



Astra Construction Topper Ireland Winter Championships



NOTICE OF RACE

24th July - 25th July 2021
Royal Cork Yacht Club

1. Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 to 2024](#).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA or RYA, the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA IRL).
- 1.3 The organizing authority shall be the Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC) in conjunction with ITCA IRL.
- 1.4 Boats competing in each Class shall comply with Topper Class Rules. Boats may be checked for compliance with the Class Rules at any time during the Regatta.

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(GBR).
Sailors can apply for membership of ITCA IRL at <https://www.topperireland.com/membership/>
- 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.

3. Fees

- 3.1 The entry fee for the event is €50.

4. Schedule

| Day/Date | Time | |
|----------------|----------------------|---|
| Fri 23/07/2021 | 17.00 – 19.00 | Registration |
| Sat 24/07/2021 | 9.00 – 10.00 | Registration |
| | 10.15 | Briefing |
| | 11.55 | First Gun |
| Sun 25/07/2021 | 10.25 | First Gun |
| | 15.00 | No warning signal may be made after this time |
| | ASAP After Last race | Prize Giving |

6 Races are scheduled (3 per day) with succeeding races being started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

Depending on conditions, up to 4 races may be held on one day if deemed appropriate, but the racing shall never be more than 1 race ahead of schedule.

5. Competitors – Event Registration and Entry Management

5.1 All competitors must enter the event on www.royalcork.com before 23:00 on 17/07/2021. Late entries are at the discretion of the RCYC.

5.2 The maximum entry for this event is 90 and is being declared for the safety of all competitors and is based on a number of variables associated with this specific event. Entries above this declared maximum may NOT be permitted. A waiting list may be created at the discretion of the Host Club. **Please enter early to avoid disappointment.**

6. Measurement.

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

7. Sailing Instructions.

7.1 The sailing instructions will be made available on-line prior to the event on the RCYC website.

8. The Venue.

8.1 The racing area will be described at the briefing.

9. The Courses.

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

10. Scoring

2-Day, 6 race event

- One race must be completed to create a valid series.
- If 4 or more races are completed, 1 discard will apply

11. Prizes

| 5.3m ² Fleet | | | |
|---|-----------|---|---|
| Youth * | 14+ Years | Female | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd |
| | | Male | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd |
| Junior * | <14 Years | Female | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd |
| | | Male | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd |
| A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner, the 1st girl, and 1 st 4.2 sailor. | | | |
| 4.2m ² Fleet | | | |
| Male or Female | | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd | |

12. Risk Statement

12.1 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:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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.
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and attend any venue/event safety briefings.

13. Insurance

13.1 It is the duty of each boat owner to have their 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 event.

14. Photography Consent

14.1 By entering the Regatta, competitors and, where relevant, their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Regatta 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

15. Boat Parking & Launching / Recovery

15.1 Boat parking and launching/recovery plans may be posted on the Official Notice Board which will be the whatsapp group setup for the event, or on the website. Parking spaces for dinghies may be allocated at Registration. Boats shall only be parked in their allocated pod area.

15.2 All competitors are required to have a launching trolley suitable for their boat that is fully serviceable and clearly marked. Trolleys will be used on a 'first come first served' basis on each day of the Regatta except for recovery on the last day.

16 Support Boats

16.1 All support boats shall register with the Race Office via whatsapp. An identification flag which must be conspicuously displayed during the Regatta, may be issued by the OA at registration on payment of a returnable deposit of fee (Typically around €20.00). A dedicated slot will be assigned to each RIB for Launch and retrieval upon registration.

16.2 Except when requested by or agreed with the Race Committee or during emergency rescue operations, support boats must stay 100m distant from the race area unless requested to assist by an official race committee boat from the time of the first Warning Signal until the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that race area.

16.3 Support boats shall not tow competitors to or from the Race Area unless requested to assist by an official race committee boat.

16.4 Support boats shall comply with instructions issued by the Race Committee.

17 Additional Covid Requirements

17.1 There will be no access to changing rooms for the duration of the event. Competitors must arrive ready to sail and leave following de-rigging.

17.2 Only one coach/coordinator will be allowed in the dinghy park for each club or pod of 14 sailors or less, and that individual may be required to wear a bib for identification. There will be no access to the dinghy park for parents or non-competitors, including during rigging, launching, recovery and de-rigging.

17.3 All competitors will be required to complete an online Covid declaration form.

17.4 Each competitor will be assigned a pod. Boats must be parked the designated pod for the duration of the event, and this space used for rigging, derigging and storage. Boats must not leave the designated space until called forward for launching.

17.5 Face coverings or masks must be worn while ashore when 2m distancing is not possible.

17.6 Loading and Unloading of dinghies will be done in the western car park. Cars and trailers must be immediately removed once unloading and loading is complete.

17.8 There will be no mobile home or campervan facilities onsite.

17.9 The Organising Committee reserves the right to change or add to these instructions if it is considered necessary to meet the advice provided by the Irish Government, Sport Ireland &/or Irish Sailing in relation to public health and COVID19. Where possible such changes will be posted at the club or event whatsapp group.