



Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club



Topper Open Meeting (Midlands Traveller Series)

Saturday 22nd March 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be held under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, The Event Sailing Instructions of NCSC, 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 and on the ITCA website www.itca-gbr.co.uk no later than 14th March 2025.

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.
- 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 20th March 2025.

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 worst score.

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

11 Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to 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 agrees and acknowledges that:

11.1 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.

11.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

11.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

11.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

11.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities. The provision of safety patrol boat cover does not relieve the competitors of their responsibilities.

11.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

11.7 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 safety briefing held for the event.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 3 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 £5 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 may provide 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 Greg, ITCA Midlands Area Rep
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