

Portchester Sailing Club Topper Open Meeting

Sunday 1st July 2018

Organised by Portchester Sailing Club (PSC)

To Be Sailed within Portsmouth Harbour

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and in accordance with the prescriptions of the RYA & The rules of the Topper Class Association.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Competitors official notice board is at the PSC Start Box.

2.2 A briefing will take place at the PSC Start Box at approximately 11:00.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the PSC Start Box signal mast.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled to start not before 12:30 on Sunday 1stth July.

5.2 Number of races: 3 races sailed back to back.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be: **Topper – 5.3 ‘H’** **Topper – 4.2 ‘J’**

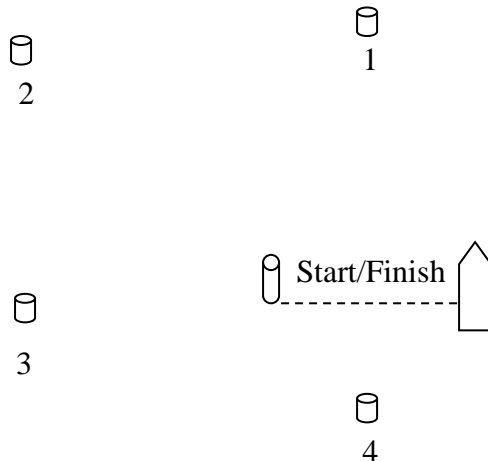
7 THE COURSES

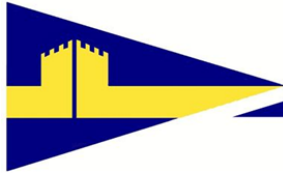
7.1 (a) **Topper 5.3** - 1, 2, 3, 4 to Port, pass through Start/Finish gate.

(b) **Topper 4.2** - 1, 4 to Port, pass through Start/Finish gate.

NOTE: *In accordance with 7.1 (a) & (b) above the start/finish gate pillar buoy and committee boat are only marks of the course on legs beginning from mark 4.*

(c) Races will be approximately 45 minutes, finishing will be signalled in accordance with Shortening rule 32.1 as the lead boat approaches mark 4.





8 MARKS

- 8.1 All course Marks will be Orange Inflatable buoys.
- 8.2 The starting and finishing mark will be a Yellow Pillar buoy.
- 8.3 Marks may be moved during a race without signalling, this changes RRS 33.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the starting mark.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 9.4 **Topper 5.3** First Start
Topper 4.2 Warning signal will be approximately 1 minute after the 5.3 Start signal.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the finish mark.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 Time limits are as follows: Topper Class - 75 Minutes
If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned and will not be re-sailed.
- 11.2 When the leading boat in a class has finished all following boats will finish when they next complete the lap they are sailing, finishing positions will be corrected based on the number of laps completed.
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the PSC Start Box within 60 minutes of the finish of the last race.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 (a) If 3 races are complete there shall be 1 discard.
(b) If 1 or 2 races are completed all will count.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, a patrol boat or the PSC Start Box as soon as possible.
- 14.2 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment without flag Y having been displayed. This changes RRS 40.

15 RISK STATEMENT

All competitors take part at their own risk as detailed in the Notice of Race.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st Boat Overall, 2nd Boat Overall, 3rd Boat Overall, 1st Portchester Sailing Club boat.