

Trimpley Sailing Club
Topper Midlands Traveller Spring 2021 R3

Important Information – Please Read

Sailors and parents/guardians **must not** visit Trimpley Sailing Club if they have or are showing signs of Covid-19 or have been in contact with anyone who has or is showing signs of Covid-19. In the unlikely event that a sailor becomes symptomatic having visited the club, the club must be advised at info@trimpleysailingclub.co.uk or by telephone – 01299 861535

The following important information has been published in line with COVID-19 operational practices undertaken at Trimpley Sailing Club and is considered to permit sailing in accordance with UK Government, Severn Trent Water and RYA guidelines.

Visiting sailors are responsible for their own actions and by visiting the club they are doing so at their own risk.

Travel

Competitors are personally responsible for adhering to UK government travel rules and restrictions.

Arrival

Upon arrival at Trimpley Sailing Club each competitor shall be greeted at the gate by a TSC representative who will advise where to park and rig. This is to ensure appropriate distribution and allocation of car parking having regard to space availability and Covid-19 restrictions. Please park and rig as advised.

When accessing the ramp from the car park, please note tree height is likely to result in damage to masts if fully raised, so please ensure rigging takes place in the designated location

COVID-19 Track and Trace Q-codes are posted at the Clubhouse entrance. All adults are requested to scan the Q-code on a mobile device for Test and Trace purposes.

Race Briefing

No race briefing will be provided on site to avoid group gatherings. This will be undertaken prior to the event as detailed in the Notice of Race. Any alterations to the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted at the Club prior to racing as per the Notice of Race (NOR). Any alterations to SI's or operations on the day will also be advised through the event WhatsApp page, and competitors advised on the water by the Safety Boat.

Boat washing Facilities

It will be the responsibility of each sailor to ensure that boats are washed and clean before arrival. There are no boat washing facilities on site.

Facilities

The Clubhouse will remain closed with the exception of access to toilet facilities. Main doors will be wedged open to reduce contact points.

All competitors are requested to arrive prepared for changing in vehicles/in the open.

All users of toilet facilities are requested to ensure hands are sanitised on entry and exit, and that contact points are wiped down with the antic-bacterial wipes provided after use. If possible please ensure that the facilities are utilised by one person at a time.

The changing rooms will not be available for changing.

Showers are only available for essential use only such as extreme cold with appropriate exceptions for those with disabilities (please advise the OOD if this is applicable and showers will be required).

All contact points are to be cleaned down after use.

Rigging

Sailors are to rig their own boats only and not touch any other boats or equipment to avoid cross contamination. A parent/assistant from the family bubble may assist in the rigging of their children's boat but must observe social distancing rules at all times.

Launching and Recovery

No Sailing is permitted until the Safety Boat is on the water.

A Buoyancy Aid must be worn if accessing the pontoon irrespective of participation in sailing.

Launching will be undertaken in batches of up to 6 competitors upon instruction from OOD or TSC representative.

Boats will be launched into the water from the slipway and must be accessed from the pontoon only. If required it is acceptable to launch with sails wrapped and foils raised and to tie the boat to the pontoon whilst preparing for sail. Sailors are requested to vacate the pontoon as quickly as possible.

One parent/assistant from the family bubble will be permitted to assist with launch/recovery. Boat trolleys must be returned to the designated rigging area. Please ensure no trolleys are left on the slipway or block the driveway access.

The launch process will be exercised in reverse for recovery upon instruction from the Safety Boat.

Competitors are requested to recover their boats and clear the pontoon/slipway as soon as possible.

Sail Wrapping & foil lifting can be undertaken whilst tied to the pontoon prior to lifting the boat out of the water.

Please note the Slipway can be slippery at the waterline – good footwear is recommended if assisting sailors.

The Safety Boat will be the last boat off the water.

Sailing

Please only sail if you feel it is within your ability. If the safety crew or race officer feel any sailor is struggling then they may ask them to sail to shore.

Sailing should be done in a conservative manner and emphasis should be made on keeping distance from others.

When coming ashore please wait if the slipway is busy to avoid bunching and difficulties in maintaining social distancing.

Support Boats

No support boats will be allowed on the water.

Races will be sailed back to back. It is advised that sailors take hydration and food snacks for between races onto the water with them. Subject to weather conditions, sun protection is also advisable.

Safety Boat Support

Sailors must observe fully all instructions given to them during any safety recovery and priority will be given to sailors personal safety and safety boat crew over boat recovery.

Prizes

It is the intention to distribute prizes on the day with winners being requested to collect prizes from the designated location. Should circumstances dictate prizes will be separately distributed to winners after the event.

Results will be published on the Event WhatsApp page and the ITCA website.

Bar & Galley

There will be no bar or galley services available on the day.