



Hong Kong
29er
Class Association

29ER HONG KONG OPEN 2017

HONG KONG, HKSAR

26 TO 29 DECEMBER 2017

The Organizing Authority is the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC)
in conjunction with the Hong Kong 29er Class Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (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 P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.3 The HKSF Prescriptions set out in Attachment A to this NoR shall apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 This event is designated a Clean Regatta by the Sailors for the Sea Organization, a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Our goal is Silver Level.

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.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter through <http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/29erHKOpen.aspx>.
- 3.5 Declarations: All helms and crews shall complete a Declaration which can be downloaded from <http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/29erHKOpen.aspx>. 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 nikki.claringbold@rhkyc.org.hk by Sunday 24 December 2017.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fee: \$1050 HKD until Wednesday 1 November 2017.

Late entry fee: \$1575 HKD from Thursday 2 November 2017 until Sunday 24 December 2017.

4.2 Coach event registration fee: \$315 HKD per person. Coaches can register through <http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/29erHKOpen.aspx> until Sunday 24 December 2017.

4.3 Refunds for cancelled entries: 50% for cancellations made by Sunday 9 December 2017. No refunds for cancellations made thereafter.

5 FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The schedule will be:

Date	Event
Tuesday 26 December 2017	Registration from 14:00 – 17:00
Wednesday 27 December 2017	Coaches Meeting @ 08:30 Qualifying Series Races
Thursday 28 December 2017	Qualifying Series Races
Friday 29 December 2017	Final Series Races Prize Giving

6.2 Number of Races:

- (a) Eight races are scheduled for the qualifying series.
- (b) Four races are scheduled for the final series.
- (c) No more than 4 races shall be sailed per day.

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 16:00 on Friday 29 December 2017.

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 and will be posted on the official notice board.

9 VENUE

9.1 The 29er Hong Kong Open 2017 will be held at RHKYC's Middle Island club house.

9.2 Racing will take place on the waters around the south side of HK Island. Attachment B shows the approximate location of the race areas.

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 Four races are required to be completed by all fleets to constitute the 29er Hong Kong Open 2017.

12.2 Four races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. If four races are not completed as scheduled, the qualifying series will be extended to complete them.

12.3 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.

12.4 For the qualifying series, RRS A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

12.5 The qualification series position will be carried forward as non-excludable points to the final series.

12.6 Each final series fleet will be scored separately. Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold Fleet will be ranked highest in the regatta.

12.7 Series scores (apply separately to qualifying and final series):

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

(b) 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.

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

12.8 Except for race scores excluded under NoR 12.3 and 12.7, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores from her final series races plus points equal to her qualifying-series rank.

13 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

13.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority at the race office during the registration period. All support boats shall comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations including having a HK Pleasure Vessel Operator Licence holder on board.

13.2 Coaches shall complete registration and pay the appropriate fee as per NoR 4.3.

13.3 Support boats shall clearly display on a flag or outboard cover the three national letter code of their World Sailing Member National authority at all times while afloat.

13.4 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.

13.5 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 first three boats in each fleet and to the top female 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 29er Hong Kong Open 2017 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 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 HKD per incident or the equivalent.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For information on travel and accommodation, including lists of local accommodation, please check the Zhik 29er World Championship 2018 website <http://2018.29erworlds.org>.
- 18.2 Charter boats will be available for use by competitors. RIBs will be available for charter as support boats. Please contact nikki.claringbold@rhkyc.org.hk for details. Local licensing laws in Hong Kong require one person on each RIB to hold a local "Pleasure Vessel Operating Licence". The organizing authority will attempt to assist overseas coaches to find persons who can be on board to satisfy this requirement if necessary.
- 18.3 For further information, please contact the organizing authority as follows:
- Nikki Claringbold
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Attachment A – HKSF Prescriptions**Rule Prescription**

67 Damages

- 1 No claim for damages arising from breaches of these rules or the sailing instructions shall be adjudicated upon by any race committee or appeal authority, but shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- 2 A boat which acknowledges infringing a rule by retiring or taking a penalty does not thereby admit liability for damage.
- 3 The findings of fact and decisions of protest committees shall be relevant only to the purposes of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing and shall not be referred to in any proceedings for damages without the written consent of the protest committee.
- 4 Notwithstanding 3 above, any owner of a boat may be liable for damages arising from a breach of these rules and may be subject to limitations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance or related ordinances or regulations of the laws of Hong Kong.

Attachment B – Approximate Location of Race Areas

