

# Topper Traveller

Sunday 9 April 2017

County Antrim Yacht Club, Whitehead

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA, these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of the International Topper Class Association will apply.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the hallway on the ground floor, main entrance.

### 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions;

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than one hour before the start of the first race on the morning it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club's Battery flagpole. (top floor of Clubhouse)
- 4.2 When flag AP is flown ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

### 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Number of races scheduled for this event is as follows:
  - (i) Traveller Event - 4 races scheduled
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race at a Traveller Event is 11.15.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, the Orange Starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a Warning Signal is made.
- 5.4 When races are run back to back, the Warning Signal for the next race will be given as soon as possible after all boats have been finished.
- 5.5 At this Traveller Event, no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

### 6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The class flag for the Full rig fleet will be Flag T.
- 6.2 The class flag for '4.2' fleet will be numeral pennant 6.

### 7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area is the area of Whitehead Bay and will be described at the competitors' briefing.

### 8. The Courses

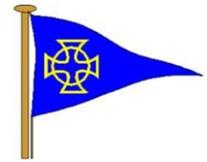
- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the course for each fleet, including approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

### 9. Marks

- 9.1 Course Marks described as 1, 2, 3a(S), 3b(P) and 4 will be 1.5-metre-high Orange "dumpy" marks. The Start/Finish Mark for the pin end of the line will be a 1 metre high Black "dumpy" mark.

### 10. Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1 The obstructions will be described at the competitors' briefing. The following are designated as obstructions; several small reefs off the Public Slipway at low water and two submerged rocks that pose a threat at low water in the bay. The two reefs are marked with red/black striped barrels.



### 11. The Start

**11.1** The starting line will be between a Mast /Pole flying Orange Flag of the committee vessel at the starboard end and a port end mark. An inner limit buoy may be moored approximately on the starting line near to the Committee Boat and, if so, no boat shall pass between the inner limit buoy and the Committee Boat after her warning signal.

**11.2** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule RRS A4.2 and A5 with the addition of the time element.

**11.3** The Warning signal for the '4.2' fleet will ordinarily be made with the Starting Signal for the Full rig fleet, unless a general recall is signaled. If numbers are low, the Race Officer may decide that the 4.2 fleet will start at the same time as the 5.3 fleet. If this is the case, competitors will be informed at the briefing and this system will remain in place for the duration of the event.

**11.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

### 12. Change of Course after the start

**12.1** To change the positions of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

### 13. The Finish

**13.1** The finishing line shall be between a Mast /Pole flying a Blue Flag on the Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

**13.2** In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing the requirement to follow rule RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. RRS 60.1(b) is not applicable to this instruction.

**13.3** After finishing, boats shall keep well clear of the finishing area and avoid impeding any boat not yet finished.

### 14. Penalty System

**14.1** Appendix P of RRS applies, with the exception that RRS P2.3 will not apply. RRS P2.2 is changed - that this rule will apply to any penalty after the first one under RRSP2.1

### 15. Time Limits and Target Times

**15.1** The Target Time for each Race for both Fleets is 35-40 minutes for this Event. The Race Officer has discretion around the overall Time limit of 70 minutes as requested by the ITCA(IRL).

**15.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5 adding the specific time element.

### 16. Protests and Requests for Redress

**16.1** Protest Forms are available at the Race Office, located on the Top floor of the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**16.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore after the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.

**16.3** Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses on the Official Notice Board. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, top floor adjacent to the Race Office.

**16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

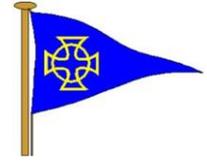
**16.5** On the day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

### 17. Scoring

**17.1** Traveller Event - 1 race is required to constitute a series.

**17.2** The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that:

- (i) For this Traveller event – when 4 races have been sailed, one discard will apply.
- (ii) This changes RRS A2 (A2.1, A2.2)



## **18. Safety Regulations**

**18.1** A safety tally system will be in operation it will be explained at the competitor briefing. Boats failing to return their tallies within the protest time limit may be disqualified from that day's racing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.

**18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**18.3** All crew shall wear adequate personal buoyancy always while on the water.  
This changes RRS 40.

## **19. Replacement of Equipment**

**19.1** Except as permitted by this sailing instruction, boats shall use their correct sail numbers, which shall be clearly readable on both sides of the sail. Only one sail shall be used for the event. If a sail is damaged while afloat, permission to change a sail shall be sought verbally from the race committee and should be followed up with written notification of the change after coming ashore and within protest time.

## **20. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

**20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **21. Official Boats**

**21.1** Official Boats will be marked as follows: Safety Boats and Mark Boats will be displaying flags with a designated number issued by the Event Safety Officer.

## **22. Support Boats**

**22.1** Except for safety or rescue purposes, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

**22.2** Support boats with competitors that have finished shall ensure they remain clear of the final leg between Mark 4 and the Finishing Line. Noting that this is a beat and therefore competitors must be unrestricted in their choice of tack.

## **23. Prizes**

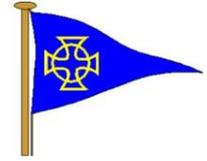
**23.1** The Prizegiving will award as per the NOR categories for each Fleet. This will follow Racing and the completion of any Protests as soon as possible.

## **24. Disclaimer of Liability**

As per Notice of Race

## **25. Insurance**

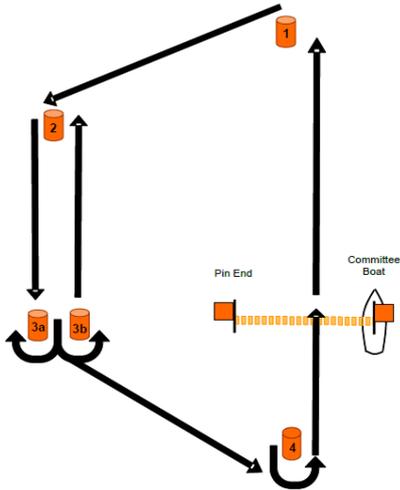
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## Appendix A



ITCA ( IRL ) 5.3 Fleet Course Card



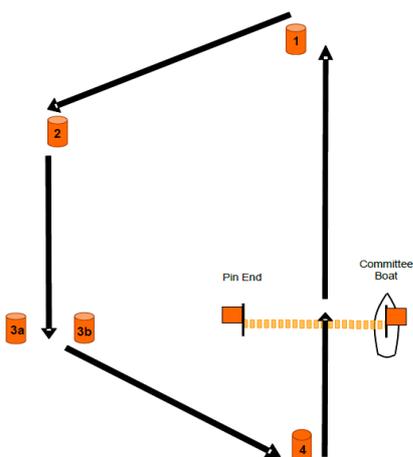
ITCA ( IRL ) - 5.3 Course

1p - 2p - 3a(s) / 3 b(p) - 2p - 3b(p) - 4p → Finish

2016 Version 1



ITCA ( IRL ) 4.2 Fleet Course Card



**Competitors SHALL pass through the gate leaving 3a to Starboard**