



# Topper Winter Regatta 2019



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## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 to 2020.

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

1.3 The organizing authority shall be the National Yacht Club.

### 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) or British Topper Association, ITCA(GB). 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.

### 3. Fees

3.1 The entry fee for the event is €50

3.2 Membership fee for the Topper Class Association is £25 or €30. Alternatively, entrants may pay a One-Event membership fee of €7.

3.3 In the event of persistent adverse weather forecasts the organisers may cancel event 48 hours before the scheduled registration time. If this occurs, the entry paid will be refunded.

### 4. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Fri 22/02/19	17:00 – 19:00	Registration
Sat 23/02/19	09:00 – 10:00	Registration
	10:15	Competitors Briefing
	11:55	First Gun
Sun 24/02/19	10:25	First Gun
	15:00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving

6 Races are scheduled (3 per day) with succeeding races being started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

Depending on conditions, more than 3 races may be held on one day if deemed appropriate

## 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

(2-Day, 6 race event)

- One race must be completed to create a valid series.
- If 4 or more races are completed, 1 discard will apply

## 10. Prizes

5.3m <sup>2</sup> Fleet			
Youth *	14+ Years	Female	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
		Male	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Junior *	<14 Years	Female	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
		Male	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
For events of 2 days or more an overall prize will be given, this will be provided by ITCA (Perpetual Trophies).			
4.2m <sup>2</sup> Fleet			
Male or Female			1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>

*\* Age Category defined by year of birth*

*Juniors born 2005 or later*

*Youths born 2004 or earlier*

## **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.