

Topper 5.3 National Series 2014-2015

1 RULES

- 1.1 The 5.3 National series will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing in force at the time of each event
- 1.2 Prescriptions of the ITCA (GBR) and any other such instructions determined by the host Club will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016* or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Only current members of a National Topper Class Association may enter any of the events. Competitors may join at Registration or pay a temporary weekend membership of £20.00.
- 2.2 The person and boat stated on the entry form for each event will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at that event.
- 2.3 All competitors will be allocated a 2015 Championship number and it must be displayed in accordance with Class Rules. Competitors may retain their Championship Number for 2014 by renewing ITCA (GBR) membership when prompted via the ITCA(GBR) website.

3 APPROVED SAIL:

- 3.1 5.3 m2 sails that are supplied by Topper International and stamped 'Race Approved Sail' must be used.
- 3.2 Competitors may only use ONE 5.3 m2 sail during each event. If for any reason a sail requires changing the competitor MUST obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.

4 NATIONAL SERIES EVENTS

5.3 NS 1	Sept 6 th & 7 th 2014	Rutland SC
5.3 NS 2	February 7 th & 8 th 2015	WPNSA
5.3 NS 3	March 21 st & 22 nd 2015	Queen Mary SC
5.3.NS 4	May 2 nd & 3 rd 2015	Topper 5.3 Inlands - Grafham Water SC
5.3.NS 5	June 6 th & 7 th 2015	Royal Norfolk & Suffolk YC
5.3.NS 6	July 11 th and 12 th 2015	Carsington SC

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Individual Event Sailing Instructions will apply. These will be available on the ITCA (GBR) class website and may be given in writing at registration.

6 SCORING

- 6.1 The series will be scored by Appendix A, low points score, per event.
- 6.2 Six events are scheduled and each boat's final score in the National Series shall be the total of her event scores excluding her worst score. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.
- 6.3 When a boat does not register at an event, her score for DNC will be one more than the largest registered entry in any of the scheduled events.
- 6.4 Appendix A, rule A8, will be used to break series ties, replacing "race" with "event".

7 NATIONAL SERIES PRIZES

- 7.1 Prizes for the series will be awarded for first, second and third overall.
- 7.2 Prizes will also be awarded to first, second and third male and female competitors.
- 7.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of ITCA(GBR) and the Sponsors.

8 RISK STATEMENT

RRS Rule 4 of Racing Rules of Sailing 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. 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 omission;
- 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

9 INSURANCE

- 9.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 2,000,000 per event.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 10.1 For further information please contact:

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