



NOTICE OF RACE

TOPPER OPEN MEETING 1st November 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 in advance through the ITCA website. No entries shall be accepted on the day.

3.4 Entries are limited to 30 boats after which there shall be a waiting list

3.5 The entry closing date is per the event details on the ITCA website

3.6 This event forms part of the "2020 Topper Traveller Series". All boats will be automatically entered in the series, there is no additional entry process. At least two events are required to be completed to constitute a series

4. FEES

4.1 The Entry fee for the event is £15 payable in advance via the ITCA website.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will take place prior to the event per instructions on the ITCA website

5.2 There will be a recorded competitor briefing via the WhatsApp group loaded by Friday 30th October.

5.3 There will be 4 races. The first race will commence at 11.00

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the ITCA website prior to the event.

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 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.

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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.

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 and 1st 4.2 rig.

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 £3,000,000 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 until 2pm serving hot and cold food.

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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

15. COVID 19 STATEMENT

This statement is valid as of 9 September 2020. The organising authority reserve the right to modify the statement in accordance with Government or Regulatory updates and changes at any time to ensure compliance to the latest guidance.

Government guidelines, rules and laws are expected to be adhered to at all times. The club member / visitor accepts the risks and accepts their responsibility to follow hygiene protocols and distancing rules for the safety of themselves, other water users, and the rights of the club and its directors.

Conditions of participation at Bartley SC from 4th July 2020:

1. Ability

- a. Any person who launches a craft must be confident in their ability to handle the prevailing conditions. This means (but is not limited to) that they should not expect to require any form of external rescue.
- b. Any person who launches a craft must be able to launch and recover whilst maintaining social distance (2m or 1m+). This may require additional painter length or similar. The craft's owner is responsible for ensuring that this can be done.
- c. Appraisal as to the suitability of conditions for watersports will be made by the Officer of the Day. They have the final say as to whether conditions are safe to launch.

2. Facilities

- a. The club gates will be open giving access to the car park.
- b. Clubhouse entry for toilet facilities is via the front entrance only
- c. The showers remain closed as they promote airflow of particles / droplets. Likewise, hand dryers will be switched off to prevent unnecessary airflow of particles.
- d. The changing rooms can be used as a thoroughfare but not for changing at the present time. sailors will need to arrive in sailing gear or change in the car park.
- e. The Galley and bar will be open at the weekends.
- f. Entrance to the Galley and bar is via the fire escape to the dam side of the clubhouse, exit is via the fire escape to the boat park side of the clubhouse.
- g. The dry area of the clubhouse to the side of the bar remains closed
- h. 2 m social distancing remains in place when waiting to order food or drink
- i. Indoor seating is arranged at 2m distance – please do not move closer together
- j. All people are encouraged to eat / drink outside of the clubhouse to minimise risk of surface transfer of Covid 19
- k. The indoor area is restricted by the seating plan laid out. When the indoor seating area is full then customers need to either wait until seating becomes available or take their food / drink to an outside area
- l. The Galley and bar will take orders and then provide a table service to prevent queues forming. Please pay attention to the one way system and comply with any requests from the staff. Hand sanitiser will be provided and an enhanced cleaning regime is in place
- m. It is the member's responsibility to ensure adequate hand washing / hygiene after they have touched surfaces that others may have come into contact with
- n. All members are expected to stay alert and social distance at all times on site

3. OOD Hut

- a. A maximum of 2 people are allowed in the OOD hut at any time and they must sit at either end of the hut to adhere to the 2m social distancing rules. Where persons are from the same household this requirement is waived.
- b. All additional rescue crew must remain at social distance outside the OOD hut in a place where they can view the boats ready to rescue as required.
- c. Crews should come dressed for the eventuality that they may spend all day outdoors.

4. Rescue cover

- a. There will be a minimum of 1 rescue craft on the water and one on standby for launch at all times that sailing is taking place. When available the Orange Jaffas should be prioritised.

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- b. The orange Jaffas have been marked out for social distancing. When 2 people from a different household are in the rescue boat, they must observe the social distancing and sit at opposite ends of the craft (if they are from the same household this doesn't apply)
 - c. The 1m+ social distancing allows for all rescue craft to be used with 2 crew. If using the RIBs then crews who are not from the same household bubble should endeavour to sit as far as possible from each other in the rescue craft whilst ensuring they are secure in the boat. The wearing of face masks or visors in these boats is recommended if you have one.
 - d. The OOD may wish to restrict the sailing area depending on conditions to ensure that any rescue can be executed swiftly if required
 - e. The requirement for any craft to assist another that is in difficulty is emphasised i.e. a sailing boat can assist another that is in trouble
 - f. In the event of a rescue the rescue boat shall remain at a distance greater than 2m from the boat in difficulty until the crew have resolved the situation
 - g. In a situation where the boat in difficulty is in such a position where there is threat to life (entrapment, heart attack etc.) then the rescue crew shall remove the person in difficulty from the water as priority and ensure suitable first aid / emergency services are called. The crew are then expected to carry out usual hygiene protocols. This situation should be prevented by adherence to item 1a.
- 5. Stand Up Paddleboard:**
- a. The SUP club will follow their specific guidelines for access to, and safety on the water
- 6. General Sailing**
- a. Single hander sailing and double handers where the helm and crew members are from the same household or social 'bubble' as defined by government guidelines are preferred. If helm and crew are from different households then they should endeavour to maximum separation or PPE whilst in the boat and should try to maintain their helm / crew partnership for all sessions they take part in.
 - b. Participants may use their own equipment and clothing, or club boats and clothing. Those using club equipment must be prepared to clean down equipment with soap and water if there is expected use in the following 72 hours.
 - c. Social distancing shall be maintained whilst rigging and moving around the boat park
 - d. The club will be open and sailing may take place during the hours indicated on the club calendar
- 7. Health**
- a. If you have symptoms please stay at home, or if you belong to a high-risk group, please strongly consider staying at home
 - b. If you have had the virus, please stay away from the club for at least 2 weeks after the symptoms have gone
 - c. If you contract the virus and have sailed at the club in the week prior, please let the club directors know as a matter of urgency.

The situation will continue to be reviewed and adjusted as guidance changes. Club members and visitors accept and are bound by the conditions above by entering the club premises. Any club member or visitor not adhering to the conditions shall be reported to the committee as a matter of urgency.

Please comply with the above for all our safety so our members can continue to enjoy their watersports at Bartley SC.