

2021 Annual Report

International Topper Class Association

The World Sailing regulations include requirements that World Sailing Class Associations must meet to maintain the right to hold a World Championship and to maintain its World Sailing designation.

This report compiled by World Sailing is a summary of the information provided by the Class Association. Information regarding the Class Association's World Championships will be compiled separately through other reports.

General Information

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Richard Glynn (GBR) - Russ Dent (GBR)

International Measurers
Chief Measurer: Richard Glynn (GBR)
This Class does not have any International Measurer

General Boat Information

Total number of new boats built in 2021	153
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Builders

Hull manufacturers	are licensed by copyright holders
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Company Name	Website	Price of a complete boat without sails (ex VAT)
Topper International Ltd	https://toppersailboats.com	£2912.50

There are more builders:

Sails manufacturers	Average price per new set of sails (ex VAT)
are required to be licensed	£250.00

Company Name	Website
Hyde Sails	https://toppersailboats.com/parts-shop/

Rig manufacturers	are required to be licensed
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Company Name	Website
Topper Sailboats	https://toppersailboats.com

Appendages manufacturers	are not required to be licensed
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Members

Nations with most representation in the Class	Number of active boats
GBR	609
CHN	577
IRL	194
GER	63
JPN	34

2022 World Championship

World Championship	International Topper Class World Championships
Start Date	23.07.2022
Venue name	Fraglia Vela Riva
Venue Country	Italy

2021 World Championship
International Topper Class World Championships - Ireland
Event cancelled due to Covid 19

International Topper Class Association Sustainability Programme

1. The Topper is the only truly recyclable dinghy; is safe, simple and enjoys great longevity. Redundant boats can readily be reactivated and the hull colour restored with a simple heat gun, whilst hulls beyond repair can be ground into Polypropylene flakes to be reused in injection moulding up to 4 times. The compact size and weight of the boat make them highly efficient to ship around the world, with 48 boats fitting in a 40' container.

2. ITCA World runs a hard legacy project, Learn to Dream, with a pilot in place with the Skipper Foundation in Mossel Bay, South Africa. The programme utilises redundant boats from affluent nations, sent in their raw state with reactivation kits to clubs and foundations in WS designated Emerging Nations. The Skipper Foundation is doing great work with 60 disadvantaged youngsters from local townships, not only teaching them to sail but also providing valuable life skills, ensuring they complete their education within a caring environment. Further information available at: <https://www.itcaworld.org/topper-worldwide/learn-to-dream-project/>

3. Training is given to the partner organisations on how to reactivate the boats, whilst also providing them with work experience and transferable skills that can ultimately lead to a career in marine engineering or boatbuilding. Reactivated boats can then be used for training or sold by the partner Foundation to grow the Topper fleet locally and any profit retained by the organisation to help fund their charitable works in getting more underprivileged youngsters into sailing. The Skipper Foundation has recently received another 12 boats to 're-life' and we have matched them with the Mombasa Yacht Club who are keen to obtain low cost boats to train local youngsters to sail again. This model could easily be replicated in other Emerging Nations, leading to the establishment of regional fleets and interregional championships.