way, Broom Road, Teddington TW11 9QY
- Car parking at the club or in the adjacent public car park. Boats may be left overnight, at the owner's risk, by arrangement with the Topper Class Captain and / or Flag Officers of the club.
- Website: www.tamesisclub.co.uk

7 SCHEDULE

- | Time | Activity |
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| 09:00 | Registration opens in the club house. |
| 10:00 | Race briefing for all competitors. |
| 10:30 | First Race |
- The first race will start no earlier than 10:30.
 - The intention is that four races will be sailed. Some races may be sailed back-to-back. It is intended to finish racing by 15:45 with no start after 15:00.
 - The race committee reserves the right to organise racing in heats: details will be given at the briefing.

8 CATERING

- The kitchen will be serving bacon rolls on arrival, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase and the bar will be open.

9 PRIZES

- Prizes will be awarded overall on the basis of the square root of the number of helms who have sailed.
- The Murray Vines Cup will be awarded for first place overall.
- Medals will be awarded as part of the RYA Junior Club Championship: gold, silver & bronze
- Other Additional awards may be given for:
 - 1st girl outside the top 3
 - 1st 4.2 sailor
 - 1st Tamesis sailor outside the top 3
- The Prize Giving will take place after racing finishes and any protests have been heard.

10 RULE DISPUTES AND PROTESTS

- 10.1 The dispute resolution procedures are stated in Section 17 of the Tamesis Club Standard Sailing Instructions. 10.2 Advisory Hearings and Arbitration: RRS Appendix T applies. If possible, an Advisory Hearing or Arbitration will be available as an alternative to a full Protest Hearing. 10.3 Post-Race Penalties: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 may, after the race and before the start of a protest hearing, take a Post-Race Penalty of 30% as provided in RRS Appendix T1. 10.4 Finality

of Decisions: Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.3. 10.5 Propulsion: RRS Appendix P will apply as modified in Section 16 of the Standard Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- The number of races scheduled is four. The number of races required to complete the series is one.
- If up to three races are sailed, all shall count. If four or more races are sailed a boat's worst score shall be discarded.
- The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- In the event of a series-score tie, Appendix A.8 of the RRS will be followed.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.
- **Safety.** A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Standard Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- **Rule 3 of the RRS 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 racing at Tamesis Club, 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;
 - (h) Their boat is adequately insured against third party claims;
 - (i) A skipper undertakes to inform his/her crew of the contents of this risk statement and to draw the crew's attention to the importance of every person having appropriate personal insurance having regard for their individual circumstances.

13 INSURANCE

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

14 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

- By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant rights in perpetuity and without compensation to the organising authority (i) to make any photography, audio and video recording at the venue, or on the water, from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, and (ii) to use and show such photography, audio and video recording (and other reproductions of them) at the discretion of the organising authority.

15 DATA PROTECTION

- To organise and run the event the organising authority will collect and use personal data. Such collection and use of personal data is consistent with the obligations of the organising authority and rights of individuals under the law of the United Kingdom.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- For further information, please contact the Rear Commodore, Sailing at Tamesis Club.