



Topper Midlands Traveller R3

Trimpley Sailing Club

8th May 2021

Organising Authority (OA) is Trimpley Sailing Club in conjunction with the Topper Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 a disqualification

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 1.3. Topper Class Rules shall apply as standard
- 1.4. The Sailing Instructions may also change rules, in the event of a conflict the SI's take precedence.
- 1.5. [DP] All Competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices while float, except while briefly adjusting clothing or personal equipment, Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day
- 2.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it takes effect.
- 2.3. Changes to the sailing instructions on the water will be made verbally to each boat before her warning signal.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official notice board will be displayed outside the Clubhouse on site
- 3.2. The race office will be the Race Hut.
- 3.3. The Course will be displayed on the Race Hut (see 9.2 below)

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials, club volunteers, marshals and staff.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the flag pole located next to the Race Hut

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Date	Activity	Time (not before)
8 th May 2021	Race 1 warning signal	10:55
	Race 2,3,4	ASAP after race 1,2 or 3

6.2. 4 races are planned but more or less may be sailed each day at the decision of the race officer.

6.3. No warning signal will be made after 16:30.

6.4. To alert boats that a race will begin shortly, the following flags and signals will be given:

5 minute warning	Class Flag (P) flown	One signal on hooter
4 minute warning	Prep Flag (P) Flown	One signal on hooter
1 minute warning	PrepFlag Down	One signal on hooter
Race Start	Class Flag Down	Long signal on hooter

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Topper Class flag

7.2 Prep Flag (P)

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is Trimpey Reservoir

8.2. Only ITCA Competitors will be permitted to sail on the water on the day of the event.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in 'SI addendum 1' show the approximate location and marking of buoys.

9.2. No later than 30 minutes before the first warning signal the race committee shall display the course on the Race Hut

9.3. The Course should be sailed for the allotted time (approx. 45 mins per race).

9.4. Boats finishing within 10 minutes of the first boat past the line will be recorded as finishing the race. This will be signalled by six signals on the hooter.

10. MARKS

10.1 All marks are indicated by fixed orange buoys as shown in SI Addendum 1 .

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Boats shall not sail under bridges providing access to the Towers on site.

12. THE START

12.1. The start line (L) is between a triangle on the Race Hut and Buoy(L).

12.2. Boats failing to start with 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

- 12.3. A race may not be started if, in the opinion of the race officer there is excessive or insufficient wind.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be the same as the start line.
- 13.2. A hooter will be blown when a competitor has crossed the finish line
- 13.3. At the discretion of the race officer, any competitor failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat finishing that race may be finished on the course by the safety boat.
- 13.4. Any competitor so finished will score the number of points in accordance to their finishing position in that race. This changes RRS 28.1.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The post-race penalty and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The post-race penalty will be 30%.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1.

Mark 1-time limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window
15 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat passes the first buoy within the first mark time limit the race will be abandoned
- 15.3 Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.1(A)
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within the finishing window after the 1st boat to sail the course and finish or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored "Did not finish". **This changes RRS 35.**

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. The Protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last boat in her class finishes the last race of the day or 'no more racing today' is signalled by the race committee, whichever is later.
- 16.2. The protest time will be displayed on the official notice board (see SI 3.1).
- 16.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. One race shall constitute an event
- 17.2. If 3 or fewer races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores
- 17.3. If more than 3 races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. A boat retiring from a race shall inform the race committee or safety boat.
- 18.2. All competitors are requested to ensure appropriate clothing for exposure to weather conditions arising on the day.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. The request must be at the first reasonable opportunity, this may be after the race.

20. EQUIPMENT MEASURES AND CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, NOR or SI.

21. SUPPORT TEAMS

- 21.1. Support teams and vessels will not be allowed on the water.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1. Trash must not be placed on support vessels and must be carried by competitors until returning to shore

23. BERTHING

- 23.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise.

24. INSURANCE

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

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI Addendum 1



