

South Cerney SC



Topper Open Meeting (South-West Traveller Series Event)

Notice of Race

16 January 2022

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1 The organising authority is South Cerney Sailing Club in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA) Great Britain.

2. RYA Racing Charter

- 2.1 Competitors should note that South Cerney Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (published by World Sailing), on the club's notice board, or on the RYA Website:

[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSRRS20212024FinalwithChgsandCorrecns201113-\[27417\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSRRS20212024FinalwithChgsandCorrecns201113-[27417].pdf)

3. Rules

- 3.1 The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 3.2 **Covid-19 Statement.** All competitors, parents, guardians, and authorised guests must comply with both Government rules/ restrictions **and** the South Cerney SC Covid-19 Documents applicable at the time of the event and available at:

<https://southcerneysailingclub.org.uk/library/covid-19-documents-1>

All persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an official of the organising authority. Failure to comply may constitute misconduct. Please note that 'reasonable actions' by officials to implement the club's Covid-19 guidance, protocols and/ or Government legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

- 3.3 A breach of the Covid-19 rules or guidance by a competitor and/ or person(s) on site in support of a competitor(s) is deemed grounds for exclusion from the event.

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Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney, GL7 5TH
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4. Conditions of Entry

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Topper class competing with 4.2 m², 5.3 m² and 6.4 m² rigs. All boats must hold a current Topper class registration certificate but the requirement for helms to be current members of ITCA is waived for this event.

4.2 Pre-entry must be made via the club website using the following link:

<https://southcerneysailingclub.org.uk/event/Topper%25-2022Open>

or by e-mail to the club Sailing Secretary: mj@malcolmjames.me The event entry fee is £15.00 and a limit of 30 boats will apply.

4.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (Two Million Pounds) per incident or the equivalent.

4.4 The safety of a boat and its entire management, including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor(s) racing the boat.

4.5 The organising authority shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to any competitor (i.e. helm or crew) or boat owner, as a result of their taking part in the event. Moreover, every owner/ competitor warrants the suitability of his/ her boat for the race or races that they elect to compete in.

5. Event and Programme

5.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) for the event are available on the club website. Printed paper copies will be posted at the clubhouse on the day of the event. Any changes to the SIs will be posted on the club website and on the notice board before the event.

5.2 There will be a briefing for all competitors at 1015 hours on Saturday 16 January 2022. The briefing will take place on the patio area adjacent the clubhouse lawn.

5.3 The event will comprise four races with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 16 January 2022 being 1055 hours. The subsequent race will be sailed back-to-back with the first race and its warning signal made as soon as practicable.

5.4 There will be a break of approximately 50 minutes between the end of the second race and the warning signal for the third race. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

6. Courses

6.1 The course to be sailed for each race will be set by the organising authority at Lake 16, Station Road, South Cerney, Gloucestershire GL7 5TH. See the lake map in the club SIs for further information on rounding marks, obstructions, and other features.

6.2 The course will be posted on the Committee Boat or at the Race Hut. A powered lead boat may be used at the discretion of the Race Officer.

7. Scoring

- 7.1 The low point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.
- 7.2 The number of race results that will be used to determine a boat's series score will be as follows:
- 4 races completed: best 3 results will count to give series score, i.e. 1 discard.
 - 1 to 3 races completed: all races will count (a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores).

8. Penalty System

- 8.1 The Scoring penalty RRS 44.3 applies. The penalty is 20% of the number of entries for the event.

9. Portsmouth Number (PN)

- 9.1 ITCA PN adjustments will apply to determine a boat's overall scores according to their recognised designation within the fleet.

10. Prizes

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall. Extra prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority and/ or ITCA representative.

11. Advertising and Sponsorship

- 11.1 Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ITCA rules.
- 11.2 Photography Consent: By entering the event, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/ or videoed participating in all organised on-the-water activities and use of the event facilities. They implicitly consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without remuneration and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

12. Further Information

- 12.1 Government guidance relating to the Covid-19 pandemic may change during the interim period leading up to the event. Competitors are referred to §3.2 in this regard. Should the forecasted wind strength and/ or Covid-19 restrictions cause the organising authority to cancel the event by 2000 hours on Thursday 13 January 2022, Notice of Cancellation will be posted on the club's website. Any pre-paid entries will be refunded in full.
- 12.2 For further information please contact Malcolm James (mj@malcolmjames.me) or Jonny Stevenson (jonny.stevenson@live.co.uk).

Malcolm James
Sailing Secretary
04 January 2022