



## Winter Regatta (NS2) WPNSA 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> February 2015

## The organising authority is WPNSA together with ITCA (GBR)

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016*.
- 1.2 Prescriptions of the ITCA (GBR) and any other instructions determined by the host Club will apply
- 1.3 Competitors should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016* or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

### 2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Only current members of a National Topper Class Association may enter the Championships. Competitors who are not already a member of a National Topper Class association may join ITCA (GBR) at Registration or pay £20.00 (or £5.00 if a member of the host Club) to become a temporary member of ITCA (GBR) for the duration of the event.
- 2.2 The person and boat stated on the entry form for each event will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at that event.
- 2.3 All boats will be allocated and must display a **2015 Championship Number**. It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail and hull according to the instructions given. Should a problem arise with the placement of the Championship Number, the positioning will be decided by the Chief Measurer or a designated member of the Topper Class Committee
- 2.4 Pre entry is required for this event using the on-line entry system at [www.gbriopper.co.uk](http://www.gbriopper.co.uk)
- 2.5 The entry fees are;
  - 2.5.1 £50 for entries received on or before 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015
  - 2.5.2 £65 from 29<sup>th</sup> January up to and including Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015
  - 2.5.3 £70 on or after Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015. These late entries are subject to confirmation by the secretary, and will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, there is adequate safety cover available.
- 2.6 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Refund
Up to 2 weeks prior to the event	Entry fee less £5 admin charge or transfer entry to another event
Within last 2 weeks prior to the event	No refund or transfer entry to another event

### 3 Registration

- 3.1 Registration will take place Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 08:30-10:00
- 3.2 Registration by competitors at the event will require a completed entry form and proof of current membership of ITCA (GBR) or another National Topper Class association.

### 4 Racing

- 4.1 There will be racing on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- 4.2 The warning signal for the first start on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February will be no earlier than 10:55 hrs.

#### 5.3 fleet

- 4.3 The entry is expected to be divided into flights.
- 4.4 There will be up to 6 races for each flight.
- 4.5 Races each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. Competitors should be prepared to spend up to 6 hours afloat each day.
- 4.6 Racing will be in Portland Harbour.

#### **4.2 fleet**

- 4.7 Up to 10 races will be sailed.
- 4.8 It is intended that competitors return to shore for lunch each day.
- 4.9 Racing will be in Portland Harbour.

#### **5 Sailing Instructions**

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website and/or displayed on the event notice board and may be given in writing at Registration.

#### **6 The Course**

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions

#### **7 Approved Sail**

- 7.1 Only sails supplied by Topper International and stamped 'Race Approved Sail' shall be used during the event.
- 7.2 Each competitor may use only ONE sail during the event. In the event of damage that it is not feasible to repair, the competitor MUST obtain written permission from the Race Officer before he/she may use a replacement sail
- 7.3 4.2 sails shall not be used in the 5.3 fleet.
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#### **8 Penalty System**

- 8.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.

#### **9 Scoring 5.3 fleet**

- 9.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 When 3 or fewer races have been completed all scores will count.
- 9.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, there will be 1 discard.

#### **Scoring 4.2 fleet**

- 9.4 The low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.5 When 3 or fewer races have been completed all scores will count.
- 9.6 When 4 to 7 races have been completed, there will be 1 discard.
- 9.7 When 8 or more races have been completed, there will be 2 discards.

#### **10 Prizes**

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of the ITCA (GBR), the host club and the event sponsor.
- 10.2 The ICOM Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the 5.3 fleet.

#### **11 Support Boats**

- 11.1 Only support boats registered with the Safety Officer will be permitted on the race course.

#### **12 Risk Statement**

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

Sailing is by its nature 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 omission;
- 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

**13 Insurance**

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 2,000,000 per event.

**14 Further Information**

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