



International Topper Class Association (GBR)

Notice of Race



Craftinsure National Series

Derwent Water Sailing Club
June 20th and 21st 2009

SAFETY

- 1.1 Every person has a responsibility for rules observance and to "think safety".
- 1.2 A Race Official will require sailors to go ashore if they are poorly prepared for the conditions.
- 1.3 Failure to comply with safety crew instructions will result in disqualification.
- 1.4 Boats retiring or disqualified must report to the nearest safety boat for instructions. Leaving the race area without permission of a race official may result in disqualification. The race officer's decision is final.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012*.
- 1.2 Prescriptions of the I.T.C.A. (GBR) and any other such instructions determined by the host Club will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Only current members of a National Topper Class Association may enter any of the events. Competitors may join at Registration or pay a temporary weekend membership of £5.00.
- 2.2 Members of the host club who are not members of a National Topper Class Association should pay the temporary membership of £5.00 on entering the event.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 All boats will be allocated and must display a **2009 Championship Number**. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail according to the instructions given. Should a problem arise with the placement of the Championship Number, the positioning will be decided by the Chief Measurer or the Principal Race Officer or a member of the Topper Class Committee.
- 2.5 Competitors may only use ONE sail during the event. In the event of damage that it is not feasible to repair the competitor **MUST** obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.
- 2.6 Pre entry is strongly recommended for these events, as numbers may be restricted.
- 2.7 Entries from competitors will be accepted online on completion of the entry form, receipt of the appropriate entry fee and with presentation of a National Topper Class Association membership number.
- 2.8 Entries may be accepted on the day but cannot be guaranteed and will be subject to a significant financial penalty.
- 2.9 See website for details and to download the appropriate entry forms. www.gbrtopper.co.uk

3 APPROVED SAIL:

- 3.1 Sailors can compete at all ITCA (GBR) events in 2009 using the new 4.2 sq.m. sail. They will race as one fleet with the standard rigged Toppers, and will be credited with their finishing positions.
- 3.2 4.2 sq.m. sails can only be used if they are supplied by Topper International and stamped 'Race Approved Sail'.
- 3.3 Competitors must declare at registration if they intend to use a 4.2 sq.m. sail for the event.

- 3.4 Competitors are reminded of Standard Sailing Instruction 2.4: Competitors may only use ONE sail during the event. In the event of damage that it is not feasible to repair, the competitor MUST obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Saturday April 18th 2009 from 09:30 to 11:00.
4.2 It is intended that up to 6 races will be sailed.
4.3 The first start on the first day will be no earlier than 12.00 hrs.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The I.T.C.A (GBR) Standard Sailing Instructions (2009) will apply.
5.2 These are available on the ITCA (GBR) class website and any supplementary sailing instructions will be given in writing at Registration and/or displayed on the event notice board.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be announced at the briefing and/or in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 7.1 Penalties will be taken in accordance with Rules 44.1 and 44.2. Scoring penalties (44.3) will not apply
7.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form obtained from the Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.
7.3 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.

8 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 A random selection of competitors' boats will be subjected to equipment inspection after racing has been completed each day.
8.2 Boats that do not comply with the Class rules may be subjected to a 10 point penalty.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
9.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
9.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1 Support boats shall be marked with a coloured flag and marked with its role.
10.2 Only support boats registered with the Safety Officer will be permitted on the race course.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

12 INSURANCE

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

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact:

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