



International Topper Class Association (GBR)
Notice of Series
Midlands Area Traveller Spring Series 2021



1 RULES

- 1.1 The Traveller series will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2 Prescriptions of the ITCA (GBR) and any other such instructions determined by the host Club will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All Sailors and attending parents/guardians must abide by the latest Government COVID guidelines/restrictions, including any guidance as specified by RYA, ITCA and the hosting club.
- 2.2 The series/events are open to sailors sailing an International Topper class dinghy with a 5.3 or 4.2 sail and who are members of a National Topper Class Association.
- 2.3 Topper sailors can also enter Midlands Traveller events (assuming there are spaces available) that take place at their home club for which they are fully paid up members.
- 2.4 The value of the entry fee is at the discretion of the host club or as defined on the ITCA website during entry. Please refer to the event notice of race for any further details.
- 2.5 All Entries/payments for events will be online through the ITCA website.
- 2.6 The person and boat stated on the entry form for each event will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at that event.
- 2.7 Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the hosting club may request an additional form to be completed. Any forms requested, must be completed and emailed to racing.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk minimum 3 days prior to the event.

3 Traveller Event Withdrawal

- 3.1 If the Sailor wishes to withdraw from a Traveller event, they should email racing.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk requesting this.
- 3.2 If withdrawal is requested (for any reason), more than 14 days prior to the event taking place, refund will be Entry fee less £5 admin charge.
If there is an opportunity to transfer the sailors entry to an alternative Midlands Traveller event in the same series, and places are available; this can be requested and will be considered at the discretion of the Midlands Topper Traveller Coordinators.
- 3.3 If withdrawal is requested within 14 days of the event, then the entry fee is non-refundable
If withdrawal is due to COVID related issue (for example self isolation), Refund will be Entry fee less £5 admin charge.

4 APPROVED SAIL

- 4.1 Only sails that are supplied by Topper International and stamped 'Race Approved Sail' must be used.
- 4.2 Competitors may only use ONE sail during each event. If for any reason a sail requires changing the competitor MUST obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.
- 4.3 If a sailor uses a mix of sail sizes during the series, they will be eligible only for a Series position and will not be eligible for the 4.2 Sail Series Category
- 4.4 Reefed 5.3 Sails will continue to be classified as having sailed as a 5.3 Classification.

5 TRAVELLER SERIES EVENTS

Events are planned for the following dates. Those marked * TBC are intended dates but not confirmed. Updated dates will be posted on the Topper class association website.

Spring 2021 series	Date	Club
Event 1	10th April 2021	Draycote Water Sailing Club
Event 2	17th April 2021	Northampton Sailing Club
Event 3	8 th May 2021	Trimpley Sailing Club
Event 4	22 nd May 2021	Draycote Water Sailing Club

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS/NOTIFICATION OF RACE

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions/Notification of Race will be published by the host club and be available prior to the event.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2 RRS A8 will be used to break event ties.
- 7.3 An event will be deemed to have been "Completed" when one or more starts have taken place.
- 7.4 The Series Scoring will be calculated as follows
- 2 Event Series = 2 Events to Count
 - 3 Event Series = 2 Events to Count
 - 4 Event Series = 3 Events to Count
- 7.5 A did not compete DNC (Series Score) shall be scored as one more than the total entry for the Traveller Series.
- 7.6 RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "event".

8 TRAVELLER SERIES TROPHIES/PRIZES

8.1 To enable a sailor to have a final series result in the 2021 Spring series and subsequently be eligible for Trophies/Prizes; the sailor must register and pay a notional £5 fee per series, (this covers the cost of the end of series trophies/prizes).

8.2 If only 1 event takes place; trophies/prizes will **not** be awarded.

8.3 Trophies/Prizes for the Traveller Series will be awarded for: First Overall Second Overall Third Overall.

8.4 Other Trophies/prizes may be awarded for the series at the discretion of the Midlands Topper Traveller Series Administration Team, subject to participation levels and series qualifying criteria being met.

8.5 Perpetual Trophies (Returning) will be awarded for

(i) Overall Series Winner

(ii) 4.2 Sail Winner

(iii) Under 13 Winner

8.6 Only one Perpetual Trophy will be awarded per Sailor, the order of preference will be as shown in section 8.5. If this situation occurs then the Sailor will be awarded the highest preference trophy with the remaining trophy(s) being awarded to the next applicable sailor.

8.7 Winners of the perpetual trophies must complete the accompanying form and return to racing.midlands@itca-gbr.co.uk

8.8 The Endeavour award (if presented) can be awarded to any sailor who has entered the series, independent of them winning any other prize/trophy.

8.9 If "1st Boy" and "1st Girl" Trophies/Prizes are awarded, these will be to the highest placed sailor who has not received a prize/trophy

8.10 Any age related trophies will be awarded based upon the sailor's age on the date of the last event in the series. If the date of the last event changes within 1 month prior to the event taking place, then the age of the sailor will be calculated using the original planned date of the last event.

9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

10 INSURANCE

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per event.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

11.1 For further information please contact:

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