



Sailing Instructions Topper Traveller 12th October 2019

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the R.Y.A., the rules of the ICTA, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Competitors intending to participate must enter on the forms provided and pay the appropriate entry fee.
- 2.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing in these Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 2.3 Decision to Race - It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going afloat, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 2.4 The boat is required to hold adequate third party insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000.
- 2.5 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race, and include the race committee, the race officer, support boats and beach masters.
- 2.6 The provision of support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Race Reception.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Start times will be as advertised on the official notice board but generally as per the Notice Of Race.

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Flag L will indicate a change in Sailing Instructions, when flown ashore.

Any changes will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Race Reception at least 30 minutes before the start of each race, or at the race box in advance of the Warning (5 minute) Signal.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the Race Box. (Bridge Deck)
- 6.2 Postponement (Answering Pennant), and abandonment (Flag N over A) signals flown from the bridge deck also apply to racing.

7 SIGNING ON AND OFF.

- 7.1 Competitors shall sign on and off by taking a tally.
- 7.2 In the event of racing being run back to back competitors shall sign on for all races before sailing and sign off afterwards.
- 7.3 Retirements must also sign off/tally off. This must be completed within 30 minutes of returning ashore.
- 7.4 A boat that fails to sign/tally off within the time limit may be disqualified.

8 CLASS FLAGS.

The class flag for the Topper fleet will be the International Code Flag Numeral T.

9 COURSES.

The course will be displayed at the race reception at least 30 minutes before the start of each race unless the course is changed when Flag L in conjunction with the Class Flag will be flown at the Bridge Deck or committee boat at the class warning (5 minute) signal.

10 MARKS OF THE COURSE.

The race marks will be described with the course and at any pre-race briefing.

11 COMMITTEE BOAT START.

11.1 The start line is a straight line between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag, which together with any object attached is one starting mark, and an outer distance mark as specified in the course instructions. If an inner distance mark is laid, boats must sail a course which passes between the inner and outer distance marks.

12 RECALLS

12.1 Individual Recalls will be signalled by leaving the class flag at the dip accompanied by one sound signal. This changes RRS Rule 29.1

12.2 A general recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2

13 THE FINISH.

13.1 Committee Boat Finish The finish line shall be a straight line between the mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and either the windward course mark, or the gate mark on the beat leg of the course. For shortened courses the finish line shall be between the mast of the committee boat or other support boat flying a blue flag and the shorten course flag and the nearest mark of the course.

13.2 Shorten Course Finish. If necessary the course may be shortened at a mark of the course. This will be signalled by a support boat showing the shorten course flag (S) adjacent to a course mark. Boats should pass between the support boat and the mark of the course in the general direction of the course to finish.

14 TIME LIMIT.

14.1 For all races, if no boats finish within 30 minutes of the start of the race will be abandoned.

14.2 For all races, any boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat shall be scored as 'did not finish'.

15 PROTESTS.

15.1 Intention to protest shall be notified to the Race Officer within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing.

15.2 Protests must be logged with the race committee before leaving the water, either directly or via one of the support RIBs. If via a RIB the sailor should confirm the committee boat has been informed.

15.3 Protests shall be made on the forms provided at the race office and handed to the Race Officer no more than 30 minutes after returning to shore.

16 SCORING.

16.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS 90.3.

16.2 The intention is to run 4 races with 1 discard should this not be possible then 16.3 applies.

16.3 Each boats series score will be the total of her race scores with discards being applied as below:

2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series

1 - 3 races completed - no discard

4 races or more completed - 1 discard

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY SAILING AT MARCONI!