

## Class Rules International Topper Class – Notable Changes

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It is each individual sailor's responsibility to read the rules however I would like to highlight some of the changes.

Some of the changes just allow what has been common practice to be formally allowed in the rules.

### **Part 2 Requirements and Limitations**

- C.4.1 Mandatory Equipment: Buoyancy Aid is Mandatory.
- C.4.2 Optional Equipment; Mast Top Flotation (not self inflating) may be used by crew using a 4.2 sail.
- C.4.3 Portable Equipment; Specifies the use of portable items such as how a compass shall be attached.
- C.5.1.1 Modifications and Maintenance b), c), and e); Changes to the use of filler and polish etc.
- C.5.2.2 Limitations; allowing the use of filler, cable ties, pro-grip, bladder bungs. Changes to the way the Daggerboard shall be held in place.
- C.5.3.2 Limitations; in specified places, allows the use of P Clips, shock cord, bolts and replacement cranes.
- C.5.3.3 b) and c); see corrections for c) on page 1. Forbid the use of tape at the mast foot at all and anywhere else on the mast that may impede free rotation.
- C.5.4.2 Mainsheet; See corrections on page 1. Gives more tolerance for retrofitting centre main systems. Gives more tolerance for the position of the Mainsheet support loop and gives more tolerance for the position of the mainsheet block attached to the boom strop.
- C.5.4.3 Kicking Strap; New 6:1 and how Kickers shall be attached.
- C.5.4.4 Traveller; Allows for a purchase in the traveller, P clip, lower block and specifies the use of replacement fairleads.
- C.5.4.5. Sail Clew Outhaul: Specifies where the outhaul bobble shall be attached i.e. to the kicker webbing strop eye where present.
- C.5.4.7. Bow Line. Specifies how the bow line must have a secondary leg with a loop, the length of the bow line and secondary leg etc. That the bow line must not be passed around the mast but must be stowed using elastic etc.
- C.6.3 Event Limitation Mark is a stamp provided by the ITCA at the event.
- C.6.5 Small repairs to sails including to mast head strop can now be done by a competent sail repairer. Mast head strop may be removed.

### **Section G Sails.**

The new ITCA Topper Class Rules does not permit the use of the old fingered Hyde sail in competition.

G.4.2.2 c) Topper sail number shall be black digital eights. As a general rule sail elements shall be a minimum of 45mm apart and a maximum of 55mm apart. Look at each specific application.

Section I Advertising. Please refer to I.2.1.2 and I.2.1.3 for areas that must be left clear for Official Class Sponsors.

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