



The Meisha Campus International Topper Class World Championships 2018

Longcheer Yacht Club, Shenzhen, China
Tuesday 14th to Tuesday 21st August 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

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The organising authority is Longcheer Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The following documents, which will be published on the ITCA website (www.itcaworld.org) prior to the event and displayed on the official notice board at the event, will also apply:
 - 1.3.1 The ITCA World Championship 2018 Equipment Regulations ('Championship Equipment Regulations')
 - 1.3.2 The ITCA World Championship 2018 Competitor and Support Team Regulations ('Championship Support Team Regulations').
- 1.4 National prescriptions will not apply
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the international jury, be less than disqualification.
- 1.7 The notation [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- 1.8 A boat may not protest another boat or request redress for any breach of a rule marked [NP]. This changes rule 60.1.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The International Topper 5.3 and 4.2 World Championships are open to all members of a National Association of the International Topper Class or ITCA.
- 2.2 The total number of entries is limited to 260 competitors.

3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Each competitor under 18 years of age on 14th August 2018 shall submit to the organising authority at registration a completed registration form signed by one of their parents or legal guardians. Registration forms will be available for download from the ITCA website prior to the event.
- 3.2 Each competitor under 18 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult acting in loco parentis (and identified as such on the competitor's registration form) when registering at the event, and the parent, guardian or responsible adult shall register with the organising authority at the same time as the competitor.
- 3.3 The parent, guardian or other adult acting in loco parentis for a competitor under 18 years of age shall be responsible for that competitor throughout the event and shall remain within the immediate vicinity of the beach, club or boat park at all times whilst the competitor is afloat. [DP]
- 3.4 Every competitor will be required to wear a personal flotation device, suitable for their size and weight and manufactured to an acceptable standard, at all times whilst afloat, except briefly whilst changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Pre entry is required using the on-line entry system as per the details on the Event page on the www.itcaworld.com website.
- 4.2 The entry fee is:
 - 4.2.1 £240 for entries received on or before 24th May 2018
 - 4.2.2 £270 for entries received thereafter, up to and including 24th June 2018
 - 4.2.3 £300 for entries received thereafter. Entries in this case are subject to confirmation by the International Secretary, and will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the race committee, there is adequate safety cover available.
- 4.3 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor their entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - 4.3.1 50% of the entry fee paid for cancellations received by 1st July 2018
 - 4.3.2 No refund for cancellations after 1st July 2018.
- 4.4 In all instances refunds will be processed on the credit or debit card used to pay for the entry. Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after August 31st 2018. 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.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registration will be open on Tuesday 14th August 2018.
- 5.2 Each competitor shall register before racing. To register, each competitor shall provide a completed registration form (signed by their parent or legal guardian in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) and proof of current membership of a National Association of the Topper Class or ITCA. [DP]
- 5.3 Each competitor will also have to pay a damage deposit of 1,500 RMB (or equivalent) before being allocated a boat and associated equipment for use during the event. This shall be paid in cash at or before registration. This damage deposit will only be refunded if the boat and all supplied equipment is returned by the competitor at the end of the event in the same condition as it was originally supplied. If the boat or any other supplied equipment is damaged during the event a deduction may be made from the damage deposit and the competitor may be required to pay an additional amount in order to return the damage deposit to its original level..

6 SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 Each competitor will be supplied with a boat, including a sail of the relevant size, for use during the event. Personal floatation devices (buoyancy aids) can also be supplied if needed.
- 6.2 Boats will be allocated to competitors by random ballot at registration.
- 6.3 No competitor shall race in any boat other than the boat allocated to them. [DP]
- 6.4 Notwithstanding the supply of boats by the organising authority, it shall be the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that the boat they sail complies with the International Topper class rules at all times whilst racing. [DP]
- 6.5 Failure of supplied equipment will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 6.6 Appendix B – Supplied Equipment will apply. [DP]

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 All boats will need to be presented for inspection prior to racing, to be checked for compliance with the class rules and Championship Equipment Regulations, and to have equipment limitation marks applied. A boat shall not race until it has passed inspection by the technical committee, except with the prior written consent of the technical committee (which will only be given in exceptional circumstances). [DP]
- 7.2 The technical committee may also make spot checks of boats throughout the event, and may also require certain boats to be presented for inspection before or after racing on any day.
- 7.3 The fact that a boat has been inspected by one or more members of the technical committee, or any other event official, does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the RRS or any other document governing this event.

8 IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 8.1 When provided by the organising authority, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
- (a) Bibs for all competitors;
 - (b) Coloured Bibs for event leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd);
 - (c) Coloured dots on the mainsail for Event Leaders (1st, 2nd and 3rd);
 - (d) Event number on sail;
 - (e) Event advertising;
 - (f) Country codes for boats and sails;
 - (g) National Flags
 - (h) Cameras and sound equipment; and
 - (i) Tracking and timing system equipment.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 There will be a briefing for competitors and their support personnel, which all competitors should attend, after the opening ceremony on Wednesday 15th August.
- 9.2 Racing is scheduled to take place on each day from Thursday 16th to Tuesday 21st August, with multiple races scheduled for each fleet on each day.
- 9.3 The warning signal for the first race on Thursday 16th will be no earlier than 11:00 local time.
- 9.4 On the last day of the event no starting signal will be made after 13:00 local time.
- 9.5 Races on each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The race committee will try to limit the time that any competitor is afloat, without a break ashore, to no more than 6 hours, but depending upon conditions this time may be exceeded to allow a race to be completed.

10 FORMAT

- 10.1 **For the 5.3 fleet**, it is expected that the entry will be divided into flights for a qualifying series, followed by separate final series for Gold, Silver and (if numbers warrant) Bronze fleets. A total of 15 races will be scheduled.
- 10.2 **For the 4.2 fleet**, depending upon the number of entries the championship will either consist of a single series, or a qualifying series followed by final series. A total of 15 races will be scheduled.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be published on the ITCA website prior to the event, and will be displayed on the official notice board at the event.

12 RACE AREA

- 12.1 Racing will be on the sea off Longcheer Yacht Club. See Appendix A.

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. They are expected to consist of inner and outer loop trapezoid courses.

14 INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 14.1 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.2 Competitors will be allowed to take a scoring penalty for breaches of certain rules in certain circumstances. Arbitration will be available as an alternative to a full protest hearing for the resolution of certain protests. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2 Each championship will be valid once four races have been completed (and not subsequently abandoned) by the relevant fleet or flights.
- 15.3 If a championship consists of a qualifying series and final series, at least four qualification races will need to be completed by each flight before the entry is split into final series fleets. In this case a boat's championship score will be the total of her qualification series score and her final series score.
- 15.4 In each series a boat's series score shall, subject to RRS 90.3(b), be the following:
 - 15.4.1 When three or fewer races have been completed, the total of her race scores.
 - 15.4.2 When four to nine races have been completed, the total for her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 15.4.3 When ten or more races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 PRIZES

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

17 SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 Only support boats authorised by the Event Safety Officer will be permitted in the racing area. [DP]
- 17.2 All those intending to bring a support boat to the event should contact Clive Grant at Vanhang Sailing (clive@vanhangsailing.com.cn) prior to the event.
- 17.3 All support boat drivers shall register themselves and their support boat with the organising authority during the period for competitor registration (see 5.1 above). They will be required to sign that they have read and agree to comply with the Championship Support Team Regulations. [DP]

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 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 (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) agrees and acknowledges that:

- 18.1.1 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;
- 18.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 18.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 18.1.4 It is their responsibility to ensure that the boat provided to them is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and that they are fit to participate;
- 18.1.5 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;
- 18.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 18.1.7 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 produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for this event.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating sailor shall have valid personal third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of GBP 2,000,000 per incident (or equivalent) whilst sailboat racing.
[DP]

20 MEDIA RIGHTS

20.1 By entering the event competitors and their supporters accept that they may be photographed and/or videoed participating in the event and/or using the event facilities and they consent to the taking and use of such images in any media, in conjunction with their name or not, without compensation and without the approval of the competitor or supporter of such images or any use thereof.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information see:

ITCA World website

or contact:

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Andy Millington (President) president@itcaworld.com

Clive Grant (Chinese rep) clive@vanhangsailing.com

NOR Appendix A – Race Area



NOR Appendix B – Supplied Equipment

1. Each competitor will be supplied with a complete standard boat, including hull, foils, spars, sail, fittings and control systems. Personal items, such as wind indicators and compasses, will not be supplied.
2. Competitors may replace the following supplied control lines and control systems with their own, but shall not remove, replace or add any fitting to the hull, mast or boom, and shall refit the originally supplied control lines and controls systems on the boat as originally supplied at the end of the event:
 - a. bow line
 - b. traveller line
 - c. mainsheet
 - d. mainsheet blocks
 - e. kicker system
 - f. downhaul system
 - g. outhaul system (but not the outhaul cleat on the boom).
3. No other modification to the supplied equipment shall be made unless authorised by the technical committee.
4. A penalty may be given if, in the opinion of the organising authority, a competitor treats or handles the supplied equipment without care or in a manner which causes or is likely to cause damage to the equipment.
5. Competitors may bring and use the following personal items: sponges, hand bailers, water bottles, shockcords, compass, compass bracket, wind indicators, including yarn or thread (which may be tied or taped anywhere on the equipment, providing their fitting does not mark, pierce or damage the hull, deck, sails or spars).
6. Adhesive tape may be used anywhere, but the tape needs to be removable after the event without leaving a mark or causing permanent damage. There shall be no writing with permanent markers directly on the supplied equipment.
7. No wax shall be applied. Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water and ordinary soap.