



Donaghadee
Sailing Club

DONAGHADEE SAILING CLUB

INAUGURAL TOPPER CHALLENGE

26 & 27 May 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA or RYA, the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA Irl) shall apply.

1.3 The organizing authority shall be Donaghadee Sailing Club.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Topper Class Association, both Full rig and 4.2sq.m rig.

2.2 All sailors resident on the island of Ireland must be members of the Irish Topper Class Association, ITCA (Irl) or British Topper Association, ITCA(GB). Overseas entrants should be members of their national Topper class association. Membership can be completed at registration.

2.3 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the host club for the duration of the event.

2.4 Eligible boats **MUST** enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee. Entries will be available at www.donaghadeessc.co.uk and will **CLOSE ON THURSDAY 24 MAY @ 2100**. Places will be limited to 48 full rig and 12 4.2 competitors on a first come basis.

3. Fees

3.1 There is no entry fee for the event. The costs will be covered by ITCA IRL and is only open to fully paid up yearly members.

3.2 Membership fee for the Topper Class Association is £25.00/€30.00.

4. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Friday 25 th May 2018	17.00 – 22.00	Dinghy park open for arrivals
Sat 26 May 2018	9.00 – 10.00	Registration
	10.15	Competitors Briefing
	11.55	First Warning signal
Sun 27 May 2018	10.25	First Warning signal
	16.00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving

This is a sprint event, not held in the usual fashion of Irish Topper events. The fleet will be split into flights with boats starting on paired flight starts. The 4.2 class will have a similar arrangement.

The races will be short (circa 10-15 minutes). 9 races are scheduled to be sailed on Saturday. The fleet shall be re-seeded after racing on Saturday. 6 races are scheduled for Sunday.

Should the entry numbers be less than maximum, the OA shall endeavor to create a flight structure to best suit the number of entrants.

5. Measurement.

5.1 A boat or equipment may be measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

6. Sailing Instructions.

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration.

7. The Venue.

7.1 The racing area will be in the waters off Donaghadee Harbour.

8. The Courses.

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring

9.1 There will be 1 discard after 5 races and 2 discards after 8 races on the Saturday series. There will be no discards from Sunday's results and the final race of the day shall be double points.

9.2 Ties will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

DSQ shall score 3 points more than the number of finishers

DNS, DNC shall score 2 points more than the number of finishers.

DNF,RET, OCS shall score 1 point more than the numbers of finishers.

10. Risk Statement

10.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"

Sailing by its nature is 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.

It is also the competitors responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue of this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information provided by the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

11. Insurance

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