



Plymouth Youth Sailing Club

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TOPPER SOUTH WEST AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

ITCA South West Traveller Series

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June 2018

The organising Authority is Plymouth Youth Sailing Club

Notice of Race

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017-2020.

1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.

1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.

1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.6 All competing boats shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth. A copy of these will be available in the race office

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP].

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry & consent form.

3.2 No dinghy shall take part in the races unless a completed entry & consent form with the required fee has been accepted by organisers in advance.

4 RACE FLEETS

4.1 Racing will take part in 5.3 and 4.2 Toppers, All boats will start as one group

5 Fees

5.1 The entry fee is £30 per person for the event.

6 not used

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Saturday 23rd Competitors Briefing 11.00 (launching immediately after)

First Warning Signal 11.55 Maximum of 4 back to back races

Sunday 24th Competitors Briefing 10.00 (launching immediately after)

First Warning Signal 10.55. Maximum of 4 back to back races

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7.2 One extra race per day may be sailed in each fleet, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule

7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

8 Measurement

8.1 There will be no pre-event measurement

8.2 Competitors are reminded that item 7.5 of the Topper Class Rules "A bow line of not less than 1500mm in length and 6mm in diameter shall be fastened at the bow line attachment point and stowed in a manner which permits its immediate use for towing or mooring".

8.3 Championship numbers will **not** be used for scoring

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website at least three days prior to the event.

9.2 Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board. Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10 VENUE

10.1 Mount batten Centre, 70 Lawrence Rd, Plymouth.PL9 9 SJ.

10.2 Sailing will take place in Plymouth Sound north of the Plymouth Breakwater.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses are expected to be as follows:

Course A	Trapezoid
Course B	Triangel/sausage course
Course C	Windward/Leeward

12 PENALTIES

12.1 PYSC implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with the Charter.

12.2 The Exoneration penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

13 SCORING

13.1 For the Regatta race series:

13.1.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series

13.1.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1 - 3	0
4 – 6	1
7 - 8	2

14 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

14.1 Coach and support boats will not be permitted.

15 BERTHING

15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

16 not used

17 not used

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

19 PRIZES

19.1 There will be trophies and prizes for each fleet in the overall fleet racing regatta. Plus special prizes

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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 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, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 competitors briefing held at the venue.

23 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

24 DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 23) will comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations that come into effect in May 2018. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Plymouth Youth sailing Club at plymouthyouthsailing@hotmail.co.uk