



Sovereign Ski Topper World Championship 2011

Organising Authority: National Yacht Club (Organiser) in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association (ITCA)

14th – 19th August 2011
National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Topper Class. Competitors must be members of a National Topper Class Association. (See NOR 8 for contact details)
- 3.2 Competitors may only use one sail for the competition. The 4.2m² sail is not eligible for this World Championship.
- 3.3 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 3.4 Each competitor under 18 years of age on the 14th August 2011 shall send to the Organising Authority a completed parent/guardian consent form before 1st July 2011. This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 3.5 For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years of age shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 3.6 The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before registration closes.
- 3.7 The total number of entries is restricted to 300 sailors.

4 ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 4.1 Application for entry shall be made at: <http://www.nyc.ie/topperworlds2011>
- 4.2 The entry fee is €225 Euros.
- 4.3 Entry will only be accepted after 1st July 2011 at the discretion of the Organising Authority and upon payment of a late entry fee of €275 Euros (€225 + €50 Euros).

5 CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 5.1 50% of the entry fee paid is refundable for cancellations received before 1st August 2011. No entry fee is refundable after the 1st August 2011.
- 5.2 In all instances refunds are processed on the credit card used to pay for application or entry. Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after the 30th September 2011. Sailwave do not store your credit card details and are not able to refund 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 SCHEDULE

6.1

14 th August	09.00 – 18.00hrs 19.00hrs	Registration & Measurement Opening Ceremony followed by Reception and Barbeque
15 th August	3 Races back to back (Qualifying Series)	
16 th August	3 Races back to back (Qualifying Series)	
17 th August	3 races back to back, (Championship series)	
18 th August	3 races back to back, (Championship series)	
19 th August	2 races back to back, (Championship series) Followed by Prize Giving Party & Buffet Meal	

- 6.2. The time for the first warning signal on the first day will be: 11:30hrs
- 6.3. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of The previous race.
- 6.4. Any race whose initial warning signal is not given by 15:00hrs on the last day of the championship will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

7 RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by a Championship series.
- 7.2 If four races have not been completed by the end of the second scheduled racing day, the qualifying series will continue to the end of the racing day when a fourth qualifying race is completed.

8 SAIL & CHAMPIONSHIP NUMBERS

Sails shall display the full sail number and Championship Number in accordance with the class rule and RRS. Competitors who do not have a Championship Number should apply for allocation of a number. GBR sailors apply to GBR Topper Association, (email: secretary@gbrtopper.co.uk) Irish and International sailors to apply to the Irish Topper Association (email: peterdolan@comans.ie) It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain and fix the Championship Numbers in accordance with the instructions supplied.

9 MEASUREMENTS

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

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available for all competitors at registration at the venue. Draft Sailing Instructions may be available on the event web site approximately two weeks before the Championships.

11 VENUE

The venue will be the National Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. Sailing will take place on the waters of Dublin Bay.

12 THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops. The target time for the first boat in each race will be approx 45 minutes.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.2 A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 13.3 One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 13.4 The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 13.5 When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded, when 10 or more races are completed, 2 races scores will be excluded. Only one race score may be excluded from the Finals races and only if at least 2 Finals races are completed.
- 13.6 The split for Finals racing will only be made at the completion of a day's racing.

14 SUPPORT BOAT

- 14.1 Support Boats must register with the NYC Sailing Manager, by email, before the 24th July 2011.
- 14.2 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 BOATS AND TRAILER STORAGE

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.
- 15.2 The National Yacht Club is not available for boat parking and practice sailing before Tuesday 9th August 2011.
- 15.3 Information on arrival procedures and practice sailing facilities between Tuesday 9th and Saturday 13th August 2011 will be posted on the event web site.

16 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with rule Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

18 SAFETY

Competitors shall wear a personal floatation device, of minimum 50N.

19 PRIZES

The first ten places of the Gold Fleet will receive prizes.
The first three places of the Silver Fleet will receive prizes.

If numbers dictate then the first three in the Bronze Fleet will receive prizes.
Class Association perpetual prizes will be awarded.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per event or the equivalent.

22 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

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.

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

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact :

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

