



## 29er HONG KONG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

### HONG KONG, HKSAR

14, 16 & 17 OCTOBER 2021

The Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club ("ABC")  
in conjunction with the Hong Kong 29er Class Association.

### NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR 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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.3 The HKSF Prescriptions will apply and are available at [www.sailing.org.hk](http://www.sailing.org.hk)
- 1.4 [NP] [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat
- 1.5 [NP] [DP] Competitors shall comply with any HKSAR Government Covid-19 regulations and ABC Covid-19 precautions in place the time of the event.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International 29er Class.
- 3.2 All competitors must be members of the Hong Kong 29er Class Association or the 29er class association of the country they are representing.
- 3.3 Only teams whose helm and crew are both Hong Kong residents with Hong Kong ID Cards and members of the Hong Kong 29er Class Association will be eligible for the Hong Kong 29er Perpetual Trophy. The closing date for entries is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- 3.4 The online entry form available at [www.abcmiddleisland.com/29er2021](http://www.abcmiddleisland.com/29er2021)
- 3.5 Declarations: All helms and crews shall complete a Declaration which can be downloaded from ([Declaration Form](#)). Declaration forms, which must be signed by a Parent/Guardian for all helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event, must be emailed to ([Email address](#)) by 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1 Entry fee per boat: \$850 HKD.
- 4.2 Refunds for cancelled entries: 50% for cancellations made by 10<sup>TH</sup> October 2021. No refunds for cancellations made thereafter.

**5. FORMAT OF RACING**

The regatta will be ran as a single series 12 races over 3 days.

**6. SCHEDULE**

6.1 The schedule will be:

Date	Event
Thursday 14 October 2021 Saturday 16 October 2021 Sunday 17 October 2021	Volunteers briefing at ABC Middle Island by Race Officer David Norton at 9.15 am
Sunday 17 October 2021	Prizes will handed after the protest time limit at ABC Middle Island

6.2 Number of Races:

(a) Four races per day over the 3 day event.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 10:55.

6.4 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on 17 October 2021.

**7. MEASUREMENT**

7.1 Spot measurement checks may be carried out during the regatta.

7.2 Only one set of sails, and one forestay, shall be used throughout the regatta.

7.3 Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the race committee.

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the regatta website on 12 October.

**9. VENUE**

9.1 Racing will take place on the waters around the south side of HK Island, in an area west of Po Toi Island, outer Stanley Bay or Chung Hum Kok depending on weather conditions.

**10. THE COURSES**

Courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The race target time will be 30 minutes.

**11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**12. SCORING**

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

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

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

- (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12.3 A boat which fails to sign out before racing or sign in after racing each day may result in a penalty of up to ten points without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5. [DP]

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

13.1 All support boats shall comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations including having a HK Pleasure Vessel Operator License holder on board.

13.2 Support boats shall carry on board and operate while on the water a marine band VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels. Support boats shall assist the race committee and act as safety boats if directed to do so.

13.3 Additional instructions will be stated in the SIs.

### **14. PRIZES**

14.1 The Hong Kong 29er Class Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the top Hong Kong boat.

14.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top female and male team.

14.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

### **15. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

15.1 By participating in the 2021 29er Nationals a competitor automatically grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors and agents the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her relating to the event without compensation.

15.2 A drone may be flown to record video and still imagery primarily for regatta advertising and promotion.

### **16. RISK STATEMENT**

16.1 RRS Rule 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in either event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in either event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
- (f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**17. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the HK 29er Championships entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Aberdeen Boat Club, 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 Championships.
- 17.2 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.

**18. INSURANCE**

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 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.

**19. Safety**

- 19.1 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times whilst on the water.
- 19.2 The Regatta Registration will be open from 0900 to 1000 hours daily at the ABC Middle Island Race Office.
- 19.3 A sign in / sign out registration sheet & tally board system will be placed at the ABC Middle Island hardstand. 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.
- 19.4 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.

**20. Visitor Berthing**

Please contact the OA if you require assistance with pontoon berths for support RIBs during competition

**21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

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- 21.2 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 enquiries.