



Rooster International Topper World Championships 2017

Loctudy, France
Saturday 22nd to Friday 28th July 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

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**The organising authority is Cercle Nautique de Loctudy (CNL)
in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA)**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile) that will apply are stated in full in Annex A.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The following documents, which will be published on the ITCA website (www.itcaworld.org) prior to the event and displayed on the official notice board at the event, will also apply:
 - a) The ITCA World Championship 2017 Equipment Regulations ('Championship Equipment Regulations')
 - b) The ITCA World Championship 2017 Competitor and Support Team Regulations ('Championship Support Team Regulations').
- 1.5 The International Topper Class Rules are amended for this event as follows:

Add "7.15 Boats shall display event advertising on the lowest white panel of the mainsail. On 5.3 sails such event advertising shall be placed 45mm in from the leech of the sail, parallel to the upper seam of the sail panel. On 4.2 sails such event advertising shall be placed centrally between the national letters and the mast sleeve, parallel to the upper seam of the sail panel. Any competitor advertising shall be clearly separated from such event advertising."
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the international jury, be less than disqualification.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The International Topper 5.3 World Championship is open to all International Topper class dinghies using a 5.3 sail.
- 2.2 The International Topper 4.2 World Championship is open to all International Topper class dinghies using a 4.2 sail.
- 2.3 Every competitor shall be a current member of a National Topper Class Association or ITCA. Competitors that do not have a National Topper Class Association should join ITCA via the International Secretary (see 19.1 below for contact details).
- 2.4 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the championships.
- 2.5 The total number of entries is limited to 300 competitors.

3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Each competitor under 18 years of age on 23rd July 2017 shall submit to the organising authority at registration a completed registration form **signed by one of their parents or legal guardians**. Registration forms will be available for download from the ITCA website prior to the event.
- 3.2 Each competitor under 18 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult acting in *loco parentis* (and identified as such on the competitor's registration form) when registering at the event, and the parent, guardian or responsible adult shall register with the organising authority at the same time as the competitor.
- 3.3 The parent, guardian or other adult acting in *loco parentis* for a competitor under 18 years of age shall be responsible for that competitor throughout the event and shall remain within the immediate vicinity of the beach, club or boat park at all times whilst the competitor is afloat. [DP]
- 3.4 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*. [DP]
- 3.5 The Championship Equipment Regulations will require each boat to display the 2017 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance by the race committee). Competitors who do not already have a 2017 Championship Number should apply for one before the event:
 - a) GBR sailors should apply to the GBR Topper Association (secretary@gbrtopper.co.uk)

- b) IRL sailors should apply to the IRL Topper Association (membership.irl@gmail.com)
- c) Other nationalities should apply to the International Secretary (secretary@itcaworld.org).
- 3.6 Each boat shall use only one sail during the event, except that the technical committee may authorise a boat to use an alternative sail in the case of damage that it is impossible to repair in time for a race. See SIs for details. [DP]
- 3.7 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.8 Competitors may be requested to wear event sponsored race bibs over all other items of apparel.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Pre entry is required using the on-line entry system at itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com.
- 4.2 The entry fee is:
 - a) £240 for entries received on or before 24th May 2017
 - b) £270 for entries received thereafter, up to and including 24th June 2017
 - c) £300 for entries received thereafter. Entries in this case are subject to confirmation by the International Secretary, and will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the race committee, there is adequate safety cover available.
- 4.3 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - a) 50% of the entry fee paid for cancellations received by 1st July 2017
 - b) No refund for cancellations after 1st July 2017.
- 4.4 In all instances refunds will be processed on the credit or debit card used to pay for the entry. Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after August 31st 2017. 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 competitor.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registration will be open on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July.
- 5.2 Each competitor shall register before racing. To register, each competitor shall provide a completed registration form (signed by their parent or legal guardian in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) and proof of current membership of a National Topper Class Association or ITCA. [DP]

6 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 6.1 The technical committee will be available to inspect boats on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July.
- 6.2 All boats will need to be presented for inspection prior to racing, to be checked for compliance with the class rules and Championship Equipment Regulations, and to have equipment limitation marks applied. A boat shall not race until it has passed inspection by the technical committee, except with the prior written consent of the technical committee (which will only be given in exceptional circumstances). [DP]
- 6.3 The technical committee may also make spot checks of boats throughout the event, and may also require certain boats to be presented for inspection before or after racing on any day.
- 6.4 The fact that a boat has been inspected by one or more members of the technical committee, or any other race official, does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the RRS or any other document governing this event.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 There will be a briefing for competitors and their support personnel, which all competitors should attend, after the opening ceremony on Sunday 23rd July.
- 7.2 Racing is scheduled to take place on each day from Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July, with multiple races scheduled for each fleet on each day.
- 7.3 The warning signal for the first race on Monday 24th July will be no earlier than 12:25 (CEST).
- 7.4 On the last day of the event no starting signal will be made after 15:00 (CEST).
- 7.5 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 FORMAT

- 8.1 **For the 5.3 fleet**, it is expected that the entry will be divided into flights for a qualifying series, followed by separate final series for Gold, Silver and (if numbers warrant) Bronze fleets. A total of 15 races will be scheduled.
- 8.2 **For the 4.2 fleet**, depending upon the number of entries the championship will either consist of a single series, or a qualifying series followed by final series. A total of 15 races will be scheduled.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be published on the ITCA website prior to the event, and will be displayed on the official notice board at the event.

10 RACE AREA

- 10.1 Racing will be on the sea off Loctudy beach (Plage de Langoz). See Annex B.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. They are expected to consist of inner and outer loop trapezoid courses.

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 12.2 Competitors will be allowed to take a scoring penalty for breaches of certain rules in certain circumstances. Arbitration will be available as an alternative to a full protest hearing for the resolution of certain protests. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 Each championship will be valid once four races have been completed (and not subsequently abandoned) by the relevant fleet or flights.
- 13.3 If a championship consists of a qualifying series and final series, at least four qualification races will need to be completed by each flight before the entry is split into final series fleets.
- 13.4 Race scores will be excluded from each boat's series score as follows:
- When three or fewer races have been completed, no race score will be excluded.
 - When four to nine races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.
 - When ten or more races have been completed, two race scores will be excluded.
 - Only one final series race score may be excluded, and only if at least two final series races have been completed by the relevant fleet.

14 PRIZES

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

15 SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Only support boats authorised by the Event Safety Officer will be permitted in the racing area. [DP]
- 15.2 All those intending to bring a support boat to the event should contact Andy Millington (ribs@itcaworld.org) prior to the event.
- 15.3 All support boat drivers shall register themselves and their support boat with the organising authority during the period for competitor registration (see 5.1 above). They will be required to sign that they have read and agree to comply with the Championship Support Team Regulations. [DP]

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 (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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 omission;
- 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 organisers 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

17 INSURANCE

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

18 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1 By entering the event competitors and their supporters accept that they may be photographed and/or videoed participating in the event and/or using the event facilities and they consent to the taking and use of such images in any media, in conjunction with their name or not, without compensation and without the approval of the competitor or supporter of such images or any use thereof.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information see:

ITCA World website www.itcaworld.org/rooster-international-topper
Cercle Nautique Loctudy website www.cnloctudy.com

or contact:

Michelle Hill (Secretary) secretary@itcaworld.org
Andy Millington (President) president@itcaworld.org
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Annex A – FFV Prescriptions

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 64.3** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

The jury may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 67** (*Damages*):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be dealt by the jury.

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 70.5** (*Appeals and requests to a national authority*):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written authorization of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 78.1** (*Compliance with class rules; certificates*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 86.3** (*Changes to the racing rules*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 88** (*National prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed. In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website www.ffvoile.fr, shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 91(b)** (*Protest committee*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

Annex B – Race Area

