



Topper Irish Nationals 2016

Hosted by The Royal Cork Yacht Club July 01st to July 04th

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 to 2016*.

1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA or RYA, the Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA Irl) and the host club will apply.

1.3 The organising authority is the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

2. Advertising

2.1 Unrestricted Category C advertising is allowed under Appendix 1 of the ISAF Advertising Code.

3. Eligibility, Fleets and Entry

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

3.2 The Competition will consist of three fleets;

5.3 Main Fleet

4.2 Main Fleet

Class Development Fleet (Combined 4.2 & 5.3) This fleet will sail a separate course and will be supervised by class association assigned coaches. The introduction of this fleet is to encourage sailors who may be new to Toppers or have only experienced a few sailing events and are still developing their sailing/racing skills.

Note: The race Committee may exercise its discretion to re-allocate a sailor to a different fleet based on that sailor's previous sailing experience and/or ability.

3.3 All sailors resident on the island of Ireland must be members of the Irish Topper Class Association, ITCA (Irl). Overseas entrants should be members of their national Topper class association. Association membership should be completed in good time before event registration.

3.4 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the Royal Cork Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee.

4. Fees

4.1 The entry fee for the event is €95 euro.

4.2 Annual Membership fee for the Topper Class Association is £25/€32 and as all competitors require a valid Championship number, must be a fully paid up member of their respective Topper Association.

5. Schedule

5.1 The event will be held at Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven, County Cork, Ireland on July 01st(Registration), 02nd, 03rd and 04th 2016.

5.2 Nine races are scheduled for the event.

5.3 Registration: Competitors should register on the evening of Friday, 01st July between 18.00 and 21.00 hours or on the morning of Saturday, 02nd July between 08.30 and 10.00 hours

5.4 Competitors Briefing is scheduled for 10:15am on Saturday, 02nd July 2016.

5.5 The first warning signal will be made at 11:55 on Saturday 02nd July. Subsequent races will follow as soon as is practicable.

The first warning signal for Sunday 03rd is 11:55.

The first warning signal for Monday 04th July is 09:25.

No Warning Signal will be made after 14:00 on Monday, 04th July 2016.

6. Measurement and Championship Numbers

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

6.2 Each boat shall display the 2016 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA prescriptions. Competitors who do not have a Championship Number shall apply for allocation of a number:

6.2.1 IRL sailors apply to the IRL Topper Association (membership.irl@gmail.com)

6.2.2 GBR sailors apply to GBR Topper Association (secretary@gbrtopper.co.uk)

6.2.3 Other nationalities should apply to the International Secretary (secretary@itcaworld.org)

6.3 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the prescriptions of ITCA.

7. Sailing Instructions.

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available, at minimum, one week before the event on-line (event web site –www.royalcork.com/topper-irish-nationals-2016/) and at registration.

8. The Venue.

8.1 Racing will take place in Cork Harbour and its surrounding waters. Refer to Admiralty charts 1777 and 1765. There will be numerous Race Areas available using both inside and outside Cork Harbour. details of race areas will be outlined in more detail within the Sailing Instructions.

9. The Courses.

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

10. Scoring.

10.1 The Low Point System will apply. For further details, see Sailing Instructions.

10.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute an event.

11. Prizes

11.1 Overall 1st to 3rd and 1st lady prize. The Overall Winner and 1st Lady must be members of the ITCA (Irl) or be domiciled on the Island of Ireland.

11.2 Age-category prizes: 1st to 3rd, U12; 1st to 3rd, U14; and 1st to 3rd, U17years. If a sailor is awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd overall, he/she is excluded from winning an age-category prize.

Age-Category Prizes - calculated by the competitor's age on 31st December in the previous calendar year. If a sailor is awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd Overall he/she is excluded from winning the Age-Category prizes.

11.3 Overall 1st to 3rd prizes for the 4.2 Main Fleet and the Class Development Fleet.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1 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.

13. Insurance

13.1 It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the Topper Irish Nationals event.