



# Topper Traveller 1

## Ballyholme Yacht Club

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020



### RACING UNDER COVID-19

It is the intention to run a Topper Traveller event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020. We will be running with a minimum number of volunteers to enable Social Distancing to be maintained.

The Government is trusting people to continue to act responsibly and follow the guidance on what they should and should not do. Therefore participants, or their parents/guardians, will have to make their own decisions on whether they can rig and sail their dinghy whilst maintaining adequate social distancing.

There will be no access to changing facilities at Ballyholme Yacht Club so please arrive ready to sail. There will be limited access to toilet facilities. There will be no catering facilities available. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide food to sailors when they come off the water. Please make your own arrangements for food.

We are very exposed to public view at Ballyholme, so to avoid any negative feedback, please use common sense when in the dinghy park and be Conservative and Considerate in your sailing. We strongly advise the use of face masks for all support personnel, at all times, whilst on our premises. Hand sanitiser is available at various points in the dinghy park – please use it.

**Gatherings at a sporting event increases the risk of infection transmission. Social distancing is therefore essential to prevent further waves of the epidemic and everyone has a responsibility to ensure social distancing is adhered to. Failure to comply with Government Guidelines whilst attending this event could be considered Misconduct under the Racing Rules of Sailing.**

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### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association of Ireland.

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 33, 35, 40, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.7, A2, A4, A5 will be changed. The changes are detailed in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between these sailing instructions and the notice of race, these sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the south window of the Cadet Room, visible from outside the building.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the front of the club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4.3 Flag D with one sound signal means the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. [DP]

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Racing: *Date* *Race*  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August Races 1 to 4

5.2 Four Races are scheduled.

5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August is 1155.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.5 No Warning signal will be made after 1600.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be: 5.3 m<sup>2</sup> Fleet - Flag T. 4.2 m<sup>2</sup> Fleet - Numeral 6

## **7 RACING AREAS**

The Sailing Area will be in Ballyholme Bay or immediately to the north of Ballyholme Bay.

## **8 THE COURSES**

Windward-Leeward Courses will be used. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course will be indicated by a board on the committee boat.

## **9 MARKS**

Marks 1 and 4 will be yellow inflatable marks. Mark 1A will be a yellow Inflatable with a black stripe. The Start Mark will be a green inflatable mark. The Finish Mark will be a red inflatable mark.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

A patrol boat in close attendance to a competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between an orange coloured staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the green mark.

11.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

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

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled, this changes RRS 33.

### **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.

13.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her, from a committee vessel (which may be in motion), flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. [DP]

### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 14.2.

14.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

### **15 TIME LIMITS**

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.

### **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each Class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

16.3 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 at the dark blue portacabin beside the compound in the north dinghy park beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 A list of boats that, under SI 14.1 have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

16.6 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 19, 20 or 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. 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.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing 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 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

### **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all time afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 All competitors will be tallied out and tallied in by recording their sail number as they leave and return to the slip – all competitors will launch from the south slip. [DP]

18.3 A boat shall comply with an instruction from the organising authority, the race committee, a patrol boat of the race committee or an equipment inspector that she shall not go afloat, or shall return ashore or shall take some other action. The instruction will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a). [DP]

18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

## **20 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.

## **21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Does not apply to this event.

## **22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

The Committee boat will be a large black RIB. Jury boats will be identified by a Jury flag.

## **23 SUPPORT BOATS**

23.1 Unless a boat is in danger, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

23.2 Except when helping a boat or competitor in danger, a support boat shall not:

(a) Communicate with a competitor from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a race until the competitor boat has finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

(b) Come within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line during starts, within 100 metres of any course mark or of a boat that is racing, or within any other area designated by the race committee.

(c) Make excessive wash.

23.3 Shall comply with race committee safety instructions.

## **24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply to this event.

## **26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply to this event.

## **27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats. [DP]

## **23 PRIZES**

As per the list in the Notice of Race.

**29 RISK STATEMENT**

Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race

**30 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

## ATTACHMENT 1 – Courses

### Windward – Leeward

- L1 1, 4, Finish
- L2 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish
- L3 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish
- L4 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish

Marks 1, 1A and 4 to be left to Port  
4.2 Class will use Mark 1A instead of Mark 1

