



# TOPPER TRAVELLER SERIES 2015

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 to 2016*.

1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA or RYA, the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA Irl).

1.3 The organizing authority shall be the club hosting the event.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Topper Class Association, both Full rig and 4.2sq.m rig.

2.2 All sailors resident on the island of Ireland must be members of the Irish Topper Class Association, ITCA (Irl). Overseas entrants should be members of their national Topper class association. Membership can be completed at registration.

2.3 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the host club for the duration of the event.

2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee for each event.

### 3. Fees

3.1 The entry fee for each event is £16 or €16.

3.2 Membership fee for the Topper Class Association is £20/€20 for 2015. Alternatively, entrants may pay a One-Event membership fee of £6/€6.

### 4. Schedule

4.1 The following five Traveller Events are scheduled for 2015:

Traveller 1	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Malahide Yacht Club
Traveller 2	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Lough Derg Yacht Club
Traveller 3	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Ballyholme Yacht Club
Traveller 4	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Howth Yacht Club
Traveller 5	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Quoile Yacht Club

**4.2** Fifteen races are scheduled for the series, three races at each event.

**4.3** Registration: Competitors should register between 09:00 and 10:00 on the morning of the event.

**4.4** Competitors Briefing is scheduled for 10:15.

**4.5** The first warning signal will be made at 11:25. Subsequent races will follow as soon as is practicable. No Warning Signal will be made after 16:00.

## **5. Measurement.**

**5.1** A boat or equipment may be measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **6. Sailing Instructions.**

**6.1** The sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

## **7. The Venue.**

**7.1** The racing area will be described at the briefing or may be available on the host clubs and/or ITCA (IRL) website prior to the event.

## **8. The Courses.**

**8.1** The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9. Scoring.**

**9.1** For individual Traveller events, the Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, except that boats that do not attend an event will be scored the number of boats that attended +5.

**9.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series at each individual Traveller Event.

**9.3** There will be no discard at an individual Traveller Event. This changes A2.

**9.4** For the purposes of scoring the Traveller Series, a competitors final placing at each traveller event will be used.

**9.5** For the Traveller Series, two events are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**9.6** For the Traveller Series, a boats series score will be the total of her final placing at each Traveller Event, excluding her worst placing if five events have been completed.

## **10. Prizes**

**10.1** **5.3 Fleet** Overall 1st to 3rd and 1st lady prize.

**10.2 5.3 Fleet** Age-category prizes: 1st to 3rd, U12; 1st to 3rd, U14; and 1st to 3rd, U17years. If a sailor is awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd overall, he/she is excluded from winning an age-category prize.

Age-category in any year is calculated by the competitor's age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 (Therefore: U12 = born in 2003 or later, U14 = born in 2001 or later and U17 = born in 1998 or later)

**10.3 4.2 Fleet** Overall 1st to 3rd.

## **11. Risk Statement**

**11.1** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the 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 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 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 be practically provided in the circumstances.

## **12. Insurance**

**12.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.