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Ballyholme Yacht Club



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The Rooster International Topper Class World Championships 2016

Sunday 24th to Friday 29th July 2016

Notice of Race (NOR)

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Organised by the International Topper Class Association (ITCA) in conjunction with
Ballyholme Yacht Club, NI.

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NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of ITCA (GBR) and rules of the host club will also apply.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code as modified by the Advertising regulation of the RYA, boats may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority
- 2.2 Competitors will be invited to wear the event sponsored race bibs over all other items of apparel

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 3.2 There will be separate racing fleets for competitors using 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails
- 3.3 Every competitor must be a current member of a National Topper Class Association. Competitors that are not already a member of a National Topper Class Association may join ITCA (See NOR 8 for contact details).
- 3.4 Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the event.

4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All boats shall comply with the International Topper class rules, in particular only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used, and sails shall have been officially stamped *Race Approved Sail*.
- 4.2 Each boat shall display the 2016 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA prescriptions. Competitors who do not have a Championship Number shall apply for allocation of a number:
 - 4.2.1 GBR sailors apply to GBR Topper Association (secretary@gbrtopper.co.uk)
 - 4.2.2 IRL sailors apply to the IRL Topper Association (membership.irl@gmail.com)
 - 4.2.3 Other nationalities should apply to the International Secretary (secretary@itcaworld.org)
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the prescriptions of ITCA.
- 4.4 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 4.5 4.2 sails shall not be used in the 5.3 fleet, and 5.3 sails shall not be used in the 4.2 fleet.

- 4.6 Each competitor under 18 years of age on the 24th July 2016 shall complete a parent / guardian consent form and submit it to the Organising Authority at registration. This consent form will be available on the ITCA web site and may be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 4.7 For the duration of the championship the responsible adult of sailors aged under 18 years named on the parent/guardian consent form shall remain within the immediate area of the beach, club or boat park.
- 4.8 The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before registration closes.

5 ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 5.1 Application for entry shall be made at: www.itcaworld.org/2016-topper-world
- 5.2 The entry fee is £230 per competitor. There is to be a sliding scale of fees to encourage early entries
 - (1) £230 for entries received on or before May 24th 2016
 - (2) £260 for entries received thereafter, up to and including June 24th 2016
 - (3) £290 for entries received thereafter. Entries in this case are subject to confirmation by the secretary, and will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, there is adequate safety cover available.
- 5.3 The total number of entries is restricted to 300 sailors.
- 5.4 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - (1) 50% of the entry fee paid is refundable for cancellations received by July 1st
 - (2) No entry fee is refundable after July 1st
- 5.5 In all instances refunds are processed on the credit or debit card used to pay for application or entry. Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after August 31st 2016. Credit card details are not retained by the entry system and refunds cannot be made to another card. If the card expires and a refund is required the refund will be by another method at the expense of the sailor.

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration will be from 1st March 2016.
- 6.2 Each competitor shall register before racing and provide proof of current membership of a National Topper Class Association.
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7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 7.1 Boats may be required to be presented for Measurement and Inspection during the regatta. Information on measurement and inspection will be posted on the official notice board.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The warning signal for the first race on Monday 25th July will be no earlier than 12.25hrs.
- 8.2 The warning signal for the first race on the second day and subsequent days will be displayed on the official notice board no later than 18.00hrs on the preceding day.
- 8.3 On the last day of the event no starting signal will be made after 15:00 hrs

8.4 For the 5.3 Fleet

- 8.4.1 A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by the Final Series series in which the entry will be divided into two or three fleets, Gold, Silver, and (if numbers warrant) Bronze.
- 8.4.2 Races on each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The intention is that competitors are afloat for no longer than 6 hours on each day without a break ashore.
- 8.4.3 If four races have not been completed by the end of 27th July the qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth qualifying race is completed.

8.5 For the 4.2 Fleet

- 8.5.1 If more than 70 boats enter then racing may be split into a qualifying series followed by a Final series in which the entry will be divided into two fleets, Gold and Silver.
- 8.5.2 Races on each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The intention is that competitors are afloat for no longer than 6 hours on each day without a break ashore.
- 8.5.3 Where there is an qualifying series and if four races have not been completed by the end of 27th July the qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth qualifying race is completed.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA website and the Ballyholme Event website prior to the event, and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event.

10 RACING AREA

- 10.1 See appendix A

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The 5.3 fleet will sail inner and outer loop trapezoid courses as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The courses to be sailed by the 4.2 fleet will be specified in the Sailing Instructions

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. There will be no right of appeal against its decisions. Arbitration will be available to decide some protests. The letter from the RYA approving the international jury will be posted on the official notice board.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 There are a maximum of 15 races scheduled and a total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.3 A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 13.4 One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the championship fleets.
- 13.5 The qualifying races and Final races will count for total points in the Championship.
- 13.6 When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded, when 10 or more races have been completed, 2 races scores will be excluded. Only one race score may be excluded from the Final races and only if at least 2 final races are completed.

13.7 The split for the Final series will only be made at the completion of a day's racing.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Only support boats registered with the Event Safety Officer will be permitted on the race course

14.2 Support Boats must register with Andy Millington (ribs@itcaworld.org)

14.3 Support Boats will sign in at the Regatta Office and comply with the Support Boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel will be required to register at the Regatta Office during the Registration & Measurement days.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of ITCA World, the host club and the event sponsor(s).

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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:

16.1.1 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;

16.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

16.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

16.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

16.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

16.1.6 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 INSURANCE

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

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 A boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone.

19 SAFETY

19.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device, of minimum 50N buoyancy at any time while afloat except when adjusting clothing.

20 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

20.1 By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Michelle Hill (Secretary) secretary@itcaworld.org

Bill Brassington (Chairman) president@itcaworld.org

Ballyholme Yacht Club office@ballyholme.com

For information regarding accommodation and camper van facilities please refer to
<http://ballyholme.com/events/topper-world-championships-2016/>

APPENDIX A

