



Rooster International Topper Class World Championships 2019

Medemblik, Holland
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NOTICE OF RACE

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Organized by the International Topper Class Association (ITCA) in conjunction with
Medemblik Regatta Centre

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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 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3 All times are Central European Time (CET), which is BST + 1hr and UT/GMT+ 2 hrs.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code as modified by the Advertising regulation of the Dutch Sailing Federation, boats may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority
- 2.2 Competitors may be invited to wear the event sponsored race bibs over all other items of apparel

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies.
- 3.2 There will be separate racing fleets for competitors using 5.3 sails and 4.2 sails
- 3.3 Every competitor must be a current member of a National Topper Class Association. Competitors that are not already a member of a National Topper Class Association may join ITCA (See NOR 8 for contact details).
- 3.4 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 2019 Championship Number of the competitor sailing the boat (unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Race Committee) in accordance with ITCA prescriptions. Competitors who do not have a Championship 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 (membership.irl@gmail.com)
 - 4.2.3 Other nationalities should apply to the International Secretary (secretary@itcaworld.org)
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers to the sail and boat in accordance with the prescriptions of ITCA.
- 4.4 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 4.5 4.2 sails shall not be used in the 5.3 fleet, and 5.3 sails shall not be used in the 4.2 fleet.
- 4.6 Each competitor under 18 years of age on the 22nd July 2019 shall complete a parent / guardian

consent form and submit it to the Organising Authority at registration. This consent form will be available on the ITCA web site and may be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.

- 4.7 For the duration of the championship the responsible adult of sailors aged under 18 years named on the parent/guardian consent form shall remain within the immediate area of the beach, club or boat park.
- 4.8 The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together 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/>
- 5.2 There is to be a sliding scale of entry fees to encourage early entries:
 - (1) £240 per competitor for entries received on or before May 24th 2019.
 - (2) £270 per competitor for entries received thereafter, up to and including June 24th 2019.
 - (3) £300 per competitor 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.
- 5.3 The total number of entries is restricted to 300 sailors.
- 5.4 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 July 1st
 - (2) No entry fee is refundable after July 1st
- 5.5 In all instances, refunds are processed by the same method used to pay for application or entry. Where this is not possible (e.g. if the card or account used for payment has expired or been closed), the refund will be by another method at the expense of the sailor.

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration will be from Sat 20th July 2019 from 10:00.
- 6.2 Each competitor shall register before racing and provide proof of current membership of a National Topper Class Association.
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7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 7.1 Measurement will start on Saturday 20th 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 22nd July 2019
- 7.3 Female helms shall display a red rhombus on their sail.
- 7.4 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 warning signal for the first race on Monday 22nd July will be no earlier than 12.25hrs.
- 8.2 The warning signal for the first race on the second day and subsequent days will be displayed on the official notice board no later than 18.00hrs on the preceding day.
- 8.3 On the last day of the event no starting signal will be made after 15:00 hrs

8.4 For the 5.3 Fleet

- 8.4.1 A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by the Final Series in which the entry will be divided into two or three fleets, Gold, Silver, and (if numbers warrant) Bronze.
- 8.4.2 Races on each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The intention is that competitors are afloat for no longer than 6 hours on each day without a break ashore.
- 8.4.3 If four races have not been completed by the end of 24th July the qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth qualifying race is completed.

8.5 For the 4.2 Fleet

- 8.5.1 If more than 70 boats enter then racing may be split into a qualifying series followed by a Final series in which the entry will be divided into two fleets, Gold and Silver.
- 8.5.2 Races on each day will normally be back-to-back, with no opportunity to return to shore between races. The intention is that competitors are afloat for no longer than 6 hours on each day without a break ashore.
- 8.5.3 Where there is a qualifying series and if four races have not been completed by the end of 24th July the qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth qualifying race is completed.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the ITCA website and the Medemblik Regatta Centre Event website prior to the event, and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event.

10 RACING AREA

- 10.1 The Ijsselmeer

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The 5.3 fleet will sail inner and outer loop trapezoid courses as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The courses to be sailed by the 4.2 fleet will be specified in the Sailing Instructions

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 the RYA 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.

For the 5.3 National Championships

13.2 At least three races must be completed in the Qualification Series prior to the fleet being split into Final Series fleets (Gold, Silver and Bronze). A single race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final Series to constitute the Championship.

13.3 A boat's Championship score will be the total of her scores in all races in the Final Series after discards, together with a points score equal to her overall ranking at the end of the Qualification Series (which shall not be discarded). 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.

13.4 For each of the Qualification Series and the Final Series:

- When 3 or fewer races have been completed all races will count;
- When 4 to 7 races have been completed there will be one discard;
- When 8 to 9 races have been completed there will be two discards.

13.5 When the Championship is not properly constituted (minimum one race completed by the Gold Fleet in the Final Series) prizes will still be awarded, however the Overall Championship Trophy will not be awarded.

For the 4.2 National Championships and Regatta Fleet

13.6 Discards will be as follows:

- When 3 or fewer races have been completed all scores will count
- When 4 to 9 races have been completed there will be one discard
- When 10 to 14 races have been completed there will be two discards
- When 15 to 19 races have been completed there will be three discards
- Where 20 or more races have been completed there will be four discards.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Only support boats registered with the Event Safety Officer will be permitted on the race course

14.2 Support Boats must register at Registration

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 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 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 20.1 By entering the Championships 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 competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Michelle Hill (Secretary) secretary@itcaworld.org

Andy Millington (President) president@itcaworld.org

Regatta Centre Medemblik marcel@regattacenter.com

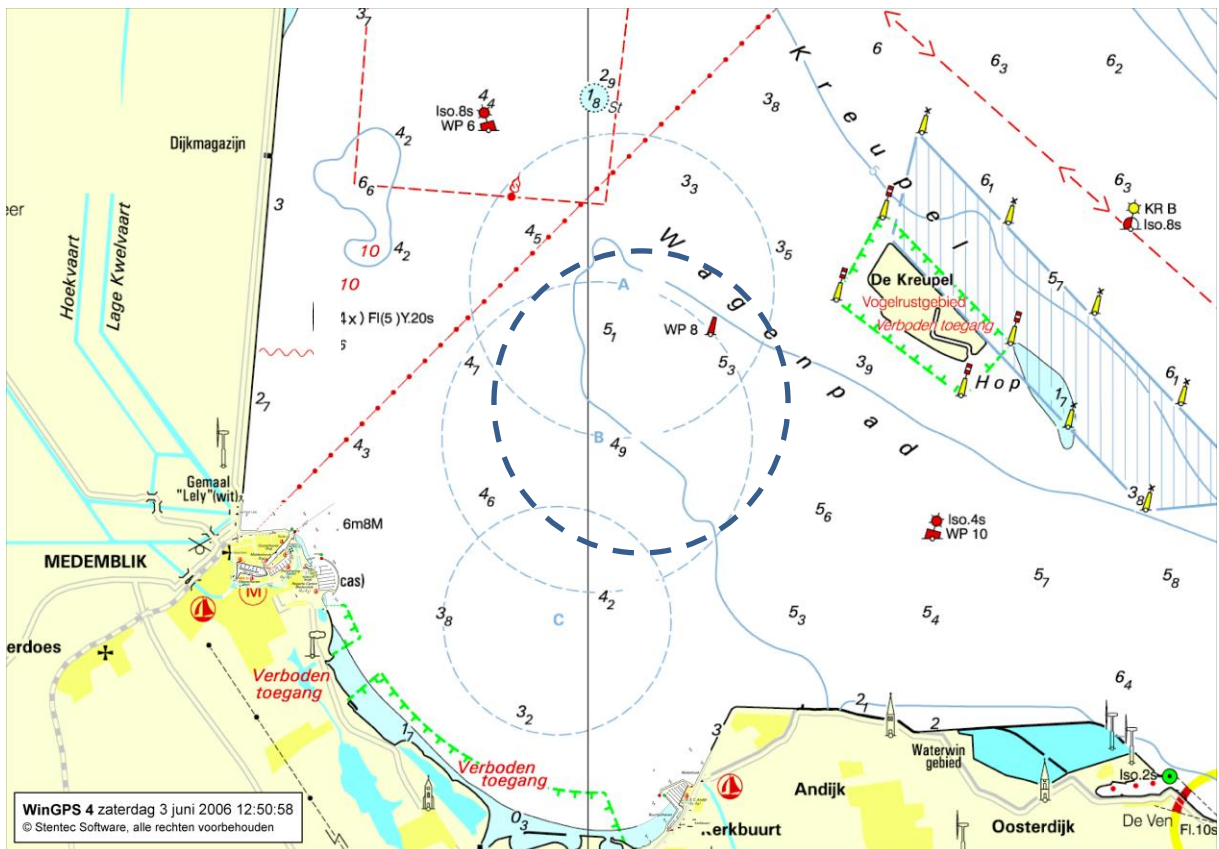
For information regarding accommodation and camper van facilities please refer to the event web site "Travel" section

RACING AREA

APPROXIMATE POSITION RACING AREA

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

Compass bearing: approximately: 060 - 065.



VENUE

The regatta will be held the 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.