



# International Topper Class World Championships 2025

IJsselmeer, off Medemblik, The Netherlands  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority is Royal Yacht Club Hollandia  
and the International Topper Class Association



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## **PREAMBLE**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule and the international jury may refuse to hold a hearing in respect of any such hearing request. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2

## **RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by *the rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Topper class using either a 5.3 m<sup>2</sup> or 4.2 m<sup>2</sup> sail.
- 2.2 There will be separate championships for competitors using 5.3 m<sup>2</sup> sails and 4.2 m<sup>2</sup> sails (the 5.3 Championship and 4.2 Championship respectively).
- 2.3 Every competitor must be a current member of a National Association of the International Topper Class.
- 2.4 Only the person listed as the competitor on the entry form for a boat shall compete in that boat in the event.

## **3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS [DP]**

- 3.1 Each boat shall display the 2025 Event Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Organising Authority) in accordance with the International Topper Class rules. Competitors who do not already have an Event Number should apply in advance for allocation of a number:
  - 3.1.1 GBR sailors should apply to the GBR Topper Association ([secretary@itca-gbr.co.uk](mailto:secretary@itca-gbr.co.uk))
  - 3.1.2 IRL sailors should apply to the IRL Topper Association ([membership.irl@gmail.com](mailto:membership.irl@gmail.com))
  - 3.1.3 Other nationalities should apply to the International Secretary ([secretary@itcaworld.org](mailto:secretary@itcaworld.org))
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Competitors may be requested to wear race bibs, with event sponsors' logos, over all other items of apparel.
- 3.4 4.2 m<sup>2</sup> sails shall not be used by boats in the 5.3 Championship, and 5.3 m<sup>2</sup> sails shall not be used by boats in the 4.2 Championship.

### **Competitors under 18 years of age**

- 3.5 Each competitor under 18 years of age on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 shall submit a fully completed and signed parent/guardian consent form to the Organising Authority at registration, among other things identifying the adult that will be responsible for that competitor at all times during the championships ('responsible adult'). This consent form will be available on the ITCA OurClubAdmin website and may be automatically emailed to each competitor upon completing the online entry form.

- 3.6 The responsible adult for each such competitor shall be present with the competitor when they register at the event. They shall provide the Organising Authority with a mobile phone number on which they can be contacted at any time during the event. They shall be responsible for that competitor at all times during the event, whether the competitor is ashore or afloat. They shall ensure that either they themselves are available to take immediate responsibility for that competitor at all times, or they have notified the Organising Authority of another responsible adult (acting in loco parentis) that is willing and able to do so while they are not available (and shall provide the Organising Authority with a mobile phone number on which that alternative responsible adult can be contacted during that time).

## **4 APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS**

- 4.1 Application for entry shall be made at: <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php>
- 4.2 Entry fee's are shown below, there is a sliding scale of fees to encourage early entries:
- (1) £315 for entries received on or before April 20<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - (2) £346 for entries received thereafter, up to and including May 18<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - (3) £378 for entries received thereafter. Entries, in this case, are subject to confirmation by the secretary, and will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, there is adequate safety cover available.
- 4.3 The total number of entries is restricted to 300 competitors.
- 4.4 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 1<sup>st</sup> July
  - (2) No entry fee is refundable for cancellations received after 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- 4.5 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2025. 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 competitor.

## **5 REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Registration will be open from 10:00 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
- 5.2 Each competitor shall register before racing and provide proof of current membership of a National Association of the International Topper Class.

## **6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]**

- 6.1 Equipment inspection will be open from 10:00 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, but may open earlier for early arrivals. Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board.
- 6.2 No boat shall race in the championships until it has passed equipment inspection unless otherwise agreed by the Technical Committee.
- 6.3 Boats may be inspected again at any time during the championships.
- 6.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **7 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMATS**

- 7.1 The 5.3 Championship is expected to consist of a Qualifying series followed by a Final series.
- 7.2 The format of the 4.2 Championship will depend upon the number of entries. If more than 70 boats enter, the championship is expected to consist of a Qualifying series followed by a Final series. If fewer than 70 boats enter, the championship is expected to consist of a single, Championship series.
- 7.3 For either class, if there is a Qualification series followed by a Final series, the results of the Qualifying series will be used to allocate the boats in that championship between two or three final series fleets (Gold, Silver, and if numbers warrant Bronze), with the boats ranked highest in the Qualifying series being allocated to the Gold fleet (and so on). In the final Championship results, all boats allocated to the Gold fleet will rank ahead of all boats allocated to the Silver fleet (and so on).

## **8 SCHEDULE**

- 8.1 There will be a competitor briefing that all competitors and responsible adults should attend on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July – expected to be late afternoon or early evening; exact timing to be posted on the official notice board.
- 8.2 Racing is scheduled to take place for each class on each day from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. The intention is to schedule three races for each fleet in each class on each day.
- 8.3 The warning signal for the first race on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July is scheduled to be at 12.00.
- 8.4 On the last day of the event no warning signal will be made after 14:30.
- 8.5 For each class, races on each day will normally be sailed back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The intention is that on each day competitors will be afloat for no longer than 6 hours without a break ashore, although this time may be extended to allow a race in progress to be completed.

## **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 VENUE**

- 10.1 Attachment A shows the location of the venue.
- 10.2 Attachment B shows the approximate location of the racing area.

## **11 THE COURSES**

- 11.1 The courses will be inner and/or outer loop trapezoids as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 The intention is to appoint an international jury complying with RRS N1, in which case, decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).
- 12.2 Arbitration will be available to decide some protests.
- 12.3 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 RRS 90.3(e) will apply with '24 hours' replaced by '30 minutes'.

### **For the 5.3 World Championship**

- 13.3 Assuming the Championship is split into a Qualification series and a Final series, at least four races must be completed in the Qualification series prior to the fleet being split into Final series fleets. A single race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final series to constitute the Championship.
- 13.4 Each boat's Championship score will be the total of her scores in all Final series races after discards (as detailed in the Sailing Instructions). (There will be no carry-forward of any score from the Qualification series into the Final series). In the overall Championship results, all boats in the Final series Gold fleet will rank ahead of all boats in the Final series Silver fleet, who will rank ahead of all boats in the Final series Bronze fleet (if applicable).
- 13.5 When the Championship is not properly constituted prizes will still be awarded, however the Overall Championship Trophy will not be awarded.

### **For the 4.2 World Championship**

- 13.6 If the Championship is split into a Qualification series and a Final series, at least four races must be completed in the Qualification series prior to the fleet being split into Final series fleets. A single race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final series to constitute the Championship.

- 13.7 In this case, each boat's Championship score will be the total of her scores in all Final series races after discards (as detailed in the Sailing Instructions). (There will be no carry-forward of any score from the Qualification series into the Final series). In the overall Championship results, all boats in the Final series Gold fleet will rank ahead of all boats in the Final series Silver fleet (who will rank ahead of all boats in the Final series Bronze fleet if applicable).
- 13.8 If the Championship is not split into a Qualification series and Final series, at least four races must be completed in the Championship series to constitute the Championship. In this case, each boat's Championship score will be the total of her scores in all Championship series races after discards (as detailed in the Sailing Instructions).
- 13.9 When the Championship is not properly constituted prizes will still be awarded, however, the Overall Championship Trophy will not be awarded.

## **14 SAFETY**

- 14.1 The expectation is that most competitors in these championships will have made their own private arrangement, as part of a group, for a coach or other support person to support them both ashore and on the water. Those coaches and other support persons will be required to play a role in providing safety support to **all** competitors on the water, not just their own competitors.
- 14.2 Competitors that are not part of such a group may be able to arrange support through the Organising Authority – see contact details below.
- 14.3 The Organising Authority will also arrange for a small number of additional patrol vessels to be on the water, to provide a limited amount of additional safety support.

## **15 SUPPORT VESSELS & DRIVERS [DP][NP]**

- 15.1 Only support vessels and drivers registered with the Organising Authority will be permitted in the racing area.
- 15.2 Support vessels and drivers shall be pre-registered online at <https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/login.php> and a fee of £50 per vessel paid. The driver(s) of any support vessel shall also sign in at the Race Office before going afloat at the venue.
- 15.3 All support vessels and support persons shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations set out in the Sailing Instructions and/or posted on the official notice board.

## **16 PRIZES**

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of ITCA, Royal Yacht Club Hollandia and the event sponsor(s).

## **17 RISK STATEMENT**

- 17.1 Rule 3 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." The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor (and their parents/guardians in the case of competitors under 18 years of age) agrees and acknowledges that:

- 17.1.1 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;
- 17.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 17.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 17.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 17.1.5 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;

- 17.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 17.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information provided for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **18 INSURANCE [NP]**

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

## **19 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 19.1 The Medemblik Regatta Centre 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.

## **20 PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 20.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is a contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is a legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the national authority of the host venue, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **21 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT [DP]**

- 21.1 By entering the Championships competitors and their supporters 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.itcaworld.org/events/topper-worlds-2025/>.

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## ATTACHMENT A - VENUE

The regatta will be held at the Regatta Centre Medemblik

Venue & Race Office: Regatta Center Medemblik

Vooroever 1

1671 SG Medemblik, the Netherlands



### Route to harbour Regatta Center Medemblik

Medemblik is a medieval town, with some very small roads. In order to restrict the traffic inconvenience for the people of Medemblik, please start following the white road signs to the recreation site "Vooroever" (later on follow: Harbour Regatta Center Medemblik) **before** entering the town of Medemblik.

# ATTACHMENT B – RACING AREA

## APPROXIMATE POSITION RACING AREA

Harbour – Racing Area (midpoint) distance: approx. 1,5 NM

Compass bearing: approximately: 060 - 065.

