



Topper Class Open Meeting

Sunday 19th May 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority:

Hill Head Sailing Club.

2. Rules:

1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
2. The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>

3. Eligibility and Entry:

1. The regatta is open to 4.2 and 5.3 Topper sailors. You must be a member or affiliate of the International Topper Class Association (GBR) for your result to be included in the Championships series. At registration, competitors will be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.
2. Eligible boats shall enter on the day by completing an entry and medical form, and submitting the entry fee. You may download entry and medical forms from <http://www.hillheadsc.org.uk/sail/open-events-1>
3. All helms under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent / Guardian Declarations at registration.

4. Fees:

The entry fee is £15 per boat.

5. Registration:

Registration will be inside Hill Head Sailing Club, outside the Race Office.

6. Briefing:

There will be a competitors briefing 10:15 in the club house.

7. Race Schedule:

1. There will be up to 4 races, sailed back-to-back
2. Time of 1st warning signal 11:25
3. The target duration of each race will be 25-35 minutes for leading boat
4. 4.2 and 5.3 will have separate class starts (where sufficient numbers permit).

8. Race Area:

The race area will be on The Solent, directly in front of the sailing club.

9. High water:

12:24 (4.7 metres).

10. Measurement:

Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

11. Sailing Instructions:

The SIs will be available at registration and on the club website.

12. Prizes and Prize Giving:

1. Prizes will be given in each class, and depending on the number of entries
2. The Prize Giving will be held in the club house after the competitors have come ashore and the final results are ready for publication.

13. Safety:

1. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether ashore or afloat, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
2. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat.

14. Media Rights:

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

15. Disclaimer of Liability

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.
2. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm is fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organizing authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

16. Insurance

Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

17. Support Boats

Support boats shall register at the Race Office during registration.

18. Boat and Car Parking

The grass field next to the sailing club will be available for visitor's cars and boats.

19. Location.

The location of the club can be found using google maps at 'Hill Head Sailing Club' PO14 3JT.

20. Further Information:

1. Please contact Andrew Goodman via arearep.southern@itca-gbr.co.uk
2. Web site at <http://www.hillheadsc.org.uk/>