



Topper Traveller

NOTICE OF RACE

September 5th 2020

Galway City Sailing Club

53°16'07"N 9°02'16"W

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 Galway City Sailing Club in conjunction with ITCA IRL
- 1.4 Boats competing in each Class shall comply with Topper Class Rules. Boats may be checked for compliance with the Class Rules at any time during the regatta.

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. Event day membership can be completed at registration for non-championship events such as travellers and sprints.
- 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 €30.

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

4 Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Saturday 05/09/2020	8:30 – 10.00	Registration
	10.15	Competitors Briefing
	11.30	First Gun
	15.00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving

4.1 Races are scheduled with succeeding races being started as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race.

5. Competitors – Event Registration and Entry Management

5.1 All competitors must register on [Galway City Sailing Club Website](#) before midnight on the Wednesday 2nd of September. Late entries are at the discretion of the Host Club.

5.2 The maximum entry for this event is 40 and is being declared for the safety of all competitors and is based on a number of variables associated with this specific event and Covid restrictions. Entries above this declared maximum will NOT be permitted. A waiting list maybe created at the discretion of the Host Club. **Please register early to avoid disappointment.**

6. Measurement.

6.1 A boat or equipment may be measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

6.2 All boats competing in the 3 day National Event, must display a valid championship number on the sail per ITCA class rules. (A championship number is allocated to each sailor upon payment of the annual membership fee).

7. Sailing Instructions.

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration, or earlier on the club website.

8. The Venue.

8.1 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.

9. The Courses.

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

10. Scoring

(1-Day, 4 race event)

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

11. Prizes

5.3m ² Fleet			
Youth *	14+ Years	Female	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
		Male	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Junior *	<14 Years	Female	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
		Male	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
4.2m ² Fleet			
Male or Female		1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	
Regatta Fleet			
Male or Female		1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	
* Age Category defined by year of birth			

12. Risk Statement

12.1 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.
- (g) They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and attend any venue/event safety briefings.

13. Insurance

13.1 It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

14. Photography Consent

14.1 By entering the Regatta, competitors and, where relevant, their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

15. Boat Parking & Launching / Recovery

15.1 Boat parking and launching/recovery plans may be posted on the Official Notice Board or website and parking spaces for dinghies may be allocated at Registration. Boats shall only be parked in their allocated space. There will be an assigned Covid officer for this event who will direct competitors to their allocated space. Each allocated space will be measure to fully comply with social distancing guidelines.

15.2 All competitors are required to have a launching trolley suitable for their boat that is fully serviceable and clearly marked.

16 Support Boats

16.1 All support boats shall register with the Race Office. An identification flag which must be conspicuously displayed during the Regatta, may be issued by the OA at registration on payment of a returnable deposit of fee (Typically around €20.00).

16.2 Except when requested by or agreed with the Race Committee or during emergency rescue operations, support boats must stay 100m distant from the race area unless requested to assist by an official race committee boat from the time of the first Warning Signal until the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that race area.

16.3 Support boats shall not tow competitors to or from the Race Area unless requested to assist by an official race committee boat.

16.4 Support boats shall comply with instructions issued by the Race Committee

17 Special Notice Covid 19 Restrictions

- 17.1 For this event a Covid 19 safety officer/s will be appointed. All competitors and participants must abide by the advice and instructions of the safety officer. On the day the Covid 19 safety officer will give clear instructions on social distancing in the dinghy park and launch areas. Information to this effect will also be sent out prior to the event.
- 17.2 Due to Covid restrictions no changing rooms will be made available for this event. There will be both male and female toilet facilities.
- 17.3 All participants must be aware of their competencies in respect of the weather conditions on the day. If they feel that the conditions are beyond their competencies we ask that they make the decision not to compete so as not to put undue strain on the safety crews.
- 17.4 All participants will be asked to sign in online to [Galway City Sailing Club Activity Tracker](#). This is a Covid Tracking Measure and is mandatory. Failure to sign in will result in disqualification from the event.
- 17.5 All competitors and entourage are asked to maintain social distancing and Covid hygiene etiquette in line with current Government Public Health Guidelines.