

Topper Open at Felpham Sailing Club

Saturday 1 July 2017

counting towards: SE Topper Traveller Series; and,
WSSYSA Topper Traveller Series

Organising Authority: Felpham Sailing Club (FSC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS)*, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Rules, except as changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. FSC implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Entry is open to all boats of the Topper Class.
- 2.2. Competitors who wish their results to count for the WSSYSA Traveller Series must be under the age of 18 on 1st January 2017.
- 2.3. All boats shall be able to be identified by having unique sail designations.
- 2.4. Sailors shall enter by registering at the club on Saturday 1 July 2017. Their entry shall be considered valid upon receipt of the correct entry fee and a completed registration form.
- 2.5. Entry Fee: £10.

3. Racing Schedule:

- 3.1. Registration will be between 09:00 and 10:00 in the FSC Clubhouse.
- 3.2. There shall be a briefing for all sailors at 10:00 in the FSC Clubhouse.
- 3.3. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 10:55.
- 3.4. Four races are scheduled to be completed.

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. SIs will be available at Registration.

5. Venue

- 5.1. The racing is based at Felpham Sailing Club, Blakes Road, Felpham, PO22 7EE

6. Penalty system

- 6.1. The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event.

7. Scoring

- 7.1. Two races completed will constitute a series. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three races or more have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8. Insurance

- 8.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

9. Risk statement

- 9.1. RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 9.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 9.3. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 9.3.1. 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 accordingly whilst taking part in the event;
- 9.3.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 9.3.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 9.3.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 9.3.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 9.3.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 9.4. Coaches shall ensure that skippers, crews and their parents or guardians are fully aware and conscious of this risk statement and that actual and potential risks include drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.

10. Boats and Competitors in Difficulty

- 10.1. When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. Competitors shall obey such instructions from boats acting as safety boats.

11. Supporting Information

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2. Results will be posted on www.felphamsailingclub.co.uk.
- 11.3. Competitors, parents and guardians shall accept that photographs of their boat and its crew may be taken whilst attending this event and shall automatically grant the Organising Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

12. Contact details:

- 12.1 Further information can be found at: www.felphamsailingclub.co.uk