

# Waldringfield Sailing Club



Notice Of Race

## Topper Open Meeting

at Waldringfield Sailing Club, River Deben, Suffolk IP12 4QL

**Sunday 23 April 2023**

Racing for the following classes:

**Topper 4.2 – Topper 5.3 – Topper 6.4**

### Programme

Sunday 23 April 2023			
HW 1510			
Points race 1	Points race 2	Points race 3	Points race 4
11.30	TBA	TBA	TBA

Briefing at 10.30 on Sunday 23 April 2023

**The order of starting will be announced at the briefing on the day.**

**Subject to the Race Officer's discretion the intention is to race all four races back to back, weather permitting.**

Classes will start at 3 minutes intervals from the times shown above, using the code flags as below. All rig sizes of each class will start together. Races will be run back-to-back.

CLASS	CODE FLAG
Topper (all rigs)	Flag T

**Note:** Competitors may use a rig size of their choice but are not permitted to change to a different rig between races. Each rig size will be scored separately.

Entries through the ITCA class association – entries close Saturday 22 April 2359

<https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=1263>

## **General Instructions**

### **Waldringfield Sailing Club is the organising authority.**

#### **1. Rules**

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the RYA Racing Charter principles and objectives, and class rules, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions alter RRS 26 Warning/Preparatory signals, 29.2 General Recalls, 35 Time Limits, 40 Personal Buoyancy, 44.3 Scoring Penalties, 46 Person in charge. The Sailing Instructions detail the changes and will be available online and from race reception.

#### **2. Scoring System**

The series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A, A4.1 Low Points System. If 4 or more races are completed one discard will be allowed; 3 or fewer completed, all will count. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

#### **3. Safety**

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors in dinghies when afloat. Wet suits and non-inflated inflation type buoyancy aids are not sufficient. As a minimum, keelboats shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for the number of crew aboard. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of junior members to ensure compliance with this rule. Failure to comply with any safety rule will result in immediate disqualification from the associated race.

#### **4. Membership of Waldringfield Sailing Club**

Entrants will become temporary members of Waldringfield Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

Attention of members is drawn to club General Rule A3 as follows.

Neither the Club nor its Officers, General Committee ("the committee"), servants, agents or members will accept any liability for:

- (i) damage direct or consequential to or loss of property belonging to members, competitors, their guests or visitors or other persons;
- (ii) personal injury direct or consequential arising out of the use of Club premises and any other facilities of or used by the Club, whether sustained by members, competitors, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the act, neglect, default or negligence of the Officers, Committee, servants, agents or members of the Club.

Before inviting any guest or visitors onto Club premises or to use Club facilities or to participate in events organised or authorised by the Club, members and competitors will draw their attention to this rule.

#### **5. Risk Statement**

Rule 4 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

#### **6. Covid**

If you test positive or have symptoms of Covid, please do not come to Waldringfield Sailing Club to reduce the risk of passing on the infection. At the club, we aim for good ventilation; please also avoid crowding.