Q1: Please enter your World Sailing Class Association name

International Topper Class Association

Q2: Class Website URL

www.itcaworld.org

Q3: Contact details for President (name, address, telephone, email)

Andy Millington
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president@itcaworld.org

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secretary@itcaworld.org

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Ian Cox
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Q6: Primary Contact (to be used in the yearbook)

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Q7: Average price of complete new boat without sails (pounds sterling). The average price is based on the prices quoted by your major three builders, in their national currency, which is then converted to Pounds Sterlings.

£2,795.00 – Sail £ 200.00
Q8: Name three builders (preferably one per continent) and quoted price (Ex VAT) for 2015/2016 (in Pounds Sterlings)
(1) BUILDER NAME: Topper International Limited
(1) Price: £2,795.00
(1) Website URL: www.toppersailboats.com
(2) BUILDER NAME: N/A
(3) BUILDER NAME: N/A

Q9: Name all National Class Associations that paid in 2016
Great Britain
Ireland
Japan
China
Germany
India

Q10: Name Countries & number of boats that represent the World Sailing minimum criteria (see Regulation 10.2.1(d))
Country 1: Name Great Britain
Country 1: Number of boats 480
Country 2: Name Ireland
Country 2: Number of boats 105
Country 3: Name Japan
Country 3: Number of boats 30
Country 4: Name Germany
Country 4: Number of boats 58
Country 5: Name China
Country 5: Number of boats 90

Q11: How many new boats were built in 2016? 163
Q12: How many boats were built over the past 5 years? 929
Q13: Approximately how many boats exist Worldwide? 50,000

Q14: Number of World Championship titles awarded for the following groups (see World Sailing Regulation 25.2)
OPEN 1
OTHER 1

Q15: Event Details 1 (just one World Championship - please complete all the fields)
Event Title Rooster International Topper Class 5.3 World Championships
Venue Ballyholm Yacht Club Northern Ireland
Event Website http://www.itcaworld.org/international-topper-class-0
Number of boats participating 163
Countries represented GBR, IRL, CHN, RSA, FRA, MAC, AUS, TUR, JPN
Continents represented Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia
Number of races held: 10
Were any boats supplied and by who: Topper International Limited
Name and nationality of world champion(s): Elliot Kuzak, GBR
Name of Principal Race Officer: Robin Gray
Name of event Chief of Equipment Inspectors: Ian Cox

Organisation quality
The Event was jointly organised by Ballyholm Yacht Club and ITCA, with ITCA setting most of the operational requirements. Having said that, the Club provided excellent race management and shore support and generally the competitors were very satisfied.

Venue good and bad points (1) ashore and (2) afloat
The biggest problem encountered ashore was the launching facilities. They are very limited and despite a number of proposals to increase the facility this remains a major problem, especially when the wind is from the North East. There is limited accommodation available and it was difficult to provide sufficient for the race officials and Class staff. However what was available was generally acceptable. The Club provided additional facilities for the competitors which proved to be very successful.
Afloat the race courses were well positioned and provided excellent and fair racing. Committee boats, mark laying and support boats were more than adequate and all the Club supporters provided excellent on the water support. There were no problems encountered afloat.

Please state any recommendations for future World Championships at (1) the same venue and (2) generally in terms of logistic of running a World Championship (not venue specific points)
Ballyholm Yacht Club provided excellent support both ashore and afloat. The Club members were very welcoming and helpful. The venue proved to be a great success with excellent racing. To run major championships with large fleets, however, the launching facilities do need to be substantially improved. It is a venue that the Class would return to, if the launching facilities were improved and it would recommend the venue for other, perhaps with fewer boats, Classes. ITCA has a great support team and has built up excellent procedures which allows smooth and simple event planning, organisation and management. This continues to be developed and the Class will continue to work with Clubs and national authorities to improve future events.

Q16: Event Details 2 (just one World Championship - please complete all the fields )
Event Title: Rooster International Topper Class 4.2 World Championships
Venue: Ballyholm Yacht Club Northern Ireland
Event Website

http://www.itcaworld.org/international-topper-class-0

Number of boats participating

39

Countries represented

GBR IRL, CHN, THA, MAC

Continents represented

Europe, Asia

Number of races held

9

Were any boats supplied and by who

Topper International Limited

Name and nationality of world champion(s)

Max Yuang-Ngam THA

Name of Principal Race Officer

Robin Gray

Names and nationality of World Sailing International Judges present


Name of event Chief of Equipment Inspectors

Ian Cox

Organisation quality

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