

Notice of Race



North Topper Series NT5 Rossendale Valley Sailing Club 12th June 2021

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The Organising Authority is ITCA (UK) in conjunction with Rossendale Valley Sailing Club

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* and on the RYA website 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 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA (GBR) website prior to the event, note that these may be subject to change. Printed copies will not be provided.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make electronic voice or data transmissions and shall not receive electronic voice or data communications not available to all boats.
- 3.2 The OA will establish a WhatsApp group for the purpose of communicating to competitors, parents and coaches. A joining link will be issued to entrants.
- 3.3 The Official Notice Board may be online.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 4.2 There will be one fleet for boats using both 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails. 6.4 sails are not permitted.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Competitors shall be under 18 on the 31st December 2021
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 For organisational and safety reasons all entries should be made on the event on-line entry form at <https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/> 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.

- 4.7 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]
- 4.8 There are a limited number of entries.
- 4.9 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]
- 4.10 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. 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]
- 4.11 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 4.12 Sailors may not change from 4.2 to 5.3 or 5.3 to 4.2 sails in one event.

5 FEES

- 5.1 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

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be from **09:30 to 10:15** on the first day of the event.
- 6.2 Racing is scheduled to take place on one day
- 6.3 There will be a competitor briefing, which all competitors should attend, the scheduled time will be detailed in the sailing instructions. 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.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 Four races will be sailed over the one day.
- 6.6 Races may be sailed back to back.
- 6.7 The intended schedule of racing and of any breaks ashore will be announced at the briefing before racing.
- 6.8 It is intended that races will be around 30-40 minutes in duration.

7 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered personal flotation devices.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will be at Clowbridge Reservoir

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be trapezoid type courses.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 10.2 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, amended as follows:
- 11.2 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.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

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

13 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- 13.1 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.

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.

- 14.2 [NP] [DP] **COVID Statement**

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

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 PRIZES

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

18 CANCELLATION

- 18.1 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 18.2 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

- 18.3 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event at least 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1, the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.
- 18.4 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours of the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 18.5 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - 18.5.1 Cancellation more than 14 days before the event: entry fee less £5 admin charge.
 - 18.5.2 Cancellation more than 7 but less than 14 days before the event if the place can be resold: entry fee less £5 admin charge.
 - 18.5.3 Cancellation within 7 days of the event: no refunds.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information please contact:

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