



Topper Ireland
SOUTHERN
Championships 2019
Waterford Harbour Sailing Club
Dunmore East
on
Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd June 2019

Organising Authority: Waterford Harbour Sailing Club in association with International Topper Class Association of Ireland

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 to 2020
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Ireland or RYA and the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA IRL) will apply
- 1.3 The organising authority shall be Waterford Harbour Sailing Club (WHSC)

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Topper Class association, both Full Rig and 4.2 m2 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.

3 ENTRY & FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for the event is €50 per boat.
- 3.2 Membership of the Topper Association is €30 per year and is a requirement for all entrants but alternatively entrants may pay a One-Event membership fee of €7.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by pre-registering on line at www.whsc.ie Further information is available on this website as well as on www.topperireland.com
- 3.4 All entries should be pre-registered on line prior to 12.00hrs on Friday 21st June. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority in the race office during registration on Friday 21st June for a late entry fee of €10.
- 3.5. Entry fees should be paid at event Registration in the WHSC race office on Friday evening or Saturday morning 21st & 22nd June.
- 3.6 The maximum entry for this event is 70 boats and is being restricted for the safety of all competitors. Entries above this declared maximum will not be permitted. **Please pre-register early to avoid disappointment.**
- 3.7 **Parent/Guardian Declarations:** All crew under 18 years of age must submit declarations signed by their parent or guardian with their entry form at event Registration.

4 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Friday 21 st June	17.00 – 19.30 hours	Registration
Saturday 22 nd June	09.00 – 10.15 hours	Registration
	10.30 hours	Competitors Briefing
	12.25 hours	Warning Signal for First Race
Sunday 23 rd June	10.25 hours	Warning Signal for First Race
	15.30 hours	No Warning Signal will be made after this time

4.1 Six races are planned for this two day event (three races per day) with succeeding races being started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

4.2 Depending on conditions, more than three races may be held on Day 1 if deemed appropriate by the Race Officer.

5 MEASUREMENT

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

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The **Sailing Instructions** will be available on registration and may be placed on the WHSC and Topper Ireland websites in advance of the event. They will also be displayed on the event notice board in the hallway of the clubhouse prior to and during the event.

7 VENUE

The racing area will be the River Suir Estuary close to Dunmore East Harbour but will be more particularly described at the briefing or may be available on WHSC and/or ITCA (Irl) website prior to the event.

8 THE COURSES

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

9 SCORING

9.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point System of Appendix A

9.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 If 4 or more races are completed, 1 discard will apply.

10 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the hard of WHSC.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats in her class. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 PRIZES

5.3m ² Fleet			
Youth*	14+ Years	Female	1st, 2nd and 3rd
		Male	1st, 2nd and 3rd
Junior*	<14 Years	Female	1st, 2nd and 3rd
		Male	1st, 2nd and 3rd
ITCA Perpetual Trophies will be given as overall prizes			
4.2m ² Fleet			
	Male or Female		1st, 2nd and 3rd
<i>* Age Category defined by year of birth</i>			

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boats 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.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15 PRIVATE OR TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall register at WHSC clubhouse during the registration period. During racing support boats shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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