



TOPPER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 6th July – Sunday 8th July 2018

Wexford Harbour Boat & Tennis Club
Redmond Road
Wexford Y35 Y236

NOTICE OF RACE

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, the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA Irl) and the host club shall apply

1.3 The organizing authority shall be the Wexford Harbour Boat & Tennis Club.

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. Membership can be completed at registration.

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 €70.

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



4. Schedule;

Thur 5 th July 2018	1900 - 2100	Registration
Fri 6 th July	0800 – 0900	Registration
Fri 6 th July	1015	Competitors Briefing, followed immediately by launching
Fri 6 th July	1125	First Warning Signal
Sat 7 th July	1125	First Warning Signal
Sun 8 th July	1055	First Warning Signal
	16.00	No warning signal may be made after this time on any day
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving

9 Races are scheduled (3 per day) with succeeding races being started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

Depending on conditions, more than 3 races may be held on one day if deemed appropriate

5. Measurement.

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

5.2 All boats competing in the 3 day National Event, must display a valid championship number.

6. Sailing Instructions.

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

7. The Venue.

7.1 The racing area will be in the waters of Wexford Harbour and/or River Slaney Estuary and may be available on the host clubs and/or ITCA (IRL) website prior to the event.

8. The Courses.

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

9. Scoring.

- Three races must be completed to create a valid series.
- If 4-7 races are completed, 1 discard will apply
- If 8-9 races are completed, 2 discards will apply



10. Prizes

10.1 5.3 Fleet Overall 1st to 3rd and 1st lady prize.

10.2 5.3 Fleet Age-category prizes: 1st to 3rd, U12; 1st to 3rd, U14; and 1st to 3rd, U17years. If a sailor is awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd overall, he/she is excluded from winning an age-category prize.

Category	Year
U12	Born 2006 or later
U14	Born 2004,2005
U17	Born 2001,2002,2003

10.3 4.2 Fleet Overall 1st to 3rd.

11. Risk Statement

11.1 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.

12. Insurance

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.



13. Disclaimer of Liability.

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

14. Further Information.

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