



# Donaghadee Sailing Club

## TOPPER CHALLENGE

**Saturday 21 May 2022**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P applies.
- 1.4 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

#### **2. Sailing instructions**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

#### **3 Communications**

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located in the foyer of DSC Clubhouse.
- 3.2 [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 & entry**

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the International Topper Class using a 5.3 or 4.2 sail.
- 4.2 Helm must be a member of the Irish Topper Class Association or other Topper class association. Day membership for the event will be available at registration.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying at <http://donaghadeesc.co.uk>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Boats should enter before **Wednesday 11 MAY @ 2100**. Late entries will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.6 The maximum number of entries for this event is 36
- 4.6 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.7 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.9 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the host club for the duration of the event.

## 5. Fees

5.1 The entry fee for the event is £25.00. Payment to be made in sterling online.

## 6 Crew Limitations

Does not apply.

## 7 Advertising

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 8 Qualifying series and final series

Does not apply.

## 9. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	17.00 – 22.00	Dinghy park open for arrivals
Sat 21st May 2022	9.00 – 10.00	Registration
	10.15	Competitors Briefing
	11.55	Warning signal
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving

This is a sprint event, not held in the usual fashion of Irish Topper events. The fleet will be split into flights, starting on individual flight starts.

The races will be short (circa 15 minutes), and shall be in a round robin fashion. More races may be ran at the RO's discretion.

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 10 Equipment inspection

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 11 Clothing and equipment

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.2 All competitors shall have a launching trolley suitable for their boat that is fully serviceable and clearly marked with their tag number.

11.3 All competitors shall be issued with a coloured flight

## 12 Venue

12.1 The Sailing Area will be in the waters off Donaghadee Harbour

## 13 Courses

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be as described in the sailing instructions. They will not be traditional Topper trapezoid.

## 14 Penalty system

14.1 Appendix T Arbitration and the post-race penalty shall apply to this event. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## 15. Scoring

15.1 There will be 1 discard after 5 races and 2 discards after 9 races.

15.2 After the flight races the boats shall be split into 3 Fleets. A minimum of 1 'medal' race shall decide the winner of each fleet. Subject to time, the RO may sail more than 1 medal race and the scores shall be aggregated.

15.2 Ties will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

- DSQ shall score 3 points more than the number of finishers
- DNS, DNC, shall score 3 points more than the number of finishers
- DNF, RET, OCS shall score 1 point more than the numbers of finishers.

## 16 [dp] [np] Support person vessels

16.1 Support person vessels shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and, if required, display identification flags provided by the Organising Authority.

16.2 Support person vessels shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel so they can be called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency.

16.3 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.4 When afloat all persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and when the engine is running the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## 17 Chartered or loaned boats

Does not apply.

## 18 Berthing

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

## 19 Haul-out restrictions

Does not apply.

## 20 Diving equipment and plastic pools

Does not apply.

## 21 Data protection

The Class Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

## 22 Risk statement

22.1 RRS 3 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.
- (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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 22.2 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

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 the venue/OA/sailing club 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 be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## 23 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling / €3,000,000 Euro per incident or the equivalent.

## 24 Prizes

24.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the 1,2,& 3<sup>rd</sup> place boats in in the 5.3 & 4.2 fleet.

## 25 Further information

For further information please contact Stuart Ogg – 07714262223 or [stuart@consultav.com](mailto:stuart@consultav.com)

## **NOR ENDS**

### **Notes:**

**Rib launching:** slipway access is possible for launching ribs but will only be suitable 1300-1900 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May & launching on Saturday morning will not be possible. Recovery from 1400 on Saturday is ok.

Alternative launching for Saturday is available at Millisle, Bangor & Groomsport

**Tea / Coffee & breakfast baps:** shall be available in the Clubhouse from 0830.

**Boat delivery** is possible on Friday afternoon / evening by arrangement with DSC. Contact Stuart Ogg at the above number.