



TOPPER TRAVELLER

SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017

County Antrim Yacht Club, Whitehead

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing; 2017 to 2020.

1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA Irl) will apply.

1.3 The organising authority shall be the Count Antrim Yacht Club, Whitehead

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Topper Class Association, both Full rig and 4.2sq.m rig.

2.2 All sailors resident on the island of Ireland must be members of the Irish Topper Class Association, ITCA (Irl) or British Topper Association, ITCA(GB). Overseas entrants should be members of their national Topper class association. Membership can be completed at registration.

2.3 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the host club for the duration of the event.

2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee up to and including the timings of the Registration on the day of the Event.

2.5 Each competitor's entry under 18 years of age on the 9 April 2017 must have the section on the Entry form re: parent / guardian consent completed at registration.

2.6 For the duration of the event the responsible adult of sailors aged under 18 years named on the parent/guardian consent form shall remain within the immediate area of the shore, club or boat park.

3. Fees

3.1 The entry fee for the event is £20 or €25. (as prescribed by ITCA Irl)

3.2 Membership fee for the Topper Class Association is £25 / €30. Alternatively, entrants may pay a One-Event membership fee of £6 / €7. (as prescribed by ITCA Irl)

4. Schedule

4.1 Date of racing - Sunday 9 April 2017

4.2 Number of Races - 4 Races are scheduled

Day/Date	Time	
Sun 09/04/2017	9.00 – 10.00	Registration
	10.15	Competitors Briefing
Race 1	11.15	First Warning Signal
	Subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.	
	16.00	No warning signal may be made after this time

4.3 High water on Sunday 9 April will be 1059 BST (3.5) / Low water 1714 BST (0.3)

5. Measurement.

5.1 A boat or equipment may be measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

6. Sailing Instructions.

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

7. The Venue.

7.1 The Club is located on Marine Parade, Whitehead, BT38 9QP. Unless directed otherwise (due to weather conditions) all competing boats shall launch from and return to the slipway in front of the Club during the event. Reference to RIB Launching, arrival, offloading arrangements may be found in the Event Welcome pack.

7.2 The racing area will be described at the briefing.

8. The Courses.

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring

9.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 If 4 races are completed, 1 discard will apply

10. Support Boats

10.1 Support Boat drivers must provide their contact details at Registration

11. Prizes

11.1 **5.3 Fleet** Overall 1st to 3rd and 1st lady prize.

11.2 **5.3 Fleet** Age-category prizes:

1st to 3rd, U12 years; 1st to 3rd, U14 years; and 1st to 3rd, U17 years.
If a sailor is awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd overall, he/she is excluded from winning an age-category prize.

Category	Year
U12	Born 2005 or later
U14	Born 2003, 2004
U17	Born 2000, 2001, 2002

10.3 4.2 Fleet Overall 1st to 3rd.

11. Risk Statement

11.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor 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 omissions;
- (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 organiser 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 safety briefing held for the event.

12. Insurance

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

13. Photography Consent

13.1 By entering the Event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Event facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

14. Further Information

For further information please contact: sail@cayc.co.uk
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