



The Rooster International Topper Class World Championships 2016

Sunday 24th to Friday 29th July 2016

Sailing Instructions

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Organised by the International Topper Class Association (ITCA)

in conjunction with Ballyholme Yacht Club, Northern Ireland

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The International Topper Class Rules shall apply. [DP]
- 1.3 The rules and byelaws of Ballyholme Yacht Club also apply. All visiting competitors and their supporters will be temporary members of Ballyholme Yacht Club for the duration of the event and shall abide by all club rules and byelaws. [NP][DP]
- 1.4 Competitors shall also sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter, which is set out in Appendix 4. [NP][DP]
- 1.5 Competitors and supporters shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official. [NP][DP]
- 1.6 In all rules governing this regatta:
 - (a) A boat may not protest another boat or request redress for any breach of a rule marked [NP]. This changes rule 60.1.
 - (b) For breaches of rules marked [SP] the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
 - (c) For rules marked [DP] the penalty for each breach is at the discretion of the International Jury. This changes rule 64.1.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2 Notices to Competitors and Communication with Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the south window of the race office – readable from the outside.
- 2.2 A briefing for competitors will be held in the main marquee at 1030 on Monday 25th July.
- 2.3 Communication with competitors (including BFD and UFD notification under rule 30.3 and Rule 42 penalty signalling under rule P1) will be by championship number.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 or the end of the protest time limit (whichever is the later) on the day before it will take effect.

4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole on the sea side of the Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is flown ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 One or more class or fleet flags displayed beneath flag AP indicate that the start of the next race for those particular fleets has been postponed.
- 4.4 Boats shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed. If one or more class or fleet flags are displayed beneath flag D only boats in the relevant fleet(s) may go afloat at that time. [NP][DP]

5 Format of Racing

5.1 Topper 5.3 Class

- 5.1.1 For the 5.3 Class there will be a Qualification Series and a Final Series.
- 5.1.2 Nine races are scheduled for the Qualification Series and six for the Final Series. The Final Series will only take place if at least four races have been completed in the Qualification Series.
- 5.1.3 For the Qualification Series the Championship entry will be divided into three fleets: Yellow, Blue and Red, which will change after each day of racing.
- 5.1.4 The initial allocation of boats to fleets will be decided by the Race Committee on the basis of sail numbers and displayed on the official notice board from 1800 on Saturday 23rd July. The allocation of boats to fleets for each subsequent day's racing will be based on results and decisions available at 2000 each day. This may ignore the outcome of protests and requests for redress if these are not known at the time the assignment to fleets is made. The allocation list will be displayed on the official notice board at least 2 hours before the start time for racing on each day. [NP]
- 5.1.5 The allocation of boats to fleets will be as follows [NP]:

<i>Position in overall results at the end of day</i>	<i>Fleet for next day</i>
1st	Red
2nd	Blue
3rd	Yellow
4th	Yellow
5th	Blue
6th	Red
...and so on	...and so on

- 5.1.6 The results of the Qualification Series will be used to divide the Championship entry into 3 fleets for the Final Series; Gold, Silver and Bronze. The boats with the best series score will be assigned to the Gold fleet. The minimum number of boats assigned to the Gold fleet will be one third of the number of boats entered in the championships rounded up. In addition, all boats with the same series score as the last boat assigned in this way to the Gold fleet will also be assigned to the Gold fleet. The remaining boats will be divided between the Silver and Bronze fleets in a similar way. Any recalculation of Qualification series scores after boats have been assigned to Final series fleets will not affect those assignments, except that a redress decision before the Final series races may promote a boat into a higher fleet.

5.1.7 Fleets will be allocated to starts and courses as follows:

	1 st Start of Sequence	2 nd Start of Sequence	3 rd Start of Sequence
Qualification	Yellow O1 or O2 or O3	Blue I1 or I2 or I3	Red O1 or O2 or O3
Final	Gold O1 or O2 or O3	Silver I1 or I2 or I3	Bronze I1 or I2 or I3

5.1.8 Each boat shall, while racing, display from the top of her sail a coloured pennant (issued at registration) corresponding to her fleet colour. [NP][DP]

5.1.9 The organising authority may decide before Monday 25th July, at its sole discretion, to change the racing format in any way (including changing to a series of 15 scheduled races with a single start, with up to four races being sailed on each day of the event and without division into Qualification and Final series).

5.2 Topper 4.2 Class

5.2.1 For the 4.2 Class there will be a single series of 15 races.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Topper 5.3 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Warning Signal</i>	<i>Number of Races</i>	<i>Series</i>
Monday 25 th July	1225	3 Races back to back	Qualification
Tuesday 26 th July	1125	3 Races back to back	Qualification
Wednesday 27 th July	1125	3 Races back to back	Qualification
Thursday 28 th July	1125	3 Races back to back	Final
Friday 29 th July	1125	3 Races back to back	Final

6.1.1 If four races have not been completed by the end of Wednesday 27th July, the Qualification Series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth race has been completed.

6.1.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal of a sequence of starts is made.

6.1.3 The warning signal for any second or third start of a sequence will be made not less than 1 minutes after the previous start in the sequence.

6.1.4 On the last day of the event no warning signal for any fleet will be made after 1500.

6.2 Topper 4.2 Schedule

6.2.1 The schedule of races will be as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Warning Signal</i>	<i>Number of Races</i>
Monday 25 th July	1225	3 Races back to back
Tuesday 26 th July	1125	3 Races back to back
Wednesday 27 th July	1125	3 Races back to back
Thursday 28 th July	1125	3 Races back to back
Friday 29 th July	1125	3 Races back to back

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6.2.3 On the last day of the event no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 Class/Fleet Flags

7.1 Topper 5.3

For the Qualifying Series the class flags will be:

Yellow Fleet	YELLOW swallowtail flag
Blue Fleet	BLUE swallowtail flag
Red Fleet	RED rectangular flag

7.2 For the Final Series the class flags will be:

Gold Fleet	YELLOW swallowtail flag
Silver Fleet	BLUE swallowtail flag
Bronze Fleet	RED rectangular flag

7.3 Topper 4.2 – The class flag will be flag T with 4.2 imposed

8 Racing Area

7.1 There will be two separate course areas for the Topper 5.3 and Topper 4.2 Classes. See Appendix 1.

9 The Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed are shown in Appendix 2 for the Topper 5.3 class and Appendix 3 for the Topper 4.2 class including the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The number of beats to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the side of the committee boat.

9.2 The target time for the first boat is 45 minutes. [NP]

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.4 When one of two gate marks is missing then the remaining mark shall be left to port.

9.5 The committee boat for the Topper 5.3 Class will be identified by Flag G and the committee boat for the Topper 4.2 Class will be identified by Flag R.

10 The Starting Line, Recalled Black Flag Starts and U Flag Starts

10.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and either;

- A mast displaying an orange flag on the port end committee vessel, or
- A green inflatable buoy.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and fleets. [NP][DP]

10.3 A boat that has not started within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

10.4 If a start under rule 30.3 (Black Flag Rule) is recalled or abandoned after the starting signal, the championship numbers of the boats identified in the triangle will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel for a minimum time of 3 minutes. A repeated sound signal will

be made as the numbers are first displayed. Any boat so notified that she has been disqualified shall not sail in any restart or re-sail of that race. This changes rule 30.3.

- 10.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of the boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed. This changes rule 26 and 63.1 and A5. Rule 29.1 (Individual Recall) does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a U flag penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

11 Marks

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3p, 3s, 4p, 4s and 5 will be yellow inflatables. The start mark (if used) will be a Green Inflatable and the finish mark will be a Red Inflatable.

12 Areas that are obstructions

- 12.1 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on a committee vessel and either
- A mast displaying a blue flag on another committee vessel or
 - A Red Inflatable buoy.
- 13.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. [NP]
- 13.3 When finishing, boats should make every effort to show their championship number clearly to the committee vessel.
- 13.4 After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished. [NP][DP]
- 13.5 Boats re-crossing the finish line in the direction of the course from the last mark will be scored for their final crossing.

14 Penalties

- 14.1 Appendix P (Special Procedure for Rule 42) will apply as changed by instruction 14.2.
- 14.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

15 Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration Procedure

- 15.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.

16 Outside Help

16.1 Rule 41 is changed to allow help from a race committee vessel to recover after a capsize or to return a competitor to their boat.

16.2 No boat shall be towed by any support vessel at any time whilst afloat, unless the boat is disabled or permission has been given by the course safety lead or race officer. This includes towing to or from the race area. [DP]

17 Time Limits [NP]

17.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

17.2 If no boat finishes within 90 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

18 Declarations [NP][DP]

16.1 A boat that retires before finishing or takes a one-turn penalty or a two-turn penalty under rule 44.2 shall record the details on the Declaration Form at the Tally Board before the end of protest time.

19 Protests and Requests for Redress

19.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress, for an incident on the race course, shall inform the Race Committee finishing vessel at the finish line upon finishing the race, or if they do not finish, inform either a Jury boat or a safety boat as soon as practicable after they retire. This adds to the requirements of RRS 61.1 for a protest or request for redress to be valid.

19.2 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

19.3 The protest time limit will normally be 30 minutes after the last competitor comes ashore after the last of the day's races. This time limit is extended by 30 minutes for a protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee concerning an incident they observed in the racing area.

19.4 A notice will be posted, no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This is the notification required by rules 61.1(b) and 63.2. Arbitration hearings and protest hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available.

19.5 On the last day of the qualifying series for the 5.3 Class, and of the event for both classes, a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

(b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

19.6 On the last day of the qualifying series for the 5.3 Class, and of the event for both classes a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

20 Scoring for the Topper 5.3 Championship

20.1 The event will be scored by Appendix A, low point system, except as amended below, and except that ties on total points will be broken by A8 only for the purposes of awarding trophies and prizes, in which case rule A8.2 will apply to tied scores only when the tied boats have sailed against each other.

- 20.2 A total of 15 races are scheduled – 9 races in the Qualification Series and 6 races in the Final Series. At least four races must be completed in the Qualification Series prior to the Championship entry being split into Final series fleets (Gold, Silver and Bronze). A further one race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final series to constitute a Championship.
- 20.3 In the Qualification Series the scores from each start of each race will be combined to produce the results of the race (so that there will be three firsts, three seconds, etc). These are not ties and will not be broken by rule A7.
- 20.4 When one or more Qualification Series races is postponed, recalled or abandoned, the race will not be completed and scored until at least one boat in each fleet has sailed the course in compliance with rule 28 and finished within the time limit, and the race has not subsequently been abandoned.
- 20.5 In the Final series, the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets will be scored separately. There is no requirement for the three fleets to sail the same number of races.
- 20.6 Each Boats overall series score will be the total of her race scores from both the Qualification Series and the Final Series excluding her worst score(s) as follows:
- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, no score will be excluded;
 - (b) When between four races and nine races have been completed, one score will be excluded;
 - (c) When ten or more races have been completed, two scores will be excluded;
 - (d) In all cases at most one race score from the Final series may be excluded, and only if at least two Final series races have been completed by the relevant Final Series fleet.
- 20.7 The boat in the Gold Fleet with the lowest overall series score at the end of the event is the World Champion. Other boats are ranked according to their overall series score with all the boats in the Gold Fleet ranking ahead of all the boats in the Silver Fleet and the boats in the Silver Fleet ranking ahead of boats in the Bronze Fleet.
- 20.8 In the Qualification Series a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the largest number of boats assigned to any fleet of that race. Scoring penalties will also be based on the largest number of boats assigned to any fleet for the relevant race (a change to rule 44.3 (c)).
- 20.9 In the Final Series a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the total number of entries in her Final Series fleet. Scoring penalties for the Final Series will be based on the total number of entries in the relevant Final Series fleet (a change to rule 44.3 (c)).

21 Scoring for the Topper 4.2 Championship

- 21.1 A total of fifteen races are scheduled.
- 21.2 When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded, when 10 or more races have been completed, 2 race scores will be excluded.
- 21.3 Three races must be completed and scored to constitute a championship.

22 Safety [NP][SP][NP]

- 22.1 Each Competitor shall wear a personal flotation device of at least CE50 Newtons standard, or equivalent, at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes rule 40. Flag Y will not be displayed.

- 22.2 When a member of the race committee or its designated official considers that a boat, its equipment or a competitor may not be adequate for the current or expected conditions, or for any other reason associated with safety, he or she may stop the boat launching, or require it to return ashore or go to a designated location.
- 22.3 Boats and competitors shall comply with all reasonable safety boat crew instructions.
- 22.4 A boat that retires from racing shall notify a safety boat before leaving the race area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 22.5 A fixed loop shall be formed in the longer end of the bow line to facilitate towing. The longer length of the bow line shall not be fixed or tied in a way that means it is not immediately detachable to facilitate towing. The penalty for breaking this instruction is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her last race of the day added to her score without a hearing.
- 22.6 The championship number of each boat shall be displayed on the inside back bulkhead of the cockpit (min 75mm high).
- 22.7 The launching trolley of each boat shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly identifying the championship number of the boat.

23 Tallying [NP][SP]

- 23.1 Each competitor shall, in person, tally out before launching, and tally in on return from, racing.
- 23.2 The time for a boat to tally out ends at the warning signal for the first race that day. The penalty for failing to tally out is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her first race of the day, added to her score without a hearing.
- 23.3 A boat that fails to tally out must request and receive permission to remain afloat from a safety official before starting any race. A boat in this situation that starts a race before receiving such permission will be scored DNC for that race without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4
- 23.4 The time to tally in finishes ten minutes after the last boat in her class is ashore. The penalty for failing to tally in is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her last race of the day, added to her score, without a hearing.
- 23.5 If a competitor fails to tally in or out three times at an event, on the third time the penalty will be DSQ from the race concerned without a hearing.

24 Identification and Advertising [NP][DP]

- 24.1 When event sponsor's promotional material is issued at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display it on their boats, sails and, in the case of race bibs, on top of all sailing apparel throughout the event, as directed at registration.
- 24.2 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items (e.g., flags, banners, prizes), has committed a gross breach of good manners and may be subject to a hearing under rule 69.

25 Inspection

- 24.1 In addition to inspection before the first day of racing, an official measurer or an equipment inspector may inspect or measure a boat before or after she races. A boat selected for inspection or measurement shall comply with the instructions of the measurer or inspector. In addition to any report lodged by an equipment inspector with the race

committee, a boat that an equipment inspector decides does not comply with class rules shall not race until she is re-inspected and found to comply.

26 Trash Disposal

26.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

27 Radio Communication

27.1 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.

28 Video Cameras etc. [DP]

28.1 No boat shall have a video camera on board whilst racing without the prior authorisation of the race committee.

28.2 Neither a boat nor a competitor may carry while racing an instrument that can display a speed, velocity or geographic location or store such information for analysis ashore. This includes all GPS enabled devices.

29 Support Boats [DP]

29.1 Support boats (including coach boats) shall comply with NOR 14. No other vessel associated with a boat or competitor shall enter the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

29.2 Except when helping a boat or competitor in danger, a support boat shall not

- (a) Communicate with a competitor from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a race until the competitor boat has finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- (b) Come within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line during starts, within 50 metres of any course mark or of a boat that is racing, or within any other area designated by the race committee.
- (c) Make excessive wash.

29.3 Support boats shall display nationality identification and shall comply with race committee safety instructions.

29.4 When a support boat does not comply with this sailing instruction, any or all competitor boats associated with the support boat may be penalised as the Jury decides.

30 International Jury

30.1 In accordance with rule 70.5, there will be no appeal from the decisions of the International Jury.

31 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

31.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.

31.2 Each boat shall use only one sail during the event, unless SI 31.3 applies.

31.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the official measurer. When the damage or loss occurs while afloat, the authorisation may be

sought after the substitution is made (which shall not be when a boat is racing, except for items carried on the boat and replaced by the competitor).

32 Risk Statement

32.1 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;

33 Insurance [DP]

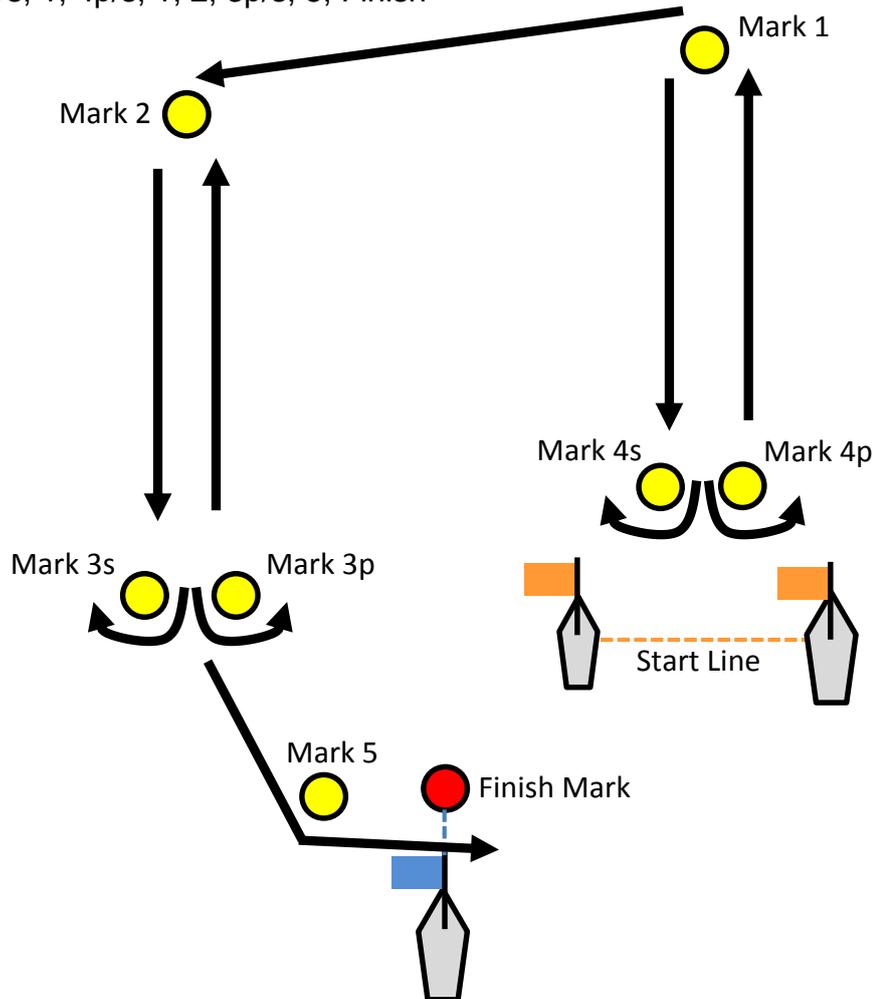
33.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

APPENDIX 2 – Topper 5.3 Courses

Courses

- O1 1, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish
- O2 1, 2, 3p/s, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish
- O3 1, 2, 3p/s, 2, 3p/s, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish
- I1 1, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish
- I2 1, 4p/s, 1, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish
- I3 1, 4p/s, 1, 4p/s, 1, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish

Marks 1, 2 and 5 are to be left to Port
 Marks 3p/s and 4p/s are gates



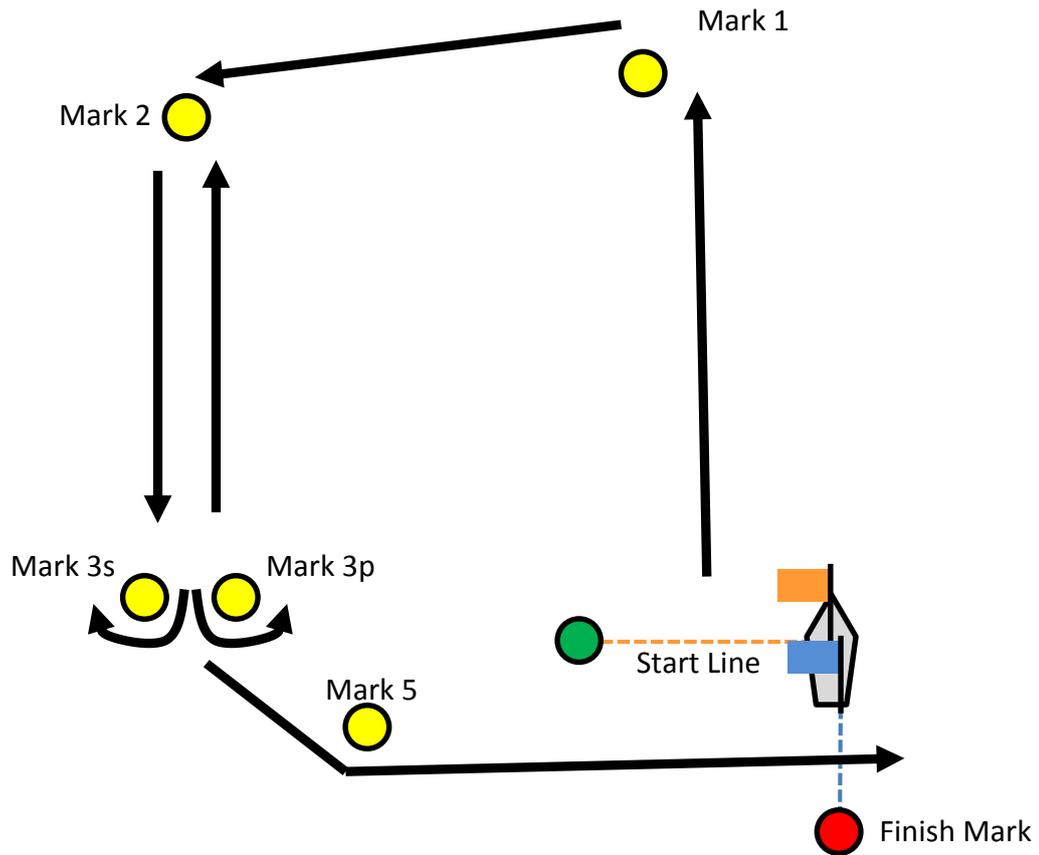
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Qualification	Yellow O1 or O2 or O3	Blue I1 or I2 or I3	Red O1 or O2 or O3
Final	Gold O1 or O2 or O3	Silver I1 or I2 or I3	Bronze I1 or I2 or I3

APPENDIX 3 – Topper 4.2 Courses

Courses

- O1 1, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish
- O2 1, 2, 3p/s, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish
- O3 1, 2, 3p/s, 2, 3p/s, 2, 3p/s, 5, Finish

Marks 1, 2 and 5 are to be left to Port
Marks 3p/s and 4p/s are gates



APPENDIX 4 – RYA Racing Charter



Objectives

- **To provide the framework for everyone to enjoy the sport of sailboat racing in whatever capacity and to whatever level the individual desires**
- **To ensure that the sport of sailboat racing welcomes all people and treats them equally.**
- **To ensure that those who experience sailboat racing are encouraged to Continue.**

Principles and Practices

- The sport welcomes all participants; it relies largely on self-compliance and self-policing. Those that deliberately take unfair advantage of this or behave in an inappropriate manner, either on or off the water, can expect action to be taken against them.
- Competitors agree to compete in compliance with the rules and behave in accordance with accepted standards of sailboat racing. When involved in a genuine dispute, all parties to the dispute and those deciding the matter will use the established procedures for achieving resolution
- Foul or abusive language, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated.
- Organizers, officials and other providers of sailboat racing agree to provide the fairest racing possible. This includes encouraging feed-back and facilitating the resolution of genuine disputes (including protests) in a timely and proper manner.
- Coaches and other advisers agree to encourage their competitors to compete, and behave in compliance with the above principles and practices.

This Charter applies equally to those who organize, manage, coach, advise, judge, provide services and compete (including those who support competitors) in sailboat racing.

The RYA encourages the adoption and implementation of this Charter, and provides guidance and support to individuals and organizations to assist implementation. This guidance and support is consistent with the practices of the International Sailing Federation.

For further information visit www.rya.org.uk/racingrules

APPLICATION OF RYA RACING CHARTER

Through the Racing Charter, the RYA seeks to promote fair and enjoyable racing for all.

What competitors should expect:

- racing that, as far as possible, is fair, enjoyable and safe.
- shore facilities, administration and race management to acceptable standards and appropriate to the event.
- a way to complain or make a suggestion, and a response to complaints and suggestions.
- prompt resolution of any disputes.

What is expected of competitors:

- courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials, and other users of the water, both afloat and ashore.
- compliance with the rules, and take a penalty when required by the rules.
- use of the provided services to resolve any disputes.

Resolution of Racing Disputes

The RYA encourages the adoption of the Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearings and RYA Arbitration in addition to protest hearings to improve the understanding of and compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

See www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes

Unacceptable Behaviour

The RYA encourages the use of rule 69 and rule 2 to penalise and deter unacceptable behaviour both on and off the water. Guidelines on their application in the UK are included on the RYA website.

See www.rya.org.uk/racingrules