



# Carrickfergus Sailing Club Topper Traveller 5 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 or RYA, the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA IRL).

1.3 The organizing authority shall be Carrickfergus Sailing 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 **£20** or **€25**.

3.2 Membership fee for the Topper Class Association is **£25/€30**. Alternatively, entrants may pay a One-Event membership fee of **£6/€7**.

## 4. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017	9.00 – 10.00	Registration
	10.15	Competitors Briefing
	11.15	First Gun
	16.00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving

4 Races are scheduled 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 on Belfast Lough near to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

## 8. The Courses.

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

## 9. Scoring

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

## 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.

Category	Year
U12	Born 2005 or later
U14	Born 2003, 2004
U17	Born 2000, 2001, 2002

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.