

## Starcross Yacht Club

# Topper/RS Tera Open Meeting

## NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 7th October 2023

Tides:

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Saturday 7th October | HW 12:00 2.7m |
|----------------------|---------------|

### 1. Rules

The organising authority for this event is Starcross Yacht Club.

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) - 2021-2024**.

The national prescriptions of the RYA (from 1 January 2021) will also apply.

Changes to the racing rules will be indicated in the relevant instructions to which they apply. Changes to the RRS in the Sailing Instructions are only valid if they comply with rule 86.1(a).

### 2. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in Starcross YC racing events entirely at their own risk - see RRS 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 a SYC racing event.

The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew, his/her boat and its management.

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;
- (g) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

### **3. Sailing instructions**

Sailing instructions are annexed to this Notice of Race.

### **3. Communications**

Notices will be posted on the [Starcross YC website](#) up to 22:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

Notices to competitors will also be posted on the official notice board at Starcross YC at least 30 minutes before the race in which it will take effect.

### **4. Safety**

Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times whilst afloat. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

A boat that retires or does not start shall notify an official boat as soon as possible.

If necessary, for safety reasons, boats may be secured and the helm and crew taken aboard a committee or other designated boat until such time as they/their boat can be returned to shore.

Code flag L: when displayed afloat this means 'come within hailing distance or follow this boat'. When Code Flag L is displayed on the Committee Boat accompanied by a single sound signal, competitors shall complete their race and proceed to the leeward side of the committee boat and follow instructions given. Instructions may be verbal or written on a board. When displayed ashore this means 'a notice to competitors has been posted'.

## 5. Entry and Eligibility

The open meeting is open to RS Tera Pro, RS Tera Sport, Topper 5.3 and Topper 4.2 sailors. All RS Teras entered shall comply with International RS Tera Class Rules. All Toppers entered shall comply with International Topper Class Association Class Rules.

The entry fee is £15 - payment in advance for Teras by BACS transfer to Starcross Yacht Club, Account number 02336065, Sort Code 40-20-30, with reference of 'Tera "surname"' or 'Topper"surname"'

The regatta will not be subject to competitor classification restriction (i.e. competitors may be amateur, professional or semi-professional sailors).

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum third party cover of £3,000,000. When entering online competitors are deemed to have accepted this insurance requirement.

Competitors shall enter in advance via the form on the SYC website.

Competitors and / or their Guardians, unless explicitly not granted on the consent form, automatically grant to the organising Authority and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to this event.

## 6. Measurement

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring that their boat complies with class rules and regulations. The Race Officers or the Sailing Officers may request an inspection of a boat at any time.

Boats are permitted to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that under which the boat is registered (as required by RRS Appendix G), with the following constraints:

- a. It is not permitted to use a distinguishing number which is already being used by a boat of the same class in the race.
- b. The sail number to be used for the regatta must be clearly reported when entering the race.

## 7. Race Schedule

The race schedule will be as follows. Topper full rig and Topper 4.2 rigs will start together but be scored as separate fleets. Tera Pro and Tera Sport rigs will start together but be scored as separate fleets.

|              |               |                          |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Registration | 09:30         |                          |
| Briefing     | 10:30         |                          |
|              | <b>TOPPER</b> | <b>TERA</b>              |
| Race 1       | 11:00         | 11:05                    |
| Race 2       | Back to back  | 5 min after Topper start |
| Race 3       | Back to back  | 5 min after Topper start |

## 8. Racing Area and Courses

The course options will be briefed on the day of the event by the Race Committee.

The racing area shall be on the River Exe in the area between Lymstone SC and Starcross YC.

## 9. Scoring

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

If three races are sailed, the worst result for each competitor will not be included in the series scoring.

## 10. Prizes

The prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the completion of the final race- subject to any protest hearings having been completed.

### Topper Fleet

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories. The number of placed boats winning prizes will depend on the number of entries

- Topper 5.3 overall placing
- Topper 4.2 overall placing

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee

### Tera Fleet

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories. The number of placed boats winning prizes will depend on the number of entries

- RS Tera Pro overall placing
- RS Tera Sport overall placing

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **11. Official Boats**

All patrol boats assisting with the safety of the event will display a 'Patrol' flag of black lettering on an orange background.

## **12. Support Boats**

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first fleet start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **13. Advertising**

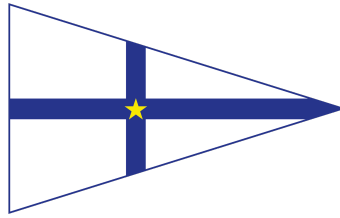
Advertising on boats, sails and clothing is permitted in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code [Regulation 20]. Boats shall display specific event advertising if requested in an amendment to the Sailing Instructions.

## **14. Trash Disposal**

Litter may be placed aboard patrol or official boats.

## **15. Radio Communications**

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



## Starcross Yacht Club

# Tera and Topper Open Meeting

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7th October 2023

Please read these Sailing Instructions in conjunction with the Notice of Race.

### 1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

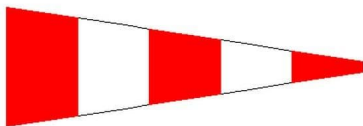
Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted no less than two hours before the scheduled start time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the planned schedule of races will be posted by 2200 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying flag “L” from the Starcross YC flagpole. Flag “L” will be lowered after the relevant racing has commenced.

### 2. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Starcross YC flagpole.

When flag AP is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’, in ‘Race Signals’ is replaced with ‘not less than 15 minutes’. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.



Flags are Us

*Answering pennant (AP)*

### 3. Schedule of Races / Racing Area

The race schedule is defined in the Notice of Race.

All racing will be started using a Committee Boat line. The Committee boat will display an orange flag when on station. All Races will use a Committee Boat start and finish.



On completion of the first race, competitors shall return to the Committee Boat area ready for the second race, which will be started as soon as practicable after completion of the first race.

For each race there will be 2 separate starts in the following order:

1. Topper 5.3 and 4.2
2. RS Tera Pro and RS Tera Sport

## 4. Class Flags

The Class flags for each fleet will be as follows:

|                 |           |   |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Topper:</b>  | Numeral 1 |  |
| <b>RS Tera:</b> | Numeral 2 |  |

## 5. The Courses

Courses will be displayed ashore on the club course board, and discussed at daily Briefings.

Boats shall complete the number of laps of the course as displayed on the Committee Boat.

## 6. Marks

The marks used will be described at the daily Briefings

For all fleets, the pin end (outer distance mark) of the start will be a dan bouy. The Committee Boat will form the other end of the start line.

## 7. The Start

All races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26. (Start sequence 5 - 4 -1 - Start). The start line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat and the outer distance mark .

In the event of a general recall for the Topper fleet, that fleet will be restarted in sequence, before the RS Tera fleet start.

In the event of a general recall, it is likely that the PRO will use a Black Flag start for subsequent starts in accordance with Rule 30.4.

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.2.

## 8. Change of the Next leg of the Course

The race committee may move any mark up to 100m without signalling the change. This changes rule 33.

For more significant course changes Flag C will be flown from the Committee Boat and safety boats will advise competitors verbally at the preceding mark of the course.



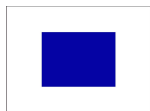
*Flag C*

## 9. The Finish

The finish line shall be displayed on the club course board as part of the course description.

All boats shall complete the number of laps of the course as displayed on the Committee Boat.

The race may be shortened from the Committee Boat using flag S with accompanying sound signals. All boats will finish when they cross the Start/Finish line after Flag S is displayed, having completed the same number of laps as the winning boat in their fleet.



*Flag S*

## 10. Time Limits

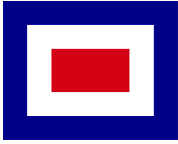
The time limit for the first boat to finish in each fleet shall be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes in their fleet shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS35, A5.1 and A5.2

The target finish time for the first boat is 35 minutes.

## 11. Alternative position recording procedure

When one or more boat has sailed the course and finished, the Race Committee may apply an **alternative position recording procedure**. A Race Committee Vessel displaying flag W may notify a boat still racing that she will be scored in a place corresponding to her position on the water. The boat, once notified, shall return to the starting area, if further races are scheduled, or return ashore. The boat will be scored in the place as recorded by the Race Committee vessel. This changes rule RRS 28.1, A4.2.





### *Flag W*

When the alternative position recording procedure is in operation the Race Committee will extend the Time Limit after the first boat finishes until all boats still racing have a recorded place.

## **12. Protests, Redress Hearings and Post-race penalties**

### **Post race penalty**

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty. Such a penalty shall be a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and the boat shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by its breach, its penalty shall be to retire.

When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted: (a) neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty. (b) the boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

### **Advisory meeting**

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory meeting by notifying the race committee, and notifying any boat involved in the incident.

An adviser will then call a meeting to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.

### **RYA Arbitration**

Protest forms may be obtained from the race office at Starcross YC.

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, on that course. This time limit may be extended by the Race Committee if appropriate.

Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as, witnesses.

After a protest is lodged, the race committee will offer RYA Arbitration.

If the parties and the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be a member of the protest committee) will call an arbitration. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration has broken a rule for which the Post-Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if all such penalties are accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

When any of the following conditions apply; (1) a party to the protest does not agree to RYA Arbitration, (2) the arbitrator's opinion is that the Post-Race Penalty is not applicable to the incident, (3) a boat may be entitled to redress, (4) a boat does not accept an offered Post-Race penalty, (5) the protest is not withdrawn, there will be a protest committee hearing.

The arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee.

Any boat is entitled to accept a Post-Race Penalty at any time before the start of the protest committee hearing and receive protection from further penalisation. The boat may also retire.

RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an RYA Arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure.