



South East Topper Traveller  
Medway Yacht Club in association with the International Topper Class Association UK  
South East Area  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023  
**Notice of Race (NoR)**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, the principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter and the rules within this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The byelaws and directives of the Medway Peel Ports shall also govern the event.
- 1.3 Class rules for the Topper dinghy will also apply.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 applies so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.5 The exoneration penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.
- 1.6 Any changes to RRS or the Class Rules will be given in full in the SI's.

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the ITCA (Great Britain) website and the MYC website prior to the event and available on the Official Notice Board on the day which will be located in the club foyer or near the marquee

**3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Topper classes. Either the Toppers with 4.2 or 5.3 sails will be eligible to race, though the same sail should be used throughout the event.
- 4.2 For your results to be considered for the South East Topper Traveller Series you must be a member of International Topper Class Association (Great Britain)-

however non-members may enter one event before they are required to join ITCA.

- 4.3 The person stated on the entry form for a particular boat will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at the event.
- 4.4 Every entrant under the age of 18 shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 4.5 Eligible sailors may enter by registration or on the Topper website together with payment of the entry fee. The club reserves the right to limit the number of entries which will be accepted in the order received.
- 4.6 The race committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Entry fees can be found on the Topper Website.

**5 - 8 NOT USED**

**9 SCHEDULE**

- 9.1 Racing will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.
- 9.2 It is intended that 4 races will be sailed. Some races may be sailed back-to-back.
- 9.3 The table below details the intended timings for the event. These times are approximate and are subject to change.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
09:00	Registration Opens
10:00	Race briefing for all competitors. Launching will be immediately after the briefing.
10:55	First warning signal not before this time.
15:55	Scheduled last warning signal.
17:00	Intended racing finish time.

**10 - 11 NOT USED**

**12 VENUE**

- 12.1 Medway Yacht Club, Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4XB. Tel. 01634 718399.
- 12.2 Racing will take place on the River Medway between Upnor Castle and Buoy 23.

**13 COURSES**

- 13.1 Details of the courses to be sailed and the marks to be used will be set out in the competitors briefing.

**14 NOT USED**

**15 SCORING**

**15.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**15.2** (a) When three races or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**16 - 20 NOT USED**

**21 DATA PROTECTION**

**21.1** The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the 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".

**21.2** Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the privacy policy of MYC which is available on the MYC website ([www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com)).

**21.3** When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, and World Sailing.

**21.4** The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

**22 RISK STATEMENT**

**22.1** RRS 3 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 this event, each competitor 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 while 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 omissions;
- 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 organiser 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 practically be 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 safety briefing held for the event

**23                   INSURANCE**

**23.1**               Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

**24                   PRIZES**

**24.1**               Prizes will be awarded by MYC for places overall. Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

**24.2**               Prize giving will take place after racing finishes and any protests heard.