



WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB



Notice of Race ITCA Topper Open Sunday 19th April 2026

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club in association with the Topper Class London and South East Division.

1. Eligibility and entry fee:

- 1.1. The regatta is open to boats of the ITCA.
- 1.2. Entries should be through www.itca-gbr.co.uk on or before 15 April.
- 1.3. Maximum number of entries to be accepted will be 50.
- 1.4. The club reserves the right to limit the number of entries which will be accepted in the order they are received.
- 1.5. Late entries may be available in person at registration, subject to availability.
- 1.6. Entry fee £20 per boat.

2. Rules:

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Rules of Racing, the current ITCA rules and Whitstable Yacht Club's Sailing Instructions.

3. Sailing Instructions:

- 3.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the ITCA and WYC website and will be displayed on the Race Notice Board on the day.

4. Schedule:

- 4.1. The intention is that four races will be sailed with races sailed back-to-back.
- 4.2. It is intended to finish racing by 16:30 with last warning signal before 15:30.
- 4.3. Registration will be open at 08.30 on Sunday 11th May.
- 4.4. A competitors' briefing will be held on the club veranda at 10.00.
- 4.5. The first signal will start no earlier than 11.35.
- 4.6. It is planned to hold four races of approximately 30 minutes.
- 4.7. High Water is 14.52

5. Course

- 5.1. The course will be displayed in the Sailing Instructions and on the Race Notice Board in WYC sea room.

6. Scoring

- 6.1. A minimum of one race is required to constitute a series.
- 6.2. All boats will start together, there is no handicap applied for 4.2 or 5.3 rigs.
- 6.3. If 4 races are held: 1 discard will apply.

7. Advertising and Sponsorship

- 7.1. As per the Topper L&SE Traveller Series.

8. Prizes



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- 8.1. First, Second and Third 5.3 fleet.
- 8.2. First girl 5.3 fleet.
- 8.3. First and Second 4.2 fleet.
- 8.4. First WYC sailor.
- 8.5. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

9. Insurance

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

10. Risk statement

Rule 3 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:

- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 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.
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 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.
- Their boat is adequately insured against third party claims.

11 Rights and Copyright

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant rights in perpetuity and without compensation to the organising authority (i) to make any photography, audio and video recording at the venue, or on the water, from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, and (ii) to use and show such photography, audio and video recording (and other reproductions of them) at the discretion of the organising authority.



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12 Data Protection

To organise and run the event the organising authority will collect and use personal data.

Such collection and use of personal data is consistent with the obligations of the organising authority and rights of individuals under the law of the United Kingdom.

13 Further Information

See ITCA website and club website wyc.org.uk



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