



Importing RIBs and 29ers into Hong Kong Local Registration and Insurance requirements

RIB

In theory a visiting motorized pleasure vessels which is registered / licensed outside of Hong Kong can apply for a permit to navigate in Hong Kong waters (for one month at a time) and can be operated by someone holding a recognized foreign license.

http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/ocean/pleasure.html

<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/md526n.pdf>

However, experience in practice is that this permit to navigate is very hard to obtain approval for.

How to register a pleasure vessel is explained on the link below:

<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/md515.pdf>

An insurance policy is also required in a very specific format for Hong Kong. An underwriter experienced with Hong Kong will be familiar with the format and thus it would be our recommendation to use a broker such as Expat Services, who handles the insurance for the RHKYC, to organize the insurance policy.

Contact details for Expat Services are:

EXPAT SERVICES LIMITED

Insurance Brokers

Tel: (852) 2893 3344

Fax: (852) 2838 0654

Website:

www.expathk.com

29er

Being non motorized the 29er does not need to be registered in Hong Kong.

RHKYC requires a copy of the insurance policy showing that it is insured for use in Hong Kong waters, meets the limits set by the 29er Class for the World Championship and covers third party liability while on RHKYC hard standing.

Coach Boats:

Due to the mandatory regulations of compliance, as required by the Hong Kong Marine Department, to put a boat powered by an engine on the water in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong 29er Class would like to recommend that coach's requiring a boat for the 29er Worlds be in contact with one of 2 recommended charter companies to secure a boat.

With the compliance process necessitating applying for a Hong Kong registration, Insurance and a then for the boats to be handled by a Hong Kong PVOL (Pleasure Vessel Operator License), the quicker and easier approach shall be to charter a boat. Boats offered by these companies will be supplied with the necessary Hong Kong issued Marine Department PVOL license holder skipper and include fuel. The boats will be available on a daily basis or on an extended day rental period.

Should you wish to be added to a contact list of coach's wishing to share a boat, please apply [here](#)

Coach boat providers:

[Viking Charters](#)
[Request form](#)

Freely Marine Services
[Request form](#)