

2026 Hong Kong 29er National Championships
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Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Middle Island

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Notice of Race

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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 and 61.1 (a)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The HKSF Prescriptions apply (available at www.sailing.org.hk)
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, applies, as modified by NoR 10.1 and 10.2
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.5 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 applies. The personal flotation device shall be adequate for the conditions.
- 1.6 Both helm & crew must be consistent throughout the entire regatta, change of helm or crew will result in a separate entry team. Only registered competitor shall be on board while racing.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.
- 1.8 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

2 ADVERTISING [DP]

Boats intending to display advertising on their hulls, sails and/or spars shall supply a copy of their national authority license to the race committee prior to the first race sailed unless that Authority has in its prescriptions prescribed otherwise.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to 29er class boats.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form: <https://www.9er.hk/events/313476> and sending the required fees no later than 6pm Thursday 15th January 2026.
- 3.3 All sailors must read and agree the regatta declaration as part of the entry form. For sailors under 18 years of age during the event, the regatta declaration shall be completed by a Parent/Guardian.
- 3.4 The regatta is open to International and Hong Kong competitors.
- 3.5 International competitors will not be eligible for the 29er Hong Kong National Championships Perpetual Trophy.
- 3.6 Hong Kong competitors shall be fully paid-up sailor members of 9er class Association of Hong Kong, China. Class membership is for the period September 1st, 2025 to August 31st 2026. If you are not a member please find the membership link as follows: <https://www.9er.hk/registration/>.
- 3.7 Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.8 A Class or Division will consist of a minimum of 3 boats

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
 - HKD 800 entry fee plus HKD 400 administration fee per boat.
- 4.2 If a late entry is accepted, there will be a 100% additional premium on the entry fee.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The schedule is as follows:
 - Saturday 24th January Registration: 08:30 – 09:30
 - Briefing: 09:30
 - Racing, first warning signal: 11:55
 - Sunday 25th January Briefing: 09:30
 - Racing, first warning signal: 10: 55
 - Latest possible warning signal: 15:30
- 5.2 A maximum of 8 races are scheduled for the regatta and 4 races are scheduled to be raced each day, but up to 6 may be raced. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the race committee may attempt to complete additional races on any of the days to try to ensure a maximum of races are completed. Boats should not leave the racing area until they have been advised by the race committee that there will be no further races on that day.

6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP]

6.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules. Boats may be measured and inspected at any time during the event by a measurer appointed by the Organizing Authority. Non-Class legal equipment is not permitted in the venue from the first day of Inspection.

6.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast and boom, centerboard and rudder during the regatta. In the event of damage, written application must be made to the Organizing Authority before replacement is authorized, or after replacement have been made on the water if damage occurs between races of a day. However if damage occurs afloat before or after a race, the competitor may replace the part and then verbally inform the Race Officer or any other officials. After that day's racing, written application shall be made before the end of protest time. Failing to make an application will result in a competitor being disqualified (DSQ).

6.3 All female competitors shall display a red rhombus on the sail

6.4 Only class legal sails can be used in the championships.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available by Wednesday 21st January 2026 at the online official notice board.

8 VENUE

8.1 The regatta venue will be the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Middle Island.

8.2 Racing will take place in the vicinity of Deep Water Bay, Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Kok, Stanley or Po Toi.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward courses.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS P2.1 to P2.3 are deleted and replaced by:

P2.1 First and Second Penalty

When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 for the first or second time during the event, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalized a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

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

11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system is as follows:

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A:

11.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

11.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 COMMUNICATION

12.1 The online official notice board is located at

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/13166>

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

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [NP][DP]

13.1 Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation.

13.2 [NP][DP] All support vessel personnel shall wear life jackets whilst afloat and the driver shall attach a suitable kill cord whilst the engine is on.

13.3 [NP][DP] All support vessel personnel shall carry on board and operate whilst afloat a marine band VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels and agree to assist the race committee if directed to do so.

13.4 SUPPORT VESSELS SHALL NOT BE POSITIONED, EXCEPT DURING RESCUE OPERATIONS.

- Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing

- Within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from two minutes after the orange flag attention signal until all boats have left the starting area for each race
- Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark
- Within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing
- In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
- If called upon support vessels shall be required to act as rescue boats
 - When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats will collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday 25th January 2026 at the RHKYC Middle Island hardstand.

14.2 Prizes will be awarded to :

- 1,2,3 Overall
- 1,2,3 Male / Mixed
- 1,2,3 Female
- 1,2,3 Under 16 (born 2010 or later)

14.2.1 29er Hong Kong National Championships Perpetual Trophy will only award to the 1st boat skippered AND crewed by residents of Hong Kong. A resident of Hong Kong is one who holds a valid Hong Kong Identity Card or reasonably satisfies the Organizing Authority of at least one year residency.

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

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the venue and the race committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance shall be available for inspection if requested.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please email us at hk29erclass@gmail.com