



# Spinnaker Club Topper Open Meeting

First of the Rooster Sailing Southern Traveller Series

Sunday 17th March 2019

Organising Authority is Spinnaker Club in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association (GBR)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, barring any amendments listed in these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Personal flotation devices must be worn by all persons when in the vicinity of, or on, any pontoon, jetty or water frontage.
- 1.3 **Racing Charter**  
Competitors should note that Spinnaker Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors shall sail in compliance with the charter. The Racing Charter can be found at the beginning of the RRS.
- 1.4 The rules and regulations of Spinnaker Club shall be followed and will be available on the official notice board.
- 1.5 The class rules of International Topper Class Association (ITCA) will apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Club House.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes may be made to the Sailing Instructions at any time. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be notified using flag Lima (L). No race will start until at least 10 minutes after the change has been notified to competitors.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Hut to the North-East of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 For Committee Boat starts when flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.



## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The series will consist of up to 4 races.

5.2 The proposed starting times are shown in the following table.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Time of Start</u>
Sunday	1	1005 (1000 warning signal)
17 <sup>th</sup> March	2	ASAP after race 1
2019	3	No earlier than 1230
	4	ASAP after race 3

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Topper Class flag will be a White Flag with a Black Top Hat Motif

6.2 If required the Topper 4.2m<sup>2</sup> Class Flag will be a Red Flag with Black Top Hat Motif

## 7 THE COURSES

7.1 Courses will be displayed on the official Notice Board not less than 10 minutes before the first Warning Signal.

7.2 The course will also be displayed below the Signal Mast in front of the Race Hut and on the committee boat.

7.3 The course may be changed after the first race when racing back-to-back races. Any change will be indicated by the Signal Flag Lima (L) over Signal Flag Charlie (C) being displayed. In this case Sailing Instruction 3 applies.

7.4 The course boards indicate the sequence of rounding the marks from left to right and the background colour Red or Green indicates which way to round the mark Red to Port and Green to Starboard.

## 8 MARKS

8.1 Marks will be either;

A. Fixed marks - Spherical buoys with alpha numeric characters as shown on the map of the lake.

B. Laid marks - white Dan buoys with a pole staff to display a Numeric Character, when used as marks of the course.

8.2 All marks of the course are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.



## **9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

**9.1** The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- A.** Islands
- B.** Jetties & Pontoons

## **10 THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the Warning Signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal. The Preparatory Signal will be given 2 minutes before the Starting Signal. This changes Rule 26.

**10.2** If required, the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class

**10.3** The starting line will be defined by one of two methods –

**A.** Committee Start Line – A line between a flag staff on a Committee Vessel displaying an Orange Flag and a white Dan Buoy with a Blue Flag

**B.** Shore Start Line – The transit formed by the tallest signal mast in front of the Race Hut displaying an Orange flag and the upper apex of the triangle in front of the signal mast. The extent of the line will be defined using an Outer Distance Mark, which will be a white Dan Buoy displaying a Blue Flag

**10.5** Either line may use an Inner Distance Mark. Which will be a white Dan Buoy displaying a Red Flag. When laid, boats shall start by passing through the defined line, between the inner and outer distance marks.

**10.6** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

**10.6** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1** Marks may be moved at any time without any notice to competitors, this amends Rule 33.

## **12 THE FINISH**

**12.1** The Finish Line will be defined by one of two methods –

**A.** Committee Finish Line – A line between a flag staff on a Committee Vessel displaying a Orange Flag and a white Dan Buoy with a Blue Flag

**B.** Shore Finish Line – The transit formed by the tallest signal mast in front of the Race Hut displaying a Blue flag and the upper apex of the triangle in front of the signal mast. The extent of the line will be defined using an Outer Distance Mark, which will be a white Dan Buoy displaying a Blue Flag

**12.2** When an official boat displays Signal Flag Whiskey (W) with two sounds, boats will be finished by this official boat. When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which completed the course and boats that were finished with flag W ahead of that boat.

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

**13.1** Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target time for each race will be 40 minutes. Time limit for each race will be 60 minutes.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**13.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 SCORING**

**14.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.

**14.2** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**14.3**

**(a)** When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**(b)** When from 3 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**15.1** Intention to protest must be raised with the Committee boat at the end of the relevant race.

**15.2** Protest forms are available in the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.3** For each class, the protest time limit for the first two races is 15 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the two and the time limit for the last two races is 15 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. If all races are back-to-back, the protest time limit for all races is 15 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.4** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Race Hut
- 15.5** Breaches of Sailing Instructions will not be grounds for a protest by a Competitor. This changes rule 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 will be DPI.
- 15.6** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.7** A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1** All competitors shall wear a personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. Flag Yankee will not be displayed. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 Outside Help:**  
Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the protest committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the protest committee on a form available from the race office or the protest desk before the protest time limit on the day concerned.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.2** This event forms part of the Southern Traveller Series for which further restrictions may apply – see the Southern Traveller Series Notice of Series.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19 ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as follows: As required and notified on the day of the event.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **21 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

Sailing is by its nature 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 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) (If not covered in Notice of Race) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

## **23 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.