



International Topper Class Masters World Championships 2023

Royal Cork Yacht Club, Ireland
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NOTICE OF RACE

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Organised by Royal Cork Yacht Club and the Topper Class Association in conjunction with
Irish Sailing
Wednesday 26th July 2023

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing
- 1.3 The International Topper Class Rules

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code as modified by the Advertising regulation of Irish Sailing, boats may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 3.2 Competitors must be over 21 years of age on the day of the championship.
- 3.3 Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the event.

4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All boats shall comply with the International Topper Class Rules, in particular only sails and spars supplied by the licensee Topper International shall be used, and sails shall have been officially stamped *Race Approved Sail*.
- 4.2 Each boat shall display the 2023 Event Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA Class rules. Competitors who do not have an Event Number shall apply for allocation of a number:
 - 4.2.1 GBR sailors apply to GBR Topper Association (secretary@itca-gbr.co.uk)
 - 4.2.2 IRL sailors apply to the IRL Topper Association (secretary@topperireland.com)
 - 4.2.3 Other nationalities should apply to the Secretary General (secretary@itcaworld.org)
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Event Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the Class Rules.
- 4.4 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4.5 Competitors shall register on site at the race office before registration closes.

5 ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

5.1 Application for entry shall be made at: <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php>

5.2 The entry fee is shown below:

(1) £20 for entries received on or before July 26th 2023

5.3 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:

(1) 50% of the entry fee paid is refundable for cancellations received by July 1st

(2) No entry fee is refundable after July 1st

(3) **A donation of 50% of entry fees received will be donated to the local lifeboat charity.**

5.4 In all instances, refunds are processed on the credit or debit card used to pay for application or entry. Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after August 31st 2023. Credit card details are not retained by the entry system and refunds cannot be made to another card. If the card expires and a refund is required, the refund will be by another method at the expense of the sailor.

6 REGISTRATION

6.1 Registration will be from 10.00 am, Saturday 22nd July 2023.

6.2 Each competitor shall register before racing.

7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

7.1 Measurement will start on Saturday 22nd July at 10:00 but may open before for early arrivals

7.2 All boats will be measured prior to the first race on Monday 24th July 2023

7.3 Boats may also be required to be presented for Measurement and Inspection during the regatta. Information on measurement and inspection will be posted on the official notice board.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 The time of the warning signal for the Masters race on Wednesday 26th July will be announced at the morning briefing on 26th July and is intended to be held as soon as practicable after the days' Topper Worlds racing has concluded.

8.1.1 The Master's World Championship will comprise a single race.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA website and the Official Event website prior to the event, and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event. Paper copies **will not** be available at the Event.

10 RACING AREA

10.1 Will be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions, but will likely be within Cork Harbour.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The course to be sailed by the Master's fleet will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and explained at the pre-race briefing.

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

12.1 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. There will be no right of appeal against its decisions. Arbitration will be available to decide some protests. The letter from Irish Sailing approving the international jury will be posted on the official notice board.

13 SCORING

13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

14 SUPPORT BOATS & MOTOR NAVIGATION

- 14.1 Only support boats registered with the Event Safety Officer will be permitted on the race course
- 14.2 Coaches and Support boats need to register and pay a fee of £10 at <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php>
- 14.3 Support Boats will sign in at the Regatta Office and comply with the Support Boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel will be required to register at the Regatta Office during the Registration & Measurement days.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of ITCA World, the host club and the event sponsor(s).

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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:

- 16.1.1 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;
- 16.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 16.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 16.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 16.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 / €3,000,000 per event or equivalent.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 A boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone.

19 SAFETY

- 19.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device, of minimum 50N buoyancy at any time while afloat except when adjusting clothing.

20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 20.1 The Royal Cork Yacht Club aims to minimise the environmental impact of hosting the Championship and, in conjunction with the club's sustainability actions, we urge all competitors and visitors to bring re-useable water bottles. There are several 'rehydration stations' on site where water bottles can be replenished with fresh drinking water and the Club House will also provide free refills.

21 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 21.1 By entering the Masters World Championship competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they 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 competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For information on local accommodation, campervan enquiries and things to do in the area, please visit <https://www.royalcork.com/topper-worlds-2023/>

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