



**TOPPER TRAVELLER
OPEN WEEKEND
Racing
Hosted by BRIXHAM YACHT CLUB
Sunday 13th October 2019**

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 RYA Racing Charter

- 1.1 Competitors should note that Brixham Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to 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 www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

2. Rules:

- 2.1 Races will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020 except as they are changed by the sailing instructions, class rules, the prescriptions of the RYA and this Notice of Race.
- 2.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory and Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rules-disputes-process.aspx>

3 Conditions of Entry

- 3.1 The safety of the boat and its entire management, including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor racing the boat.
- 3.2 All craft on the club premises (on land and on the water) must have full insurance cover, including third party liability to £3,000,000. All craft intended to be used for racing must have appropriate insurance cover.
- 3.3 The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

4. Eligibility:

- 4.1 Only paid up members of the Topper Class Association shall be eligible to race. All competing boats shall comply with the Topper Class Rules (with the exception that a measurement certificate is not required).
- 4.2 Both full rig and 4.2m rigs are eligible to enter.

5. Entries:

- 5.1 An eligible boat shall enter by completing the entry form and consent form along with paying the entry fee. This can be done at BYC at registration, entries are requested to enter via the Topper website (www.gbrtopper.co.uk) to enable planning for the event. Cheques shall be made payable to BYC. **The entry fees will be: Sunday Racing £ 20**
- 5.2 Entries to be sent to The Racing Manager, Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang, Brixham TQ5 8AR or delivered by hand on the Sunday at registration

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 Full SI's which will include the course options for the event, will be available at registration. The Sis will also be available on the BYC & Topper websites

7. Registration:

- 7.1 Registration will in the 'Race Office' from 08.30 to 09.30 on Sunday 13th October. The 'Race Office' is an out side office near the top of the steps from the main club house to the dinghy compound.
- 7.2 The Competitors Briefing will be in the lower covered compound at the bottom of BYC steps at 09.30.

8. Race Program

- 8.1 The first warning signal 10.40. Successive Races will follow as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous race. It is not anticipated that the fleet come ashore between races. It is intended to run 4 races.

9. Scoring

- 9.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 9.2 When three or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores discarding her worst score. This changes rule A2.

10. Tally & Going Afloat

- 10.1 On both coaching and racing days all competitors will tally out and in and comply with the instructions of the Beach master. Competitors who fail to tally out or in will be penalized, details are in the SIs. Unless flag D is displayed on the compound flag mast no boat will go afloat. This changes RRS Race Signals and Appendix A.

11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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".
- 11.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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 and omissions;
 - d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) 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;

f) provision of patrol boat 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 briefing held for the event.

11.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.

12.0 Prizes

12.1 *At least* the following prizes will be awarded:

1st Overall, 2nd Overall, 3rd Overall, If 15 or more entries are received 4th Overall,
Additional prizes may be awarded

13.0 Right to Use Name and Likeness

13.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost to the organizers the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promotion, reporting and disseminating information regarding the event and the Class and the competitors and crew members' participation in the races.

Further information

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INFORMATION

Facilities:

There is 1 chandlery in Brixham. www.baysidemarine.co.uk/

There is also a well stocked chandlery in Kingswear <http://www.darthaven.co.uk/>

Accommodation

Brixham has a wide variety of hotels, guest houses and B & B's near the club and is available on the English Riviera Website : <http://www.englishriviera.co.uk/site/accommodation>

Dinghies & Car Parking

You should be able to park your boat and launching trolley in an assigned area near the slipway below Brixham Yacht Club, accessed from Oxen Cove harbourside car park, arriving during Club opening hours. Cars can be parked in the public pay & display car parks

Club Facilities

The club facilities include a bar ,lounge & restaurant with professional chef, overlooking the Harbour, the whole of Torbay race area. Showers and toilets will be available to all competitors, their families, crews and guests who will become temporary members of the club for the duration of the championship. You should sign in as visiting yachts.

Food

Food will be available throughout the weekend.

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