

Snowflakes Sailing Club

NOTICE of RACE

Topper Open Traveller Snowflakes Sailing Club - Sunday 6th January

1. Organising Authority

The event will be held under the burgee of Snowflakes Club, and the organising authority of the event is Snowflakes Sailing Club (SFSC)

2. Rules

2.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of the RYA (except as supplemented and amended by SFSC Sailing Instructions which are available on SFSC Notice Board).

2.2. Dinghies - a painter of minimum length 2.00m suitable for towing must be attached to the bow of all boats.

2.3. Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by competitors whilst afloat.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. This event is open to all Topper class dinghies

3.2. The maximum number of entries for the event is 75 boats. Entries will be accepted by SFSC on a first come, first served basis.

3.3. Competitors shall fully complete and sign an Entry Form at registration. Forms are available to download on ITCA website, and will be available from the SFSC Club Office on the day of the event. No signed entry form, no entry.

3.4. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million for any one incident and shall sign a declaration to that effect before going afloat.

4. Entry fees

4.1 No fees are refundable after commencement of the event.

4.2 The entry fee for the event will be £3.00

5. Registration

5.1 Entries will be taken on the day up until the briefing at 10.00

6. Programme and Schedule of Races

6.1. The event will consist of a series of up to 4 races (likely to be 3) held on 6th January

6.2. A briefing will be held at 10.00 hours with the first race start not earlier than 10.30 hours

6.3. It is the intention to sail two races before lunch with time for a break and then the third after lunch.

7. Measurement

7.1. All boats and equipment shall conform to the Topper Class Association rules

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. Sailing instructions are available on the club notice board

9. Courses and Racing Area

9.1 Racing will take place on the River Bure, within the limits prescribed within the Sailing Instructions

9.2 Details of course will be explained at the briefing.

10. Rules, Disputes, Protests and Requests for Redress

10.1 The exoneration Penalty (and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available

11. Scoring for each series

11.1 One race will be sufficient to constitute a series

11.2 Scoring - as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions

11.3 the number of races to be discarded will be as follows:

3 races sailed - 1 discard Less than 3 races sailed - no discard

12. Prizes

12.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third placed boats.

12.2. Any other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

12.3. Prize Giving will take place in the clubhouse as soon as practicable after the last race.

13. Risk Statement

13.1. 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 is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves elements of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. 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;

2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

5. 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;

6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

14. Inspections

14.1 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

15. Rights to names and likenesses

15.1 competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

16. Radio Communication

16.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications while racing. This restriction includes the use of mobile telephones

17. Insurance

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 000 000 for any one incident and shall sign a declaration to that effect before going afloat (see Entry Form)

18. Information

18.1. Address. Snowflakes Sailing Club, Lower Street, Horning, Norfolk NR12 8HA
Tel. 07766771592. www.sfsc.co.uk Email sfsc1@hotmail.com

19. Local Variations

19.1. By entering the event, all competitors agree to read and abide by the SFSC Rules and regulations - see the club notice board.

19.2 All boats visiting or sailing in the Broads Authority area are required to pay the necessary boat toll. For information on this please contact the Broads Authority or the club.