NOTICE OF RACE



DOWNS SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race.
Topper Open
Saturday 5th April

VENUE and ORGANISING AUTHORITY
Downs Sailing Club, The Beach, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7DY.

RULES.
Racing will take place under the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 -2028, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and appropriate Class Rules. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
Competitors should note this event will be conducted in accordance with the Basic Principles and Part 1 Fundamental Rules.

ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

Competitors must be members of the Class association with exception to the Rookie Series or sailors attending their first Class open meeting.

Topper entry fee for the Open Meeting is £20

REGISTRATION

Toppers Please register via the ITCA website, confirmation of this will be required on the day.

BRIEFING

Toppers – The event briefing will take place @ 0945hrs on Saturday 5th April.

RACE SCHEDULE

Toppers – Four races of 45mins nominal duration will be sailed back-to-back. First Warning Signal not before 10.55

PRIZES
Prizes will be awarded to a level proportional to attendance.

A Rookie fleet award will run in addition to the Open meeting, the results will be extracted from the Open Meeting. Eligibility for the Rookie fleet will be for those sailors new to the class, with little experience of Class open meetings or those competing towards the back of the fleet. Those qualifying for the Rookie fleet will be decided by the event organizing committee.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the official notice board located in the club hallway.

COURSES
The course is described in the Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions.

PERSONAL BOUYANCY

Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices

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 by 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 whilst 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 familiarize 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 briefings held for the event.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

CATERING

Full galley and bar services will be available.

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM - sailingsecretary@downssailingclub.co.uk