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香港帆船賽週 2026

2026 **29er**
ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP
亞洲錦標賽

27 JAN TO 1 FEB 2026

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Inc. 2026 29er Asian Championship



2.4mR - 29er - ILCA 4 - ILCA 6 - RS Feva - Optimist - Optimist Green - Fusion



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NOTICE OF RACE

Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week (HKRW) is Hong Kong's premier international regatta for dinghies and invited classes held annually on the waters to the south of Hong Kong Island. In 2026, HKRW will run from 27 January to 1 February and will include the 2026 29er Asian Championship.

The organising authority is the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF) in conjunction with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) and, for the 2026 29er Asian Championship, the International 29er Class Association.

The event is designated a Clean Regatta by the Sailors for the Sea, a non-profit organisation that educates and encourages boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Our goal is Platinum Level.

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 event is 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 13.2 and 13.3.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix G3, *Identification on Sails - Chartered or Loaned Boats*, applies.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, *Arbitration*, applies.
- 1.6 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 applies. The personal flotation device shall be adequate for the conditions.
- 1.7 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 23 January 2026 at www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board. No paper copies will be produced.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board (ONB) is located at www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board.
- 3.2 [NP][DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats except when using equipment provided by the race committee.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats in the following classes:

HKRW	
2.4mR	29er
ILCA 4	ILCA 6
RS Tera	RS Feva
Fusion Green Fleet	Optimist - Green, Intermediate & Main Fleets

- 4.2 Other classes may be considered by making a request to the organising authority (minimum of 10 boats).
- 4.3 **29er:**
 - 4.3.1 Competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International 29er Class Association.
 - 4.3.2 Competitors must be 13 years old or older before 31 December 2026. Entries from sailors under this age will not be accepted by the organising authority.
- 4.4 **Green Fleets:**
 - 4.4.1 The Fusion and Optimist Green Fleets are introductory fleets for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition. Racing will be organised by the Green Fleet Race Committee with the objectives of learning, improving and having fun as the main consideration for all decisions.

4.5 **Fusion Green Fleet:**

4.5.1 Sailors in the Fusion Green Fleet shall:

- a) hold HKSF Level 2 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b) be aged 11 at the time of racing; and
- c) have sailed for less than 2 seasons.

4.6 **Optimist Green Fleet:**

4.6.1 Sailors in the Optimist Green Fleet shall:

- a) hold HKSF Level 2 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b) be aged 12 years or under at the time of racing;
- c) have sailed for less than 2 seasons;
- d) not have previously raced outside of Optimist Green Fleet except at events where no such racing was offered; and
- e) not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a HKODA or other Optimist Green Fleet event.

4.6.2 Optimist sailors who do not meet these criteria should join the Optimist Intermediate or Main Fleet.

4.7 **Optimist Intermediate and Main Fleets:**

4.7.1 Sailors shall have been born in 2011 or later.

4.7.2 Guidance notes on the Optimist Intermediate Fleet (Fleet Outline - Main vs. Intermediate) are available at www.hkoda.org/about/which-fleet.

4.8 [NP] Allocation of any competitor to the Optimist Green, Intermediate or Main Fleets is subject to the approval of the organising authority. The race committee may reallocate sailors between the Optimist Green, Intermediate and Main Fleets during the event at their discretion.

4.9 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online form at www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board and paying the required fee by the date specified in NoR 9.1. No entries will be accepted after the end of the Late Entry period specified in NoR 9.1.

4.10 A Parent/Guardian Consent Form shall be completed for each sailor under 18 years of age during the event. The form will be sent to the parent/guardian's email address as part of the entry process and shall be submitted to the organising authority by the date specified in NoR 9.1.

4.11 The organising authority may place a cap on the number of entries.

4.12 The organising authority will send each entrant an acceptance email to confirm his or her entry.

4.13 Coaches and support person vessels shall register with the organising authority as per the schedule in NoR 9.1.

4.14 Registration in accordance with NoR 9.1 is mandatory. Upon failure to do so, the race committee may:

- a) consider that the entry has been withdrawn, and refuse to allow the boat to sail in the event with no refund of the entry fee; or
- b) [DP] allow the boat to sail with its results subject to a penalty at the discretion of the protest committee.

5 **FEES**

5.1 Entry fees are:

	Regular Fee Entry & payment by 15 December 2025	Late Fee Entry & payment from 16 December to 16 January 2026
2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, Optimist Main & Intermediate, RS Tera	HK\$810.00	HK\$1030.00
RS Feva	HK\$1300.00	HK\$1680.00
29er	HK\$2500.00	HK\$3250.00
Green Fleets - Optimist, Fusion	HK\$600.00	HK\$760.00

- 5.2 Entry fees will not be refundable after the end of the Late Entry period except if the event is cancelled by the organising authority or if the withdrawal of an entry is accepted by the organising authority at its sole discretion based on a credible justification.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Fusion Green Fleet: Boats shall be sailed by a crew of one.

7 ADVERTISING [NP][DP]

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

8 FORMAT OF RACING

The event will consist of a single series of races for each class/fleet/division. Boys and Girls will sail combined. Fleets may be split depending on the entry size.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Entry and registration:

All Classes & Fleets	
Regular Entry	By 15 December 2025
Late Entry	16 December 2025 - 16 January 2026
Parent/Guardian Consent Form Submission (for sailors under 18 years of age during the event)	By 23 January 2026
Coach Registration at www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board	By 23 January 2026
Support Person Vessel Registration at www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board	By 23 January 2026

9.2 Measurement and race days:

2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Tera, RS Feva, Optimist Main & Intermediate	
Online Measurement Form submission at www.hongkongraceweek.com/measurement	By 23 January 2026
Measurement & Equipment Inspection and Measurement Form endorsement at event venue	27 January 2026 (0900 - 1700hrs) 28 January 2026 (0900 - 1600hrs)
Registration and Safety Tag Collection from Event Office (requires endorsed Measurement Form)	27 January 2026 (0900 - 1700hrs) 28 January 2026 (0900 - 1600hrs)
Practice Race	28 January 2026
Racing	29 January - 1 February 2026

29er	
Equipment Inspection Appointment Booking Form submission at https://www.hongkongraceweek.com/copy-of-2026-29er-asian-championship	By 23 January 2026
Equipment & Measurement Inspection at event venue (requires prepared Equipment & Measurement Form)	At Equipment Inspection Appointment Time
Registration and Safety Tag Collection from Event Office (requires endorsed Equipment & Measurement Form)	27 January 2026 (0900 - 1700hrs) 28 January 2026 (0900 - 1600hrs)
Practice Race	28 January 2026
Racing	29 January - 1 February 2026

Fusion Green Fleet	
Registration & Safety Tag Collection by Team Leaders	28 January 2026 (0830 - 0900hrs)
Racing	28 - 29 January 2026

Optimist Green Fleet	
Registration & Safety Tag Collection by Team Leaders	30 January 2026 (0830 - 0900hrs)
Racing	30 - 1 February 2026

9.3 Number of races:

Class/Fleet	Maximum # of races	Target # of races per day
2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Feva, RS Tera, Optimist Main & Intermediate	12	3
29er	14	3 or 4
Green Fleets - Optimist, Fusion	-	4*

* The Green Fleet Race Committee may adjust this target to suit the conditions and the abilities of the Green Fleets.

9.4 The scheduled times of the warning signals are:

2.4mR, 29er, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Feva, RS Tera, Optimist Main & Intermediate		
28 January 2026	Practice race	1355hrs
29 January - 1 February 2026	First race	1055hrs
Fusion Green Fleet		
28 January 2026	First race	After briefing at 1000hrs
29 January 2026	First race	After briefing at 0900hrs
Optimist Green Fleet		
30 January - 1 February 2026	First race	After briefing at 1000hrs

9.5 On 1 February 2026 no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs. In the case of one or more postponements, general recalls or abandonments when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1500hrs, the race committee may display subsequent warning signals after that time.

9.6 Prizegiving will be held after the completion of racing for each class/fleet.

10 MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP][DP]

10.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules and may be inspected at any time during the event.

10.2 2.4mR, ILCA 4, & 6, RS Feva, RS Tera, Optimist Main & Intermediate:

10.2.1 Boats shall submit their Measurement Form and be available for inspection as per the schedule in NoR 9.2.

10.2.2 Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the technical committee.

10.2.3 **RS Tera** shall use a Sport mainsail.

10.3 29er:

10.3.1 Boats shall comply with the 29er Equipment Inspection Regulations.

10.3.2 Only one set of sails, and one forestay, shall be used throughout the event.

10.3.3 Boats shall prepare their Equipment & Measurement Form and be available for inspection at their booked Equipment Inspection appointment time.

10.3.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the technical committee.

10.4 **Green Fleets:** Boat and sailor equipment checks will be made during the event.

10.5 **Fusion Green Fleet:** Only a mainsail shall be used throughout the event.

11 VENUE

HKRW will be based at Middle Island with racing taking place in Repulse Bay, Deep Water Bay, Stanley Bay, Beaufort Island/Po Toi Islands or Tai Tam Bay (see Attachment A).

12 COURSES

12.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, trapezoid or Optimist World Championship courses.

12.2 29ers will sail a windward/leeward course with a gate at the leeward end of the course.

13 INTERNATIONAL JURY & PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

13.2 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.

13.3 For the 29er and RS Feva classes RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 (a) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS & COACHES

- 15.1 These rules do not apply to the Green Fleets as the sailors will be supported and coached by the Green Fleet Race Committee.
- 15.2 [NP][DP] Support person vessels and personnel shall comply with the event support vessel regulations (see Attachment B).
- 15.3 [NP][DP] All sailors are required to have a suitable support person vessel to assist with their safety whilst on the water. All support persons acting on the water in a coaching role shall register with the organising authority by the date as specified in NoR 9.1 with details of their supported sailors using the online form at www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board.
- 15.4 [NP][DP] Support person vessels shall be registered with the organising authority by the date as specified in NoR 9.1 using the online form at www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board.
- 15.5 For sailors without a support person vessel, a 'neutral support person vessel' may be arranged. Register at www.hongkongraceweek.com/expressions-of-interest-charter-boat before 14 January 2026. Assistance provided will include towing to and from the racecourse as required and the carrying of personal gear. If space is available, the sailor's coach may be on board the neutral support person vessel.
- 15.6 Unless acting as a neutral support person vessel, the organising authority requests that each support person vessel is shared by at least two coaches.
- 15.7 Support person vessels may be required to act as safety boats.

16 BERTHING [NP][DP]

Unless otherwise instructed by the organising authority, all boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RHKYC Middle Island boat park or dock.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 **2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Tera, RS Feva, Optimist Main & Intermediate, Green Fleets:** The number of prizes to be awarded will be:
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|---------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| 3 - 5 entrants | 1 prize | 6 - 7 entrants | 2 prizes |
| 8 - 14 entrants | 3 prizes | 15 - 25 entrants | 4 prizes |
| 26 or more entrants | 5 prizes | | |
- 17.2 **Optimist Main & Intermediate:** Prizes will also be awarded to the top three 10 year and under sailors (born in 2016 or later) and the top three 12 year and under sailors (born in 2014 or 2015) in the Optimist Main and Intermediate Fleets (combined).
- 17.3 **29er:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the following categories:
- Overall;
 - Men's Asian Champion;
 - Women's Asian Champion;
 - Mixed Asian Champion (mixed gender teams); and
 - Top Junior Asian Overall (born in 2010 or later, under 17).
- 17.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
- ## 18 MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHT WAIVER
- 18.1 By entering this event, each skipper and crew on the competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses and biographical material, as well as representations of their boats in any media (including television, print and internet) to the organising authority and the sponsor(s) and affiliated companies.
- 18.2 Only drones of the organising authority or with the approval of the organising authority may be flown over the venue and racing area.

19 RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. By taking part in the event, each competitor and their responsible adults 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 the event and they are fit to participate.
 - e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provides int the circumstances.
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitor briefings held for this event.
- 19.2 The organising authority, the co-organiser, the sponsors, the venue, the race committee, volunteers and staff members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

20 INSURANCE

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

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see Attachment A. For enquiries, please contact info@hongkongraceweek.com.

1. Event Venue



For details, please visit www.rhkyc.org.hk/club-facilities/about/three-clubhouses

For reference only -
not to be used for navigation

Daytime air temperature 16 – 20 °C.
Water Temperature 17 – 20 °C.
Prevailing Wind Direction NE Wind Speed 10 – 16 knots.
Tidal flows are relatively low, with a maximum of 1 knot.

For details of special event hotel rates, please check www.hongkongraceweek.com/hotels

5. Transportation

For details of the public transport options to the RHKYC Middle Island clubhouse, please visit <https://www.rhkyk.org.hk/club-facilities/about/three-clubhouses>.

6. Charter Boats

Dinghies and support person vessels (coach boats) are available to charter. Information will be published on www.hongkongraceweek.com/expressions-of-interest-charter-boat. If you are considering shipping your own boats to HK, please contact info@hongkongraceweek.com as soon as possible.

7. Boat Park Arrival

For non-Middle Island based dinghies and support person vessels taking part in HKRW, please contact info@hongkongraceweek.com prior to 26 January 2026 to book your arrival slot.

Attachment B: Support Person Vessel Regulations [NP][DP]

B1 Equipment

Support person vessels shall carry the following equipment on board:

- life jackets / buoyancy aids for the driver and all passengers;
- suitable engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser);
- VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from the race committee or safety officers;
- first-aid kit;
- device for making a sound signal;
- compass;
- adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
- tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick); and
- knife.

B2 Support Person Vessel Regulations

- Support person vessels shall be clearly marked with the three national letter code(s) of the boats they are supporting on the engine cowling, or in some other prominent position at all times whilst afloat. Neutral support person vessels shall be marked with a N.
- Support person vessels shall comply with all local regulations.
- Support person vessels shall follow race committee instructions on the designated VHF channel.
- **The driver shall attach a suitable kill cord of the support vessel to their person at all times when the engine is running.**
- Personnel shall wear life jackets while afloat.
- No support person vessels shall be positioned, except during rescue operations:
 - within 100 metres of any boat racing;
 - within 100 metres of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area;
 - within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and
 - within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing.
- Support person vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.