**Topper ITCA Open Training & Traveller; Risk Statement and Declarations**

**Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event, each competitor/guardian agrees and acknowledges that:**

(i) 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;

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

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

(iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the Event and they are fit to participate;

(v) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the Organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

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

 (vii) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

 (viii) They will not participate in the Event if under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or if otherwise unfit to participate;

 (ix) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;

(x) If not covered elsewhere in the Notice of Race their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3m against third party claims;

 (xi) They will inform the Organiser if there have been any changes to the information provided on this form at the time of the Event.

**Risk Statement for a training course**

It must be recognised that boating is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event, you agree and acknowledge that:

1. You are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and you accept responsibility exposing yourself to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the Event;
2. You will comply at all times with the instructions of the Organiser particularly with regard to handling of boats, wearing of buoyancy aids and the wearing of suitable clothing for the conditions;
3. You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own negligence;
4. You will not participate in the Event if under the influence is impaired by alcohol, drugs or if otherwise unfit to participate.
5. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
6. You have satisfied yourself as to your suitability/eligibility for the course you are attending
7. You will inform the organiser if there have been any changes to the information provided on this form at the time of the Event.

You hereby agree and acknowledge that you take part in the Event of your own free will and at your own risk and that the Organiser shall not be nor be deemed to be responsible or liable whether in contract or in tort or under any statute for any personal injury (including illness) which may be suffered by you or any damage sustained to your personal property during the Event or any other loss or damage suffered by you as a result of your participation in the Event.