



Topper Open 2016

Qualifying event for the Southern Area Travellers Series

Sunday 3rd July 2016

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013–16 (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats participating in this Open event shall conform to the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16.
- 1.3 Boats competing in the event shall conform the International Topper Class Rules as maintained by the ISAF Technical Department
- 1.4 Competitors shall race in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.5 Racing will be held in accordance with the Chichester Harbour Federation Code of Conduct for Racing.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.
- 4.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time “1 minute” shall be replaced with the time “not less than 20 minutes”. This changes the RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, International Code flag K is displayed ashore no Topper shall launch until flag K is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while flag K is displayed ashore. IC flag K has yellow and blue vertical stripes.

5 Schedule of Races

The CYC Topper Open Meeting will be held on Sunday 3rd July 2016.

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



There may be a separate start for Toppers using 4.2 rigs if there are sufficient entries. In which case this will take place 5 minutes after the 5.3 rigged Toppers. The class flag for 4.2 rigged Toppers when starting separately, will be Pennant 5. Which is a Blue and Gold Pennant.

Subsequent races are intended to follow immediately after the preceding race; however, a suitable break may be taken between races at the event organiser's discretion.

6 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

The Class Flag will be International Code Flag T.

In the event of a separate start for 4.2 rigged Toppers, their Class Flag will be Pennant 5

7 Racing Area

Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters of Chichester Harbour in the area known as Chichester Lake.

8 Courses

The race course, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

9 Marks

9.1 Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks are defined in instructions 11 & 13.

10 Areas defined as obstructions

There are no defined obstructions in the racing area. However, see SI 29. There is the possibility of confliction between those racing and traffic in the marina channel, which could be considered as such.

11 The Start

11.1 The starting line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of following:

11.1.1 Cyclone start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and CYC 0.

11.1.2 Jaffa start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC patrol boat Jaffa and a small spherical yellow mark. Jaffa shall be the starboard end starting mark and the small spherical yellow mark shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Jaffa displaying an orange flag and the small spherical yellow mark.

11.2 Limit marks may be laid adjacent to any starting mark and they shall be small spherical buoys. If used, limit marks are marks of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the starting mark it guards after her warning signal.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.



12 Changes to the course

12.1 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

12.2 The race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32.

13 The Finish and Finishing

The finish line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of the lines as defined in instruction 11.

14 Penalty System

See Rule 44.1. Two Turns are required when a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 of the RRS in an incident while racing. A boat may take a One turn penalty when she may have broken rule 31.

15 Time Limits

The advisory time limit for the leading boat shall be 40 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish, however to minimize delays between races the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing, to help ensure competitors have an enjoyable and successful competition. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35.

16 Protests and requests for redress

16.1 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore. Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. See the official notice board for details.

16.6 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 11.3, 18.1, 25.1, 29.1 and 29.2 and Notice of Race paragraph 1.4 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

16.7 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

17 Scoring



17.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.

17.2 One race is to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 When two or fewer races have been sailed all results will count for a boat's series score.

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

18 Safety Regulations

18.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times while afloat at CYC. International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. Also junior competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the CYC pontoons. This instruction changes RRS 40. Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

18.3 Boats retiring should inform the race committee of their decision as soon as possible.

18.2 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boat's crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code RET, DNF. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

19 Replacement of crew or equipment

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee and the first reasonable opportunity.

20 Equipment and measurement checks

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

21 Event Advertising and bow numbers

Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organising authority, for example boom or bow advertisements.:

22 Official boats

Official boats will be the two orange RIBs (known as Tango & Tigga), a blue RIB (Blew), an orange launch (Jaffa) and the Committee Boat

23 Support Boats

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

23.3 Support Boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement general recall or abandonment.



24 Trash disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 Prizes

Prizes may be awarded at the event organiser's discretion and depending on the number of entries. The boat finishing in first shall be presented with the CYC Topper Open Trophy. This trophy shall remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club. The trophy must be returned prior to the same event the following year. The prize giving will be as soon as possible following the final race.

In addition, at the event organiser's discretion, prizes may be awarded including but not limited to

1st 4.2m rig

1st CYC boat.

27 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.

28 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.

29 Local Information

29.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence can not be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

29.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

29.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.