

# Notice of Race



## North East Area Champs 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of ITCA (GBR) and rules of the host club will also apply. [DP]
- 1.3 Competitors and their supporters should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that by entering this event they undertake to compete in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and on the RYA website [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk). [DP]
- 1.4 The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 2.2 There will be one fleet for boats using both 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails. 6.4 sails are not permitted.
- 2.3 Every competitor must be a current member of ITCA. Competitors that are not already a member of ITCA (GBR) should join ITCA (GBR) before registration.
- 2.4 Competitors shall be under 18 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020
- 2.5 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the event.
- 2.6 For organisational and safety reasons all entries should be made on the event on-line entry form at least 10 days before the event. Entries after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of one of the area reps. Entry on the day will not be possible.

### 3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 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]
- 3.2 Each boat shall display the 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]
- 3.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.4 Sailors may not change from 4.2 to 5.3 or 5.3 to 4.2 sails in one event.

**4 ENTRY**

- 4.1 There are a limited number of entries.
- 4.2 Pre entry is required using the on-line entry system at <https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/>
- 4.3 The entry fee is:
  - a. £14 for early entries, received at least 30 days before the event.
  - b. £16 for entries received after this date

**5 REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Registration will be from **09:30 to 10:15** on the first day of the event.
- 5.2 Each competitor shall register before racing. To register, each competitor shall provide a completed entry form (signed by their parent or legal guardian in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) and proof of current membership of ITCA (GBR). [DP]

**6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled to take place on one day
- 6.2 There will be a competitor briefing, which all competitors should attend, starting at **10:30**. The launch signal for the first race is expected to be made shortly after the end of this briefing. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3 No starting signal will be made after 15:00, unless fewer than three races have been completed by a class by that time in which case this time limit may be extended to 15:30.
- 6.4 Up to four races will be sailed over the one day.
- 6.5 Races may be sailed back to back.
- 6.6 The intended schedule of racing and of any breaks ashore will be announced at the briefing before racing.
- 6.7 It is intended that races will be around 30-40 minutes in duration.

**7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA (GBR) website prior to the event, note that these may be subject to change. They will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event.

**8 RACING AREAS**

- 8.1 Racing will be at Southfields Reservoir

**9 SCORING**

- 9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 Race scores will be excluded as follows:
  - a. When three or fewer races have been completed, no race score will be excluded.
  - b. When between four and eight races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

**10 PRIZES**

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of ITCA (GBR), the host club and the event sponsor(s).

**11 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1 Only support boats authorised by the Event Safety Officer will be permitted in the racing area. [DP]

**12 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

- 12.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising 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.

**13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.1

**14 RISK STATEMENT**

- 14.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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 or omission;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

**15 INSPECTIONS**

- 15.1 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

**16 INSURANCE**

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per incident or equivalent. [DP]

**17 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DUE TO COVID-19**

- 17.1 There will be no entries on the day.
- 17.2 All helms are required to submit ITCA Parent / Guardian forms at registration at the event, these can be downloaded or will be emailed prior to the event. These should also include details of any adults who are accompanying them on site during the event.
- 17.3 Sailors will be allocated a fleet for launching purposed, they will be issued with a ribbon at registration which they should fly from the top of their masts.
- 17.4 Sailors must only launch in their fleet, from the allocated slipway in their allocated launch slot.
- 17.5 Parents must only launch their own sailors unless agreed in advance with the RO.
- 17.6 All sailors and parents/guardian must follow current governments guidelines and any requests made by safety boats or RO, to include, but not limited to, access to the club, wearing of face coverings and social distancing.
- 17.7 All competitors must wear a face covering during competitor briefing.

**18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 18.1 For further information please contact:

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