



# International Topper Class World Championships 2023

Royal Cork Yacht Club, Ireland  
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## NOTICE OF RACE

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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 Irish Sailing
- 1.3 The International Topper Class Rules

### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code as modified by the Advertising regulation of Irish Sailing, boats may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority
- 2.2 Competitors may 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 4.2.3 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 2023 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 shall apply for allocation of a number:
  - 4.2.1 GBR sailors apply to GBR Topper Association ([secretary@itca-gbr.co.uk](mailto:secretary@itca-gbr.co.uk))
  - 4.2.2 IRL sailors apply to the IRL Topper Association ([secretary@topperireland.com](mailto:secretary@topperireland.com) )
  - 4.2.3 Other nationalities should apply to the Secretary General ([secretary@itcaworld.org](mailto:secretary@itcaworld.org))

- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Event Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the Class Rules.
- 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 22nd July 2023 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: <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php>
- 5.2 Entry fee's are shown below, there is a sliding scale of fees to encourage early entries
  - (1) £280 for entries received on or before May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023
  - (2) £310 for entries received thereafter, up to and including June 21<sup>st</sup> 2023
  - (3) £340 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. 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 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 from 10:00.
- 6.2 Each competitor shall register before racing and provide proof of current membership of a National Topper Class Association.

## **7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION**

- 7.1 Measurement will start on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10:00 but may open before for early arrivals
- 7.2 All boats will be measured prior to the first race on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- 7.3 Boats may also 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 24<sup>th</sup> July will be no earlier than 12.00hrs. Start times for the following days will be announced by 19:00 the day before.
- 8.2 On the last day of the event no starting signal will be made after 15:00 hrs

### **8.3 For the 5.3 Fleet**

- 8.3.1 A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by the Final Series in which the entry will be divided into two or three fleets, Gold, Silver, and (if numbers warrant) Bronze.

- 8.3.2 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.
- 8.3.3 If four races have not been completed by the end of 26<sup>th</sup> July the qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth qualifying race is completed..

#### **8.4 For the 4.2 Fleet**

- 8.4.1 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.
- 8.4.2 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 Where there is a qualifying series, if four races have not been completed by the end of 26<sup>th</sup> 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 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

### **10 RACING AREA**

- 10.1 Will be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions

### **11 THE COURSES**

- 11.1 The 5.3 fleet will sail inner and outer loop trapezoid courses as specified in the Sailing Instructions and documented on the Event Course card
- 11.2 The courses to be sailed by 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 Irish Sailing 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.

#### **For the 5.3 World Championships**

- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 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**

- 13.6 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.

## **14 SUPPORT BOATS & MOTOR NAVIGATION**

- 14.1 Only support boats registered with the Event Safety Officer will be permitted on the race course
- 14.2 Coaches and Support boats need to register and pay a fee of £10 at <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php>
- 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 / €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 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 20.1 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.

## **21 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

- 21.1 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 competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 22.1 For information on local accommodation, campervan enquiries and things to do in the area, please visit <https://www.royalcork.com/topper-worlds-2023/>

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