



Topper Open 2016

Sunday 3rd July 2016

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club

Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016. (RRS)
- 1.2 Boats participating in this Open event shall conform to the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing 2013-16, (ERS)
- 1.3 Boats competing shall comply with the Topper class rules as maintained by the RYA Technical Department.
- 1.4 Competitors shall sail in accordance with should note that RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.5 Competitors are reminded that Chichester YC races in accordance with the provisions of the Chichester Harbour Federation Code of Conduct

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Competitor advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20
- 2.2 Competitors may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to those sailing Toppers conforming to the strict one design class rules. Those sailing Toppers conforming to the spirit of the class rules may, at the discretion of the race committee, also enter, however these Toppers may, at the discretion of the race committee, not be eligible for prizes.
- 3.2 For the whole event a competitor shall sail with either a standard 5.3m or a 4.2m sail. If there are sufficient entries there may be a separate start for Toppers using 4.2 sails. Competitors may not change their sail once they have started their first race in the series. A competitor shall declare at registration which type of sail they intend to use.
- 3.3 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 3.4 Junior Competitors are those under the age of 16 on 3rd July 2016. Young competitors are those over the age of 16, but under the age of 18 on 3rd July 2016.
- 3.5 Eligible competitors may enter at the entry desk in the sloop at Chichester Yacht Club on any day of the event. A parent, guardian or person acting in loco parentis of all young competitors shall sign the entry form accepting the “Parent’s or guardian’s declaration regarding young competitors”.

Notes: During the event the parent’s or guardian’s of young competitors shall either be



in or around Chichester Yacht Club or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. During the event any persons acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around Chichester Yacht Club or afloat participating in the event. A young competitor whose parent or guardian has had a Young Person Consent form accepted by CYC's General Committee may participate in this event without a parent, guardian or person acting in loco parentis being present at CYC during the event.

Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the race committee via the entry desk prior to the first race in which they sail with the changed numbers.

4 Classification

There are no classification requirements for this event.

5 Entry Fees

Entry fees are levied as follows

Entry fee per boat: £15

Harbour dues £2 (if not already paid)

6 Event Schedule:

Registration	From 0800 hrs
Briefing	0900 hrs
1 st Warning signal	0955 hrs

There are three races planned and subsequent races will be timed at the organising authorities' discretion, however it is expected that the races will follow immediately and back to back. If there is a separate start for 4.2 rigged boats the Warning signal for that class is intended to follow 5 mins after.

Prizegiving will be held in the CYC Sloop as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.

7. Measurement

All boats competing in the regatta are subject to measurement by the race committee at anytime during the event.

8 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on www.cyc.co.uk from the 26th of June 2016 at the latest; Hard copies will also be available from the registration desk during the event.

9 Venue:

Chichester Yacht club is located approximately three miles south of Chichester off the A286

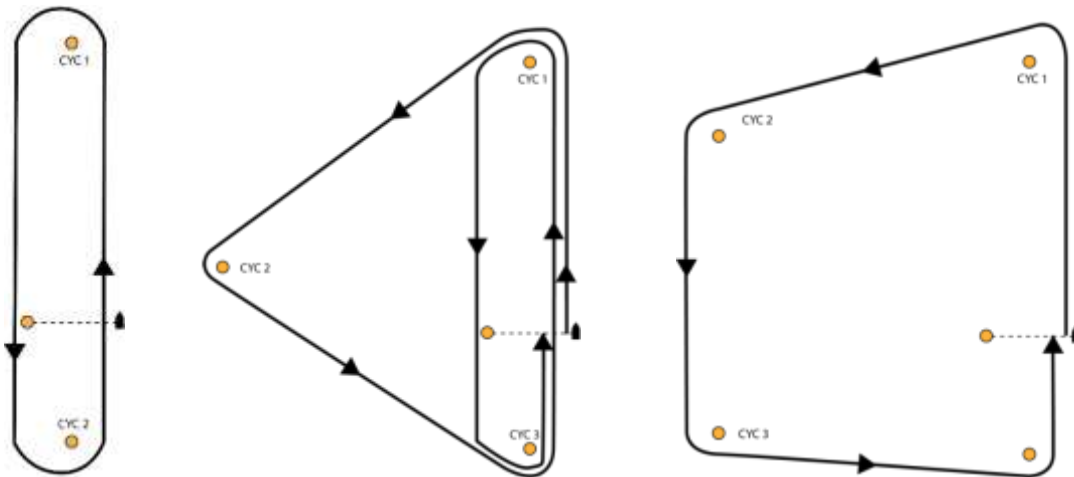


The following diagram illustrates the racing area to sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes.



10 Courses

10.1 The following courses may be used for racing. Selection and a course diagram will be displayed on the CYC briefing board at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal. The course shape entitled “Reverse ‘P’ ” may also be used.



11 Penalty System

Two turns are required when a boat has broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. See Rule 44. Only one turn is required in the event of a boat touching a mark, see rules 31,44.1

12 Scoring

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than three races have been completed all results will count.

12.3 When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores for the races sailed excluding her worst score.

13 Support Boats

Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk during any registration period.

14 Berthing

Competitor's boats should be moved from the Car Park to the dinghy park as soon as possible after arrival. Competitors should also park their road trailer minimise disruption to the car park.

15 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency a boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Sailing Instructions.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat and those that will sail it during the event are fit to sail in the conditions they might find. Each



competitor is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing and is also responsible for wearing adequate clothing for the conditions. By launching competitors confirm that their boat and those sailing it are competent to sail and compete in the event and are adequately clothed for the conditions.

The event organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitors or accompanying persons as a result of attending or taking part in this event and those attending this event indemnifies the event organisers against all and any costs, claims, demands and liabilities in respect of the same. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve persons in charge, competitors and those accompanying competitors of their responsibilities.

18 Insurance

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

19 Supporting Information

19.1 Results will be posted on CYC's web site - www.cyc.co.uk

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

19.3 Competitors shall accept that photographs of their boat and its crew could be taken while attending this event.

19.4 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and Class Association 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.

19.5 The event organisers encompass the organising authority, the race committee and the event support team. The race committee encompasses the principal race officer, the committee boat crew, the patrol boat personnel and the beach master, while the event support team encompasses all others that help run this event.

20 Contact Details

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