



NOTICE OF RACE

TOPPER OPEN MEETING 12th JULY 2020

The Organising Authority is Bartley Sailing Club.

1. RULES

1.1 Bartley Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and sailors are required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) and on the RYA Website (www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx).

1.2 All racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, as amended by Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by event coordinators and approved by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to International Topper Class boats, both 5.3 and 4.2 rig, that comply with the class association rules on the date of the event.

3.2 All competitors shall be deemed temporary members of Bartley Sailing Club and must comply with the rules defined by Severn Trent Water Authority and Bartley Sailing Club.

3.3 Entry is on the day at Bartley Sailing club. A signed entry form shall be completed to declare the intention to race and sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

4. FEES

4.1 The Entry fee for the event is £15 payable on the day at registration.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will take place in the main club house between 9.00 and 10.30.

5.2 There will be a competitor briefing at 10.30

5.3 There will be 4 races, 2 before lunch and 2 after lunch. The first race will commence at 11.00

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Bartley Sailing Club website prior to the event and copies will be available on the day at registration.

7. VENUE

7.1 The venue is Bartley Reservoir: Bartley Sailing Club, 101 Genners Lane, Birmingham B32 3NU.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses will be around buoys surrounded by water as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 At least 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 When fewer than four races are completed the boats score will be the total of her race scores.

9.3 When four races are completed the boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

9.4 All rigs (5.3, 4.2, and reefed) will be scored as a single fleet.

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10. PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority (Bartley Sailing club) and shall be a minimum of 1st, 2nd, 3rd place overall.

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 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 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;

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

(h) Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 against third party claims;

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the series or event 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 race or regatta.

13. GALLEY

13.1 Tilly's Galley will be open throughout the day serving hot and cold food. Please order lunch before launching in the morning.

14. ADDRESS / CONTACT

14.1 Bartley Sailing Club, 101 Genners Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham, B32 3NU

14.2 Contact sailing@bartleysailingclub.com for further information