

# Notice of Series



## North Topper Series 2020

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR).
- 1.2 The rules governing each event in the series will be specified in the *Notice of Race* and *Sailing Instructions* published for each event (taking precedence over this *Notice of Series* if there is any conflict).
- 1.3 Competitors should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found in the RYA rule book *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx)

### 2 SERIES EVENTS

- 2.1 The series will consist of the following events:

NT 1	SUNDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	Pennine SC
NT 2	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Beaver SC
NT 3	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	West Ridings SC (TBC)
NT 4	20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Bassenthwaite SC
NT 5	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Elton SC (TBC)
NT 6	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Leigh & Lowton SC

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The series is open to members of ITCA (GBR) sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 5.3 or 4.2 sail.
- 3.2 Every such competitor that enters and registers at one of the series events will automatically be entered into the series.
- 3.3 There will be one fleet for boats using both 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails.
- 3.4 The 6.4 rig is not eligible to enter the series.
- 3.5 Every competitor must be a current member of ITCA. Competitors that are not already a member of a National Topper Class Association should join ITCA (GBR) before registration at their first event, or at their first event may pay £5 (non-refundable) to become a temporary member of ITCA (GBR) for the day/event.

### 4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All boats shall comply with the International Topper class rules; in particular, only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used. [DP]
- 4.2 Each boat shall display the 2019/20 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA (GBR) prescriptions. Each boat trolley shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly displaying the Championship Number

of the boat to which it belongs. Competitors that have not already been allocated a 2019/20 Championship Number will be allocated one at registration. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the prescriptions of ITCA (GBR); using class legal digital 8's. and to obtain and attach a suitable tag to the handle of the boat's trolley. [DP]

## **5 SCORING**

- 5.1 For the purpose of scoring the series, a competitor's score for each event ('event score') will be points equal to her position in the overall results for the event.
- 5.2 When a competitor does not enter or register at an event, her event score for that event will be one more than the largest registered entry at any of the series events.
- 5.3 Event scores will be excluded as follows:
  - a) When four or fewer events have been completed, no event score will be excluded.
  - b) When five events have been completed, one event score will be excluded.
  - c) When six events have been completed, two event scores will be excluded.
- 5.4 Each competitor's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her worst event score.
- 5.5 The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- 5.6 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event".
- 5.7 Results from NT<sub>4</sub> will count to the North West Junior & Youth Traveller Series as well as the North Topper Series

## **6 SERIES PRIZES**

- 6.1 Series prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - a) First, second and third ranked male and
  - b) First, second and third ranked female competitors.
  - c) First boy and first girl 4.2
- 6.2 To be eligible for series prizes for 4.2, sailors must have sailed at least three events with a 4.2 sail.
- 6.3 There will be additional prizes for the NE and NW events as follows:
  - a) The competitor with the lowest score at the North East Events (NT<sub>1</sub>, NT<sub>2</sub> and NT<sub>3</sub>) will be awarded the North East Topper Traveller Trophy
  - b) The competitor with the lowest score at the North West Events (NT<sub>4</sub>, NT<sub>5</sub> and NT<sub>6</sub>) will be awarded the North West Topper Traveller Trophy
- 6.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of North Toppers, ITCA (GBR) and the sponsors.
- 6.5 Prizes will be awarded at Leigh & Lowton a short time after the boats have come ashore.

## **7 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

- 7.1 By entering and competing in the series, the parents/guardians and sailor agree that any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television and written reports may be published on websites or social media. If you do not agree to this, please notify the organisers by email listed in section 8.

## **8 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 8.1 For further information please contact:  
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