



# Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club



Topper Open Meeting (Midlands Traveller Series)

Saturday 2nd<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be held under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, The Event Sailing Instructions of Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club, and the principals and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority is Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club.

### 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Event Sailing Instructions will be posted on the club website [www.ncsc.org.uk](http://www.ncsc.org.uk) and on the ITCA website [www.itca-gbr.co.uk](http://www.itca-gbr.co.uk) no later than 25th November 2023.

### 3. Communication

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located in the club conservatory, outside the race office.

### 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to International Topper Class boats, both 5.3 and 4.2 rig, that comply with the class association rules on the date of the event. Sailors shall be either a member of the Topper Class Association or Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club
- 4.2 All competitors shall be deemed temporary members of Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club and must comply with the rules defined by The Club. In particular, competitors must comply with any regulations or recommendations the club may have in place at the time of the event which relate to Covid 19.
- 4.3 Entry is in advance through the ITCA website. No entries shall be accepted on the day.
- 4.4 Entries may be limited per the details on the booking system on the ITCA website after which there shall be a waiting list
- 4.5 The entry closing date is 20:00:00 on 30th November 2023.

## 5 Fees

5.1 Entry fees : £20 per boat payable through the ITCA website

## 6 Advertising

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and approved by the event coordinators and approved by the Organising Authority

## 7 Schedule

7.1 A briefing will be held at 10.00 am on the Saturday on the verandah outside the clubhouse

7.2 The 1st warning signal shall not be before 10:25am on the Saturday.

7.3 Maximum of up to Four races to be sailed.

7.4 The last warning signal be no later than 15:45.

7.5 The intention is to sail 4 races, two races back to back before a break and then 2 races back to back after lunch.

7.6 Race times are subject to change and any variation will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## 8 Venue

8.1 The venue is Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club at Hoveringham, Nottinghamshire, NG14 7JS

## 9 Courses

9.1 Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions

## 10 Scoring

10.1 At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When fewer than four races are completed the boats score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When four races are completed the boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

10.4 All rigs (5.3, 4.2, and reefed) will be scored as a single fleet

## 11 Risk Statement

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
- 11.2 The provision of safety patrol boat cover does not relieve the competitors of their responsibilities.

## 12 Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 RRS. 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.

## 13 Insurance

- 13.1 All participants shall be listed on the entry form, they or their representative shall pay the entry fee and sign the entry form to confirm that their craft is insured for third party liability to a minimum of £3 million.

## 14 Trophies

- 14.1 Trophies Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority (Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club) and shall be a minimum of 1st, 2nd, 3rd place overall and 1st, 2nd 4.2 rig.

## 15 Coaching

- 15.1 ITCA have arranged for on-water coaching for the less experienced sailors during the races. This is not intended to give individuals unfair advantage, rather to support their development and motivation for the future. The coach will adhere to coaching principles and behaviours as required under Rule 2, Fair Sailing. No other on-water coaches are permitted for the duration of the event.

## 16 Further information

- 16.1 Food and refreshments will be available until the end of lunchtime .

If you require any further information, please contact Ross Ryan (PRO) on [rossryan@btinternet.com](mailto:rossryan@btinternet.com) or by text on 07787 341529.

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