



# TOPPER TRAVELLER STARCROSS YACHT CLUB



Sunday 15th October 2017

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**1. Rules:** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the RYA and the International Topper Class Association (ITCA) Class Rules, except as they are altered by these sailing instructions.

**2. Notices to competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse.

**3. Changes to sailing instructions:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:30 on the day it will take effect.

**4. Briefing:** There will be a competitors briefing at 12:30 in the vicinity of the Clubhouse deck.

### 5. Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag above the racebox.

5.2 Boats may not launch until Flag R is raised with a sound signal. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag R is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later.

5.3 Flag L with a sound means: 'A notice to competitors has been posted'.

5.4 When Flag AP is shown ashore race signal AP is changed in that "1 minute" is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes'. Launching will start approximately 10 minutes after AP is lowered and Flag R is raised. This changes race signal AP.



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### 6. Schedule of races

6.1 The event will consist of up to 4 races.

6.2 Races will start as follows

Day	Races	Time of Warning Signal	Subsequent Races
Sunday 15th October	Up to 4 Races	Scheduled time of warning signal for first race not before 13.25	Races held back-to-back after Race 1



**7. Class flags:** The Class flag will be Flag T

**8. Racing areas:** The racing area will in the River Exe off Starcross Yacht Club.

**9. Course:** The course will be an estuary course described at the briefing.

The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed by numeral pennant flags on the Committee Boat.

10. **Marks:** The course marks will be inflatable buoys.

## 11. Start

11.1 The start will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26

Time	Title	Signals
5 minutes	Warning	Class Flag up and 1 sound signal
4 minutes	Preparatory	Either Flag P or Flag I or Black flag up and one sound signal
1 minute	1 minute period	Either Flag P, I, or Black flag down and one long sound signal.
0 minute	Starting	Class Flag down and one sound signal



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11.2 The starting line will be between mast on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and a buoy or boat with an orange flag.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

**12. Change of the next leg of the course** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

## 13. Finish

1. A blue flag displayed on the Race Committee boat means that it is in position at the finishing line.
2. The finishing line will be between mast on the race committee boat displaying a blue flag and a buoy or boat with a blue flag.

13.2 Back markers may be given their finish taken on the course by a Race Committee boat displaying Flag W with two sound signals.

## 14. Time limits and target times are as follows

Race duration	Target time
Maximum approximately 50 minutes	Approximately 30 minutes for lead boat, however may be shorter at discretion of PRO

**15. Advisory & Arbitration hearings; Exoneration penalty** The exoneration penalty, advisory hearing and RYA arbitration rules dispute procedure will be available. Full details will be available on the event noticeboard.

## 16. Protests & Requests for redress

16.1 Protest forms will be available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and time of hearings will be posted.

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

16.5 Declarations for one or two turn penalties shall be made at the tally board.

16.6 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

## **17. Scoring**

17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute the event.

17.2 When 3 or fewer races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3 When 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.

4. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

5. The Low Point System under Rule A4.1 shall be used.

6. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken in accordance with Rule A8.2

## **18. Safety**

1. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices.

18.2 Tallies: The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.

(a) The tally control point will be located in the entrance to the clubhouse.

(b) Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration and posted on the official notice board. Tallies shall be worn visibly over clothing on the right wrist by the helm at all times while afloat.

(c) The helm will tally personally by collecting their tally before launching.

(d) The helm shall check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by returning the tally personally to tally control.

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

18.4 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by a safety boat. The safety boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

18.5 Boats shall follow the instructions of the safety boats. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the protest committee may decide. This changes rule 64.1(a).

18.6 Outside Help: Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the protest committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the protest committee on a form available from the race office or the protest desk before the protest time limit on the day concerned.

## **19. Replacement of crew or equipment**

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for equipment substitution shall be submitted in writing using forms available from the race office. Failure to comply with this requirement, the refusal of the request, or the failure of any replacement equipment to comply with the class rules, will result in the boat being scored DNE for the race or races concerned.

**20. Disclaimer of liability:** Competitors participating do so entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 event.

**21. Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2million per event or the equivalent.

