



International Topper Class World Championships 2021

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NOTICE OF RACE

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix P of the RRS will apply.

2 COVID STATEMENT

- 2.1 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with RCYC's COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Topper class sailing with a 5.3 or 4.2 sail.
- 3.2 The total number of entries is limited to 300 boats.
- 3.3 There are separate classes for boats using 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails.
- 3.4 4.2 sails shall not be used by boats in the 5.3 class, and 5.3 sails shall not be used by boats in the 4.2 class.
- 3.5 Every competitor shall be a current member of a National Topper Class Association or ITCA (World).
- 3.6 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 Each boat shall display the 2021 Event Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA Class rules. Competitors who do not have an Event Number should apply for a number before the event:
 - 4.1.1 GBR sailors apply to the GBR Topper Association (secretary@itca-qbr.co.uk)
 - 4.1.2 IRL sailors apply to the IRL Topper Association (membership.irl@gmail.com)
 - 4.1.3 Other nationalities apply to the ITCA World Event Secretary (events@itcaworld.org)
- 4.2 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix their Event Number to the sail and boat in accordance with the Class Rules.

- 4.3 The following additional requirements apply in respect of all competitors under 18 years of age on the 24th July 2021:
- 4.3.1 Each such competitor shall submit a completed parent / guardian consent form to the Organising Authority at registration. This consent form will be available on the ITCA World web site prior to the event and may be emailed to relevant competitors upon completion of the online entry form.
- 4.3.2 The completed parent / guardian consent form shall identify an adult that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event, and a mobile telephone number on which they can be contacted at all times during the event.
- 4.3.3 The responsible adult shall register with the Organising Authority at the venue at the same time as the competitor(s) they are responsible for.
- 4.3.4 The responsible adult shall remain within the immediate vicinity of the beach, club or boat park at all times whilst the competitor is at the venue (including while they are sailing).

5 ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 5.2 Competitors may be invited to wear event sponsored race bibs supplied by the organising authority outside all other items of apparel.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Application for entry shall be made at: https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/index_v1.php
- 6.2 Entry fees are as follows:
- (1) £255 for entries received on or before May 22nd 2021
 - (2) £285 for entries received thereafter, up to and including June 19th 2021
 - (3) £315 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 Organising Authority, there is adequate safety cover available.
- 6.3 Only boats and competitors for which a valid entry form has been submitted, the required entry fee has been paid, have been accepted as an entry, and have successfully completed all registration and equipment inspection requirements will be considered as entries in the event.
- 6.4 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Up to 1st July 2021 12pm (noon)	50%
After 1st July 2021 12pm (noon)	0%

- 6.5 In all instances, refunds will be processed on the credit or debit card used to pay for application or entry. Please ensure the expiry date of the card used for payment is after August 31st 2021. 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.
- 6.6 If the number of entries has to be further restricted because of COVID-19, the Organising Authority will determine a limit on the number of entries to be accepted from each country (which limit may differ between countries and will be at the absolute discretion of the Organising Authority). Entries from each country will then be accepted in order of receipt by the Organising Authority up to that limit. Any applications or entries in excess of the relevant limit will be placed in a waiting list for each country in order of receipt by the Organising Authority. Any entry places that are not taken up may be reallocated by the Organising Authority as it sees fit.

7 COVID-19 CANCELLATION POLICY

- 7.1 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

- 7.2 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they will refund the entry fee in full.
- 7.3 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event at least 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.
- 7.4 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours of the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

8 REGISTRATION

- 8.1 Registration will open from 10:00 until 16:00 on Saturday 24th July 2021.
- 8.2 Each competitor shall register before racing and provide proof of current membership of a National Topper Class Association or ITCA (World).

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Equipment inspection will start on Saturday 24^h July at 10:00 until 16:00 but may open before then for early arrivals.
- 9.2 No boat shall race without first having passed equipment inspection.
- 9.3 Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times after they have passed equipment inspection until the end of the event.
- 9.4 Boats and personal equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 9.5 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 10.1 For the 5.3 class, the event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 10.2 For the 4.2 class, the event will consist of a single series.

11 SCHEDULE

- 11.1 Racing is scheduled to take place for each class on each day from Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July inclusive. It is intended that there be 3 races for the 5.3's and 4 races for the 4.2's each day.
- 11.2 The warning signal for the first race on Monday 26th July will be no earlier than 12.00hrs.
- 11.3 On the last day of the event no starting signal will be made after 15:00 hrs.
- 11.4 Races on each day will normally be sailed 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. Motherships may be on the course to provide toilet facilities.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA World website and the Official Event website prior to the event, and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event. Paper copies will **not** be available at the Event.

13 RACING AREA

- 13.1 Racing will be in Cork Harbour or in the bay off Roches Point.

14 THE COURSES

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

15 INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 15.1 The intention is to appoint an international jury in accordance with Appendix N of the RRS.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The scoring system in Appendix A of the RRS will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

For the 5.3 World Championships

- 16.2 At least four races must be completed in the Qualification Series prior to the fleet being split into Final Series fleets (Gold, Silver and Bronze). A single race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final Series to constitute the Championship.
- 16.3 A boat's Championship score will be the total of her scores in all races in the Final Series after discards, together with a points score equal to her overall ranking at the end of the Qualification Series (which shall not be discarded). All boats in the Final Series Gold fleet will rank ahead of all boats in the Final Series Silver fleet, who will rank ahead of all boats in the Final Series Bronze fleet.
- 16.4 For each of the Qualification Series and the Final Series:
- When 3 or fewer races have been completed all races will count;
 - When 4 to 7 races have been completed there will be one discard;
 - When 8 to 9 races have been completed there will be two discards.
- 16.5 When the Championship is not properly constituted (minimum one race completed by the Gold Fleet in the Final Series) prizes will still be awarded, however the Overall Championship Trophy will not be awarded.

For the 4.2 World Championships

- 16.6 Discards will be as follows:
- When 3 or fewer races have been completed all scores will count
 - When 4 to 9 races have been completed there will be one discard
 - When 10 to 14 races have been completed there will be two discards
 - When 15 to 19 races have been completed there will be three discards
 - Where 20 or more races have been completed there will be four discards.

17 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 17.1 Only support person vessels registered with the Organising Authority will be permitted in the racing areas.
- 17.2 Support person vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority at https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/index_v1.php A fee of £10 shall be payable for each such vessel.
- 17.3 Support person vessels shall comply with the Support Vessel Regulations for the event published by the Organising Authority.

18 PRIZES

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

19 RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 Rule 3 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:
- 19.1.1 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;
- 19.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 19.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 19.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 19.1.5 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;

- 19.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- 19.1.7 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 safety briefing held for the event.

20 INSURANCE

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

21 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 21.1 The Royal Cork Yacht Club aims to minimise the environmental impact of hosting the Championship and, in conjunction with the club's sustainability actions, we urge all competitors and visitors to bring re-useable water bottles. There are several 'rehydration stations' on site where water bottles can be replenished with fresh drinking water and the Club House will also provide free refills.

22 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

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

23 PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 23.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in this event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1 For information on local accommodation, campervan enquiries and things to do in the area, please visit <https://www.itcaworld.org/events/topper-worlds-2021/>

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