



Saltash Sailing Club

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Saltash Sailing Club
Topper Open
2018
Notice of Race
&
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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**SALTASH SAILING CLUB
TRAINING DAY AND OPEN EVENT
12th/13th May 2018**



Training Day (Saturday 12th May)

On arrival please unload and move your vehicle and trailer to one of the sites indicated to you by the stewards on the day. Food will be available throughout the day, beginning at 0900 until approximately 1500. For those who are racing on the Sunday boats may be left overnight in the reserved area.

NOTICE OF RACE

The venue shall be

SALTASH SAILING CLUB

The address is:

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Race Day (Sunday 13th May)

On arrival please unload and move your vehicle and trailer to one of the sites indicated to you by the stewards on the day then register as soon as possible in the Race Office. Food will be available throughout the day, beginning at 0900 until approximately 1500.

Briefing will take place at 0930 with the first race scheduled to start at 1030

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Neil Trathen 07790 906987.

General Sailing instructions for Saltash Sailing Club Topper Open Events.

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules (except where they are modified by these sailing instructions) and these sailing instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. The Racing Rules of Sailing shall not supersede the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea, Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, Saltash Sailing Club rules and Local Bye-laws.
- 1.3. No boat shall go afloat until a rescue boat is manned and on the water, the release flag is displayed on the Race Office Flagstaff and accompanied by a sound signal of one long blast, or permission is given by official announcement. If displayed, flag 'W' means: **Wear a wet suit or dry suit.**

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1. **General.** The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the race. Neither these SIs, nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of their taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every person/owner in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.
- 2.2. A tally system will be used to indicate the intention of launching and as evidence that the boat and crew have returned. The tally board will be situated in or near the race office. Tally numbers will be allocated on entry. Before launching the person in charge of the boat (see RRS 46 "Person in charge") shall remove the tally bearing its identification number and place it in the box marked "I intend to race". Within 30 minutes of the last boat completing the final race of the day or immediately upon coming ashore if retiring, place the tally in the box marked 'I have finished' and complied with all the rules or 'I have retired'. Competitors failing to comply with this SI will be scored DND without a hearing and incur a fine of £5 to the RNLI.
- 2.3. **Entries.** An eligible boat shall enter all the races of that meeting by completing the Open Meeting Race Entry Form and consent form, along with the required fee (For 2018 this will be £10 per boat). This can be done on the day or by downloading the form from the Club website.
- 2.4. **Sail Numbers.** Sail numbers that do not comply with RRS 77 may be allowed, but only in exceptional circumstances and when a request is first made to the Race Officer.
- 2.5. As with other ITCA events the one sail rule is in force but training sails may be permitted to allow the maximum number of competitors.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 All competitors and other sailors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when afloat except while changing or adjusting personal clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
- 3.2 Should any boat require assistance within the trots they will not automatically incur a penalty but the committee must be informed of any incident where outside help has been received.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the door to the club race office and the official notice board.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the door to the club race office and the official notice board 30 minutes before the first scheduled race, except that a change to the race schedule will be posted 30 minutes before the start of the race affected. Flag L will be flown in accordance with RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The start time of the first race and subsequent races will be shown in the Notice of Race. If not shown in the Notice of Race the start times of the first and subsequent races will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start of each race.

7. SIGNALS

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Office Flagstaff.

8 CLASS FLAGS

8.1 The class flag will be flag 'T'.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 The course will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

9.2 The marks of the course may be selected from fixed club marks or laid marks. All marks will be rounding marks.

9.3 The course will be designated by letters and/or numbers and/or colours identifying the marks in the order they are to be passed. The letters will be WHITE on a RED or GREEN background, indicating PORT or STARBOARD hand respectively.

9.4 The courses to be sailed will be decided by the conditions prevailing on the day and the area sailed in.

9.5 A lead boat may be provided to indicate the general direction to the first mark of each race. If a lead boat is provided it remains the responsibility of each competitor to ensure they sail the correct course.

10 THE START AND FINISH

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The start/finish line shall be between the Committee Boat mast displaying an Orange Flag and the Outer distance mark.

10.3 All boats are to pass close to the Committee Boat on the opposite side to the start line before the start of each race for identification by the race committee.

11 INDIVIDUAL RECALL (Exception to RRS 29.1)

11.1 When, at her starting signal, if any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the Starting Line, flag 'X' will be raised with one sound signal. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the start line or 4 minutes after the starting signal, whichever is the earliest. The onus of returning to start correctly lies entirely with the boats concerned.

12 GENERAL RECALL (Exception to RRS 29.2)

12.1 "First Substitute" - General Recall Signal means: The Class is recalled for a new start in accordance with RRS 29.2.

13 SHORTENING COURSE

13.1 When flag S is displayed at the finish line with two sound signals boats will finish when they cross the finishing line at the end of the round still to be completed by the leading boat.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Boats that fail to finish within 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat to finish on the water positions will be recorded where possible.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 The time limit for the receipt of completed protest forms shall be 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the race or the last of back-to-back races. Completed forms shall be handed to the Race Committee in the Race Office. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after receipt by the Race Committee but arbitration is also offered as an alternative resolution pathway. Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final as provided in rule 70.5.

16 RETIREMENTS

16.1 Notification of Retirement:

Any boat which retires shall inform the Race Committee at the finish or the Race Office as soon as possible.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply. The winning boat in each race will be awarded 1 point, second place will receive 2 points, third place 3 points etc. The boat with the lowest score at the end of the event will be declared the winner.

(a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 EFFECTIVE DATE

18.1 1st May 2018. These Sailing Instructions supersede all previous Saltash Sailing Topper Open Meeting Instructions.