



## **Topper Leinsters Provisional Championship**

**Organised by Skerries Sailing Club**

**In conjunction with the Irish Topper Class Association**

**Saturday 18<sup>TH</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 to 2016. (RRS)
- 1.2 The rules of the Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA) will apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between The Racing Rules of Sailing and The Rules of the Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA Irl) the rules of the Topper Class Association of Ireland shall take precedence.

#### **2. Advertising**

- 2.1 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, advertising, boats may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Topper Class Association, both Full rig and 4.2sq.m rig.
- 3.2 All sailors resident on the island of Ireland must be members of the Irish Topper Class Association, ITCA (Irl). Overseas entrants should be members of their national Topper class association. Membership can be completed at registration.
- 3.3 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the host club for the duration of the event.

3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee for each event.

#### **4. Fees**

4.1 The entry fee for each event is €60. A sterling equivalent is not available.

4.2 Membership fee for the Topper Class Association is £25/€32. Alternatively, entrants may pay a One-Event membership fee of £6/€8.

#### **5. Schedule**

<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>	<b>1900hrs – 2100 hrs</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>
<b>Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>	<b>0800hrs – 0930 hrs</b>	<b>Registration Open</b>
	<b>1015 hrs</b>	<b>Competitor Briefing</b>
	<b>1125 hrs</b>	<b>First gun</b>
<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>	<b>1025 hrs</b>	<b>First Gun</b>
	<b>Asap after last race</b>	<b>Prize Giving</b>

5.1 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

5.2 Six races are scheduled.

5.3 High water at Skerries Sailing Club will be 1108hrs Saturday and 1140hrs Sunday.

#### **6. Measurement.**

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

#### **7. Sailing Instructions.**

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration. Draft Sailing Instructions maybe be available on the event web site approximately two weeks before the Championships.

#### **8. The Venue.**

8.1 Skerries Sailing Club is located on Harbour Road, Skerries, Co Dublin. All competing boats shall launch and return to the club during the event.

8.2 The racing area will be described at the briefing.

#### **9. The Courses.**

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

## **10. Scoring.**

10.1 A Maximum for 6 races are scheduled and a total of 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

10.2 When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score shall be discarded.

## **11. Prizes**

11.1 5.3 Fleet Overall 1st to 3rd and 1st lady prize.

11.2 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. Age-category in any year is calculated by the competitor's age on the 1st January 2016 (Therefore: U12 = born in 2004 or later, U14 = born in 2002 or later and U17 = born in 1999 or later)

11.3 4.2 Fleet Overall 1st to 3rd.

## **12. Support Boats**

12.1 Support boats will ideally register with [Juniors@skerriessailingclub.com](mailto:Juniors@skerriessailingclub.com) prior to the event to assist with planning.

## **13. Boats & Trailer Storage**

13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

13.2 Road trailers shall be kept in the designated parking area in the Mill Car park – information will be provided on arrival and posted on the event web site prior to the event.

## **14. Radio Communication**

14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **15. Safety**

15.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device, of minimum 50N buoyancy at any time while afloat except when adjusting clothing.

## **16. Risk Statement**

16.1 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.

## **17. Insurance**

17.1 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.