



**STARCROSS TOPPERS**  
**STARCROSS YACHT CLUB**  
**SUNDAY 6th October 2019**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

1. **Organising Authority** The organising authority is The Starcross Yacht Club (SYC)
2. **Rules:** Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules and the sailing instructions of this event. If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
3. **Eligibility and Entries**
  1. Entry Forms will be available at Registration on the day of the event.
  2. All helms who are under 18 years of age during the event are required to complete parent / guardian declaration forms signed by the appropriate person.
  3. There will be an entry fee of £18 payable either in advance or on the day by cheque made payable to Starcross Yacht Club or payable in cash.
  4. An entry is not considered as complete and verified until a signed entry form, parent / guardian declaration form signed by the appropriate person, together with the appropriate entry fee has been received by Stracross Yacht Club.
  5. The event is open to all helms of Toppers. There is no age restriction. Helms of all ages will compete together
  6. All boats and equipment must comply with Class Rules as laid down by the International Topper Class Association.
  7. All helms can compete using standard class legal (no replicas) 5.3 sqm.sail. 4.2 sails may be used, seperate results will be posted for the 4.2 fleet. Competitors may only use one sail during the event. In the event of damage that it is not feasible to repair, the competitor must obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail.
4. **Registration:** Registration will be from 08:00 – 10:00 in the SYC Clubhouse
5. **Briefing:** There will be a briefing for all competitors at 10:00 in the vicinity of the deck outside the clubhouse .
6. **Class Starts:** There will be only one class start for Toppers.
7. **Schedule of Races:** It is intended to hold up to 4 races. The earliest warning signal will not be before 10:45.

8. **Location of Racing:** Racing will take place in the River Exe, off Starcross YC this will be confirmed at the briefing.
9. **Scoring System:** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix 4.1 using the low point system. If 4 races are completed there will be 1 discard, or if 3 or less races are completed then all races are to count. Series ties will be decided by Rule A8.2.
10. **Safety Regulations:** 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.
11. **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
12. **Venue:** Appendix A details the directions to the Starcross Yacht Club.
13. **Penalty System:** The Exoneration Penalty (and an Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available.
14. **Prizes:**
  1. The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race in the club house
15. **Insurance:** Competitors are required to hold third party insurance for racing of at least £2 million.

#### **RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature 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.

17. **Catering:** will be available from the galley from 10:00
18. **Access:** Club gates will be open from 08:00.
19. **Support Boats:** Persons wishing to bring support boats to the event should contact Brett Gregson as below . Any support boat not forming part of the safety cover MUST remain at least 100m from the race area at all times.
20. **Further Information**

Further information is available from [brett.gregson@gmail.com](mailto:brett.gregson@gmail.com) or call 07730481966

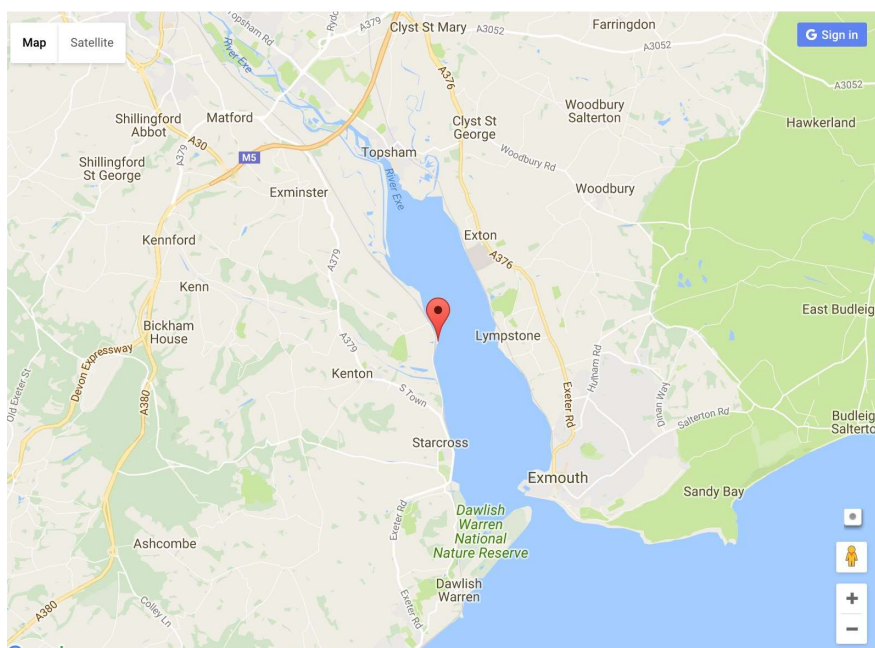
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## Appendix A

### Directions to Starcross Yacht Club

Starcross Yacht Club is situated on the west bank of the Exe Estuary. Get directions to SYC using the map below.

If driving from the M5, take the road signed for Dawlish (A379). You will shortly pass by the village of Exminster. It is about a mile north of the large village of Starcross. If looking up the location you can use the postcode of EX6 8JJ or the Lat/Long of 50° 38' 49.60" North, 3° 27' 5.53" West (or 50.6470N / 3.4512W for those who prefer decimal)



#### Please note

There is plenty of parking outside the club entrance. However, entry into the club is restricted by a low railway bridge allowing approximately 1.8m of headroom. There is adequate parking outside the club gates for stacker trailers and higher vehicles. But you should allow some time to get boats etc through the entrance.