

Organising Authority:



NOTICE OF RACE FOR TOPPER OPEN MEETING

To be held on Saturday 2nd October 2021

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available
- 1.4 The rules and bylaws of South Staffordshire Sailing Club will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted in accordance with class rules.

3. ELEGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 Key Dates:

Entry Closing Date	Thu, 30 Sep 2021
Event Date	Sat, 2 Oct 2021

3.2 The event is open to boats of the International Topper Class from the Midlands Region as defined in the BYS RTG Regions document <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/british-youth-sailing/regional-training-groups/selections>

3.3 Eligible boats must enter by completing the form and have completed payment of the entry fee by the Entry Closing Date (see 3.1)

3.4 Late entries will not be accepted

3.5 Entry places may be limited, if the event is oversubscribed a lottery may be used to select entrants. Any fee paid by unsuccessful entrants will be refunded in full.

3.6 This event may be used as one of the indicators for the RYA 2021-22 Topper Midlands Regional Training Group

3.7 This event forms part of the "2021 Topper Traveller Series". All boats will be automatically entered in the series, there is no additional entry process. At least two events are required to be completed to constitute a series.

4. NOT USED

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee for the event will be £17.00

5.2 Refund Policy

5.2.1 If a competitor withdraws before the Event Date they will receive a refund of the fee paid less any costs incurred.

5.2.2 If the event is cancelled by the organisers prior to the fleet launching all competitors will be offered a free transfer to a rescheduled or future event, or a refund (less any costs incurred).

6. RACE FLEETS

6.1 Competitors will race in one fleet

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures)

Registration	There will be no entry or registration on the day. Only prior entries will be accepted
Competitor's Briefing	10.30
First AM Warning Signal (no earlier than)	10:55
Last Warning Signal (no later than)	16:00
Prize Giving	After all sailors have returned to shore and any protests have been heard

7.2 There will be a maximum of four races sailed.

7.3 There will be a break for sailors to return to shore for lunch.

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 Random measurement checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the event.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Sailing instructions will be emailed to competitors no later than the Competitor's Briefing.

9.2 Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10. VENUE

10.1 Races will be sailed at Lower Pool, Gailey Lea Lane, Penkridge, Staffs. ST19 5PT. See: <http://www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk/>

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat prior to the start signal of each race.

11.2 Trapezoid courses will be used if practical.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Rule 44.3, will not apply.

13. SCORING

13.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Support boats shall not be permitted.

15-17. NOT USED

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats..

19. PRIZES

To be determined

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. South Staffordshire Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event. A parent or responsible adult must accompany a competitor under the age of 18 years and sign the declaration form giving their permission to enter the event.

21. INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event.

22. COVID STATEMENT

22.1. 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 Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information please email juniors@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk