



## **29er HONG KONG NATIONALS 2021 HONG KONG, HK SAR**

**27 TO 28 NOVEMBER 2021**

**The Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club (“ABC”)  
in conjunction with the Hong Kong 29er Class**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The 29er Nationals will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the HKSF will apply, together with:
  - the class association rules;
  - the 29er Nationals Notice of Race; and
  - these SIs.
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 If the protest committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) on the regatta website <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/29er2021>

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The programme is as follows:

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Competitors' Briefing:	0915hrs
	First warning signal:	1055hrs
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Competitors' Briefing:	0915hrs
	First warning signal:	1055hrs

5.2 A maximum of eight races are scheduled for the regatta. Four races are targeted to be sailed on each race day, subject to the race officer's discretion.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will be soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs on the 28 November 2021.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag is ICF J

## **7. RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place in any area west of Po Toi Island Race Area, outer Stanley Bay, Chung Hom Kok or Repulse Bay. The day's intended race area will be announced at the daily competitors briefing.

## **8. THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks of the course will be inflatable orange or black buoys as detailed in Attachment A.

9.2 A new mark, as provided in SI 11.1, will be a yellow buoy.

9.3 The starting marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.

9.4 'The finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a white inflatable buoy at the port end.'

9.5 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 11.2.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her designated starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.1

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark, which will be white.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 The race target time is 30 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.

## **15. ARBITRATION**

Arbitration will be offered in line with procedures laid out in the RRS – Appendix T.

## **16. HEARING REQUESTS**

16.1 To inform the race committee of the boats being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee vessel at the port end of the finishing line immediately after finishing and shall hail the protested boat's sail number

16.2 Hearing request forms are available at the ABC MI Race Check point at the office. Hearing request or reopening shall be delivered at either point within the appropriate time limit.

16.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the ABC Main clubhouse.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of SIs 18, 19 and will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **17. SCORING**

17.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the 29er Nationals 2021.

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

17.3 When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4 When eight races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 Competitors must sign in and sign out on the registration sheet which will be placed at the ABC Middle Island Race Check Point. Failure to sign out or to sign back in after each day's racing may result in penalty at the discretion of the Race Committee. See NoR 12.3.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.3 Personal flotation devices (PFDs) in a good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times while on the water during the regatta.

18.4 Competitors are reminded of RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race.

18.5 Boats which sail to and from the race area from their own respective clubs or locations, should arrange their own safety cover to and from the race area.

18.6 The Regatta Registration will be open from 0900 to 1000 hours daily at the ABC Middle Island Race Office.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with their class rules.

## **20. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 20.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20.2 If the race committee hoists IC Flag V, all support boats shall observe a listening watch on the designated VHF safety channel and may enter the race area to assist with safety support for any competitor. If assistance is provided, those competitors shall retire from that race. Coaches are requested to record those boats they provide assistance to and report it to the race committee.

## **21. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **23. PRIZES**

- 23.1 The Hong Kong 29er Class Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the top Hong Kong boat.
- 23.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top female and male team.
- 23.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 23.4 Prizes will be handed out after racing on Sunday 28 November at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the HK 29er National Championships entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Aberdeen Boat Club, Hong Kong 29er Association, the organising committee, the race committee, race sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members, staff and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the HK 29er National Championships.
- 24.2 Helms & crew are invited to co-operate with the organising authority, race committee and ABC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their entry by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this NoR. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

## **25. INSURANCE**

- 25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 HKD per incident or the equivalent. ABC members and cadets using club boats will be insured.
- 25.2 Proof of insurance will be requested by the organising authority for a boat entering the Championship which is not under the insurance of a HK club or organisation: e.g. – overseas competitor or a non-club associated HK competitor.

## **26. Visitor Berthing**

A limited number of pontoon berths will be made available for visiting competitor's ribs/safety boats at ABC Main club. It should be noted that ABC takes no responsibility for boats left overnight, and competitors are responsible for their own mooring lines and safe berthing.

## **27. FURTHER INFORMATION**

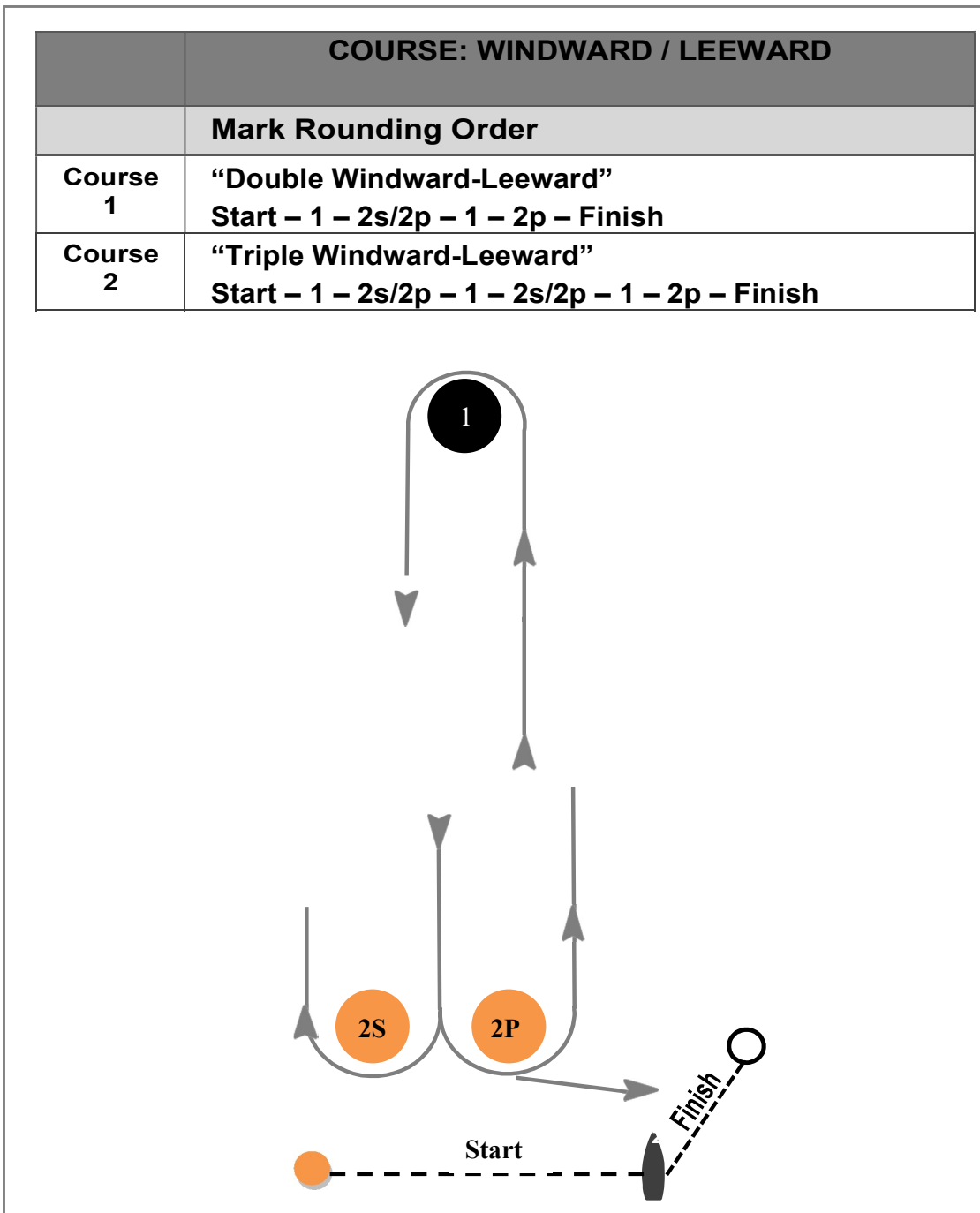
- 27.1 For further information, please contact the organising authority as follows:

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- 27.2 For further entry information and enquiries contact the ABC Head Race Coach, Daniel Dolega at: [headracecoach@abclubhk.com](mailto:headracecoach@abclubhk.com) ; Tel. No. 2518 9536 or Jennifer Li at: [marinecoord@abclubhk.com](mailto:marinecoord@abclubhk.com); for Marine enquires.

## Attachment A: COURSES



**Marks of the course will be inflatable buoys and are identified as:**

- 1                      Spherical Black Mark
- 2S & 2P              Cylindrical shaped orange Leeward gate marks
- ODMs                      Start pin: Tall cylindrical orange
- Finish pin: Tall cylindrical white