

**Snettisham Beach
Sailing Club**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ITCA Topper Traveller

(Issued 08/08/2019)

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 and the prescriptions of the RYA as published on the RYA Website and the individual class measurement rules except that.

1.1. Racing Rule 40. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES will be changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes the rule in that the rule is always in force during racing and code flag Y need not be displayed to indicate this.

1.2. Racing Rule 44.3 Scoring Penalty will not apply

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the First Floor of the Clubhouse or the Conservatory.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect,

except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed as follows:

4.1 For Committee Boat Starts, signals ashore will be made from the main flagstaff in front of the club.

4.2 For Beach Line Starts, signals will be displayed from the flagstaff on the beach.

4.3 For Lake Racing, signals will be made from the flagstaff by the Lake launching area.

When flag AP is displayed ashore for Committee Boat Starts, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' before the race start sequence can commence.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of Races will be published in the "Notice of Race" and any modifications to the schedule will be posted on the website and the official notice board.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag for the Topper Open Meeting will be Flag T.

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be carried out on the Sea directly to the West of the clubhouse or in the gravel pit behind the club.

7.1. The Diagram on the back page of these instructions, describes the Sea course options available to be sailed in this event. The course for the event **Course A** or **Course B** will be posted on the official Noticeboard before the event briefing. In the un-likely event that racing takes place on the lake, the Lake course will be defined at the event briefing.

7.2. If Racing on the Lake, The Race Officer will utilize buoys numbered 1 to 9, and or movable buoys X and Y.

7.3. The following areas on the Sea are designated as obstructions: The fishing/launching area to the North of the club, between the yellow buoys and the beach.

8. SEA RACING – COMMITTEE BOAT STARTS

8.1 For Committee boat starts the Designated Course O2, O3, OX etc, will be displayed on the side of the Committee boat. The side on which each mark is to be left will be indicated by a red (port) or green (starboard) flag displayed on the Committee boat. The description of the Designated Course can be found in Topper Open Meeting Course Diagram. The course to be

sailed will be the course displayed at the time the Class Warning Flag is displayed (5 minute signal)

For Lake Starts, the Course will be displayed on the Race board next to the Lakeside Start Flagstaff. The order of rounding marks will be indicated by the buoy number on a Red or Green board. Red indicating buoy to be rounded to Port, Green, buoy to be rounded to Starboard.

8.2 The Start

Course A - Toppers will be 1st To Start for each Race. Club Starts, if scheduled, will be actioned as soon as is safe to do so after the Toppers have left the Start Line Area..

Course B (or on the Lake) - Toppers will be the only start on that course.

8.3 Races will be started by using rule 26 of the RRS –

Remaining Time to Start	Action + Sound Signal	Flag
5 minutes	Warning Flag hoisted	Flag T
4 minutes	Preparatory Flag hoisted	Either Flag P,I, U or Black Flag
1 minute	Preparatory Flag dropped	
START	Warning Flag dropped	

8.4 The Sea based starting line will be between the main mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end of the line, and a small spherical buoy with an Orange Flag at the Port End. The start line will be set as shown in the Topper Traveller Course Diagram.

If racing on the lake, The Start Line will be between the shore based flagpole displaying an Orange Flag and a Red bladder buoy displaying an Orange Flag

8.5. The Finish

8.5.1. **Course A** - Finishing line will be between **the main mast** on the Committee boat displaying an Orange flag at the Starboard end of the line, and a small spherical buoy with an Orange Flag at the Port End, as shown in the Topper Traveller Course Diagram.

Course B - Finishing line will be between a staff on the Committee boat displaying an Orange flag at the Port end of the line, and a small spherical buoy with an Blue Flag at the Starboard End, as shown in the Topper Traveller Course Diagram.

8.5.2. If racing on the lake, The Finish Line will be between the shore based flagpole displaying an Orange Flag and a Red bladder buoy displaying an Orange Flag

8.5.3. Boats that have finished should avoid the finishing line area until all boats racing have finished or retired.

8.6. Target Race Duration and Shortening Course

8.6.1. The target duration for races will be 30 minutes. Boats should sail the course as designated, and displayed on the side of the Committee boat or until the Shorten Course flag “S” is displayed, together with a sound signal from a Support boat positioned at mark A and / or the Committee Boat. In this event, Sailors should continue to sail the designated Course, passing designated buoy C then D then E and continue to the Finish line. Designations as shown in the Course Diagram. The Buoys on the Course shall not be marked.

8.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes or more, after the first boat sails the course and finishes, may be finished at the position they are in at the time. This indicated by the Flag “W” displayed from a Support boat together with a repeated sound signal. This changes rule 35 of the RRS. Once a sailor receives a Flag “W”, they are expected to either, sail directly to The Start Line in order to prepare for the next Start, or directly back to SBSC Launch / Recovery area if it is the end of the days racing, or they are retiring.

9. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details.

10. SCORING

10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply.

10.2. At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3. Discards

- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When from 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- d) When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1.** A Tally system may be invoked on the day should conditions deem this to be appropriate.
- 11.2.** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or an Event Support Boat on the water as soon as possible. A boat that is retiring, if able, shall move directly to the SBSC Launch / Recovery area, inform the Beach Master that they have returned and then Tally off (if Tally system invoked).

12. ELIGABILITY AND REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 12.1.** Entry to the series are on the basis of class of boat - Topper, and named helm.
- 12.2.** The named helm shall have entered this event in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instruction's and the event "Notice of Race".
- 12.3.** There is no age limit for entrants to this event. The Organizers reserve the right to refuse entry on any grounds deemed reasonable by the Event Race Committee.
- 12.4.** A sailor may choose to sail either with a 4.2 or a 5.3 Sail. Sailors will not be permitted to change sail size during the course of the event. Toppers will race on an equal footing, regardless of sail size. No time corrections will be applied according to the Portsmouth Yardstick or any other Handicap system. The use of Replica Sails shall not be permitted.

13. Prizes

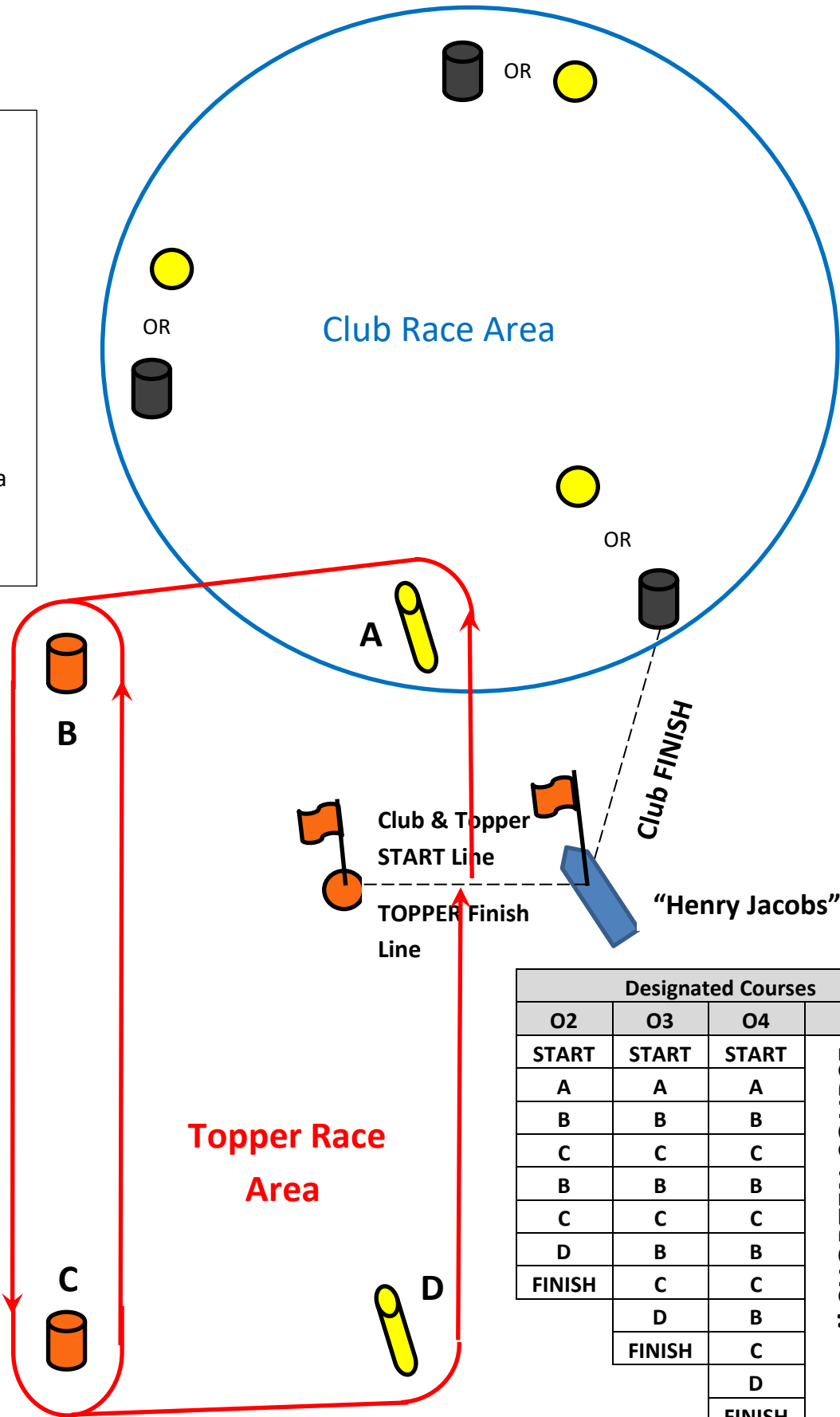
Shall be awarded as described in the "Notice of Race"

Course A

Club Course

Designated Courses for the Topper Event displayed on the side of the Committee Boat

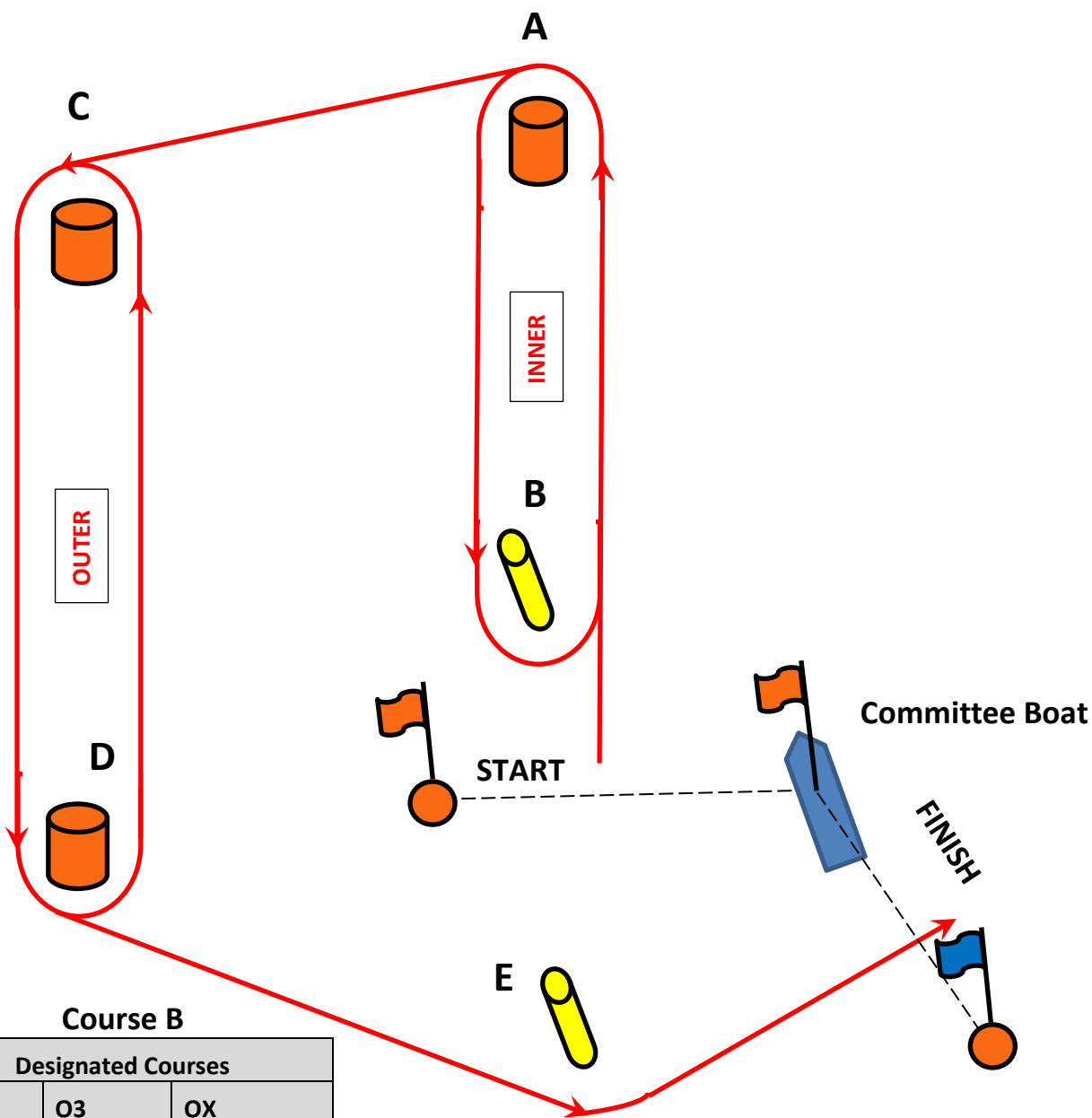
Principle Committee Boat "Henry Jacobs" will also display a separate Course for Club Racing.



Designated Courses			
O2	O3	O4	OX
START	START	START	Race until SHORTEN COURSE Flag S displayed at C
A	A	A	
B	B	B	
C	C	C	
B	B	B	
C	C	C	
D	B	B	
FINISH	C	C	
	D	B	
	FINISH	C	
		D	
		FINISH	
			FINISH

Course B

Trapezoid Course



Course B

Designated Courses		
O2	O3	OX
START	START	START
A	A	A
B	B	B
A	A	Race until flag S displayed at Buoy D, then sail around B Buoy E to finish
C	B	
D	A	
E	C	
FINISH	D	
	E	C
	FINISH	D
		E
		FINISH