



1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, these Sailing Instructions and any International Topper Class Rules applicable to class racing in the UK.

2. LIABILITY EXCLUSION

- 2.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces or negates this responsibility.
- 2.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 2.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third-party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000
- 2.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers 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 organiser encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and includes the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 2.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Sails. Distinguishing Numbers. The race committee may permit a boat to use sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's registration, provided that adequate notice is supplied to the race officer prior to a race taking place. The definition of 'adequate notice' shall be at the race officer's discretion.

4. SAFETY

Personal Buoyancy. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Flag "Y" will not be displayed, varying Rule 40 (Personal Flotation Devices). Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

Four races will be held the first starting at 11.00 hours.

6. CLASS WARNING SIGNAL.

The class-warning signal will be Flag "T" for the Topper Fleet.



7. COURSE INSTRUCTIONS.

- 7.1 The likely areas of sailing and the type of courses to be sailed will be explained at the competitor's briefing.
- 7.2 The course marks will be orange and/or white cylindrical buoys.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race shall be 1 hour from the starting signal. The race will be valid for all boats finishing within this time limit.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1 A protesting boat shall inform the race committee immediately after finishing.
- 9.2 Protest time limit, the protest time limit will begin 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day and end 45 minutes later, unless the protest or race committee extend this time limit.
- 9.3 The time and place of hearings will be posted on the Race Notice Board.

10. SCORING

RRS Appendix A Low Point Scoring System will be used.

If three or four races are sailed, then a competitor's score shall be the total their results minus their worst result.

If fewer than three races are sailed, then a competitor's score shall be the total their results.