



The UK 29er Class Association

Notice of Grand Prix Series

Grand Prix Series 2022-2023 Supported by Allen Sailing

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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the UK 29er Class Association in conjunction with the organisers and host clubs of the various events nominated to be part of the UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series 2022/23.

2 RULES

2.1 This document serves as the Notice of Race for the events listed in section 6.

2.2 The UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series 2022/23 will be governed by the latest rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the International 29er Class Rules (www.29er.org) the UK 29er Class Association Major Event Instructions 2022/23 (MEIs) and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the Host Club (SSIs) issued for each event (www.29er.org.uk).

2.3 Competitors should note that the UK 29er Class Association implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (*The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*)

3 ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats shall be required to display an Allen advertising sticker on the port side of the boom. The Allen advertising sticker will be supplied by the UK 29er Class Association.

4 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The series is open to all current members of the UK 29er Class Association, or members of an equivalent 29er National Class Association, or members of the International 29er Class Association.

4.2 Competitors may apply for a temporary weekend membership of the UK 29er Class Association on payment of £15.00 per crew member to the UK 29er Class Association. Competitors applying for Temporary Membership may only do so once during the series.

5 ENTRY

5.1 The entry fee for each event in the series will be £75per boat.

5.2 Eligible boats may enter and pay not later than 4 calendar days prior to the event date through the UK 29er Class Association Website (www.29er.org.uk). Entries received less than 8 calendar days prior to the event date will be subject to an increased entry fee of £82 per boat.

5.3 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Race event cancelled by the Class at any time	Entry fee refunded in full through PayPal
Entry withdrawn up to 2 weeks before the start of the race event	Entry fee refunded through PayPal less 5% (to cover admin. costs) Or/ Booking moved to another race event (if requested by the entrant)
Entry withdrawn after 2 weeks before the start of the race event	No refund of the entry fee or moving of the booking to another race event Unless/ The host club will not charge the Class for the boat withdrawn*, in which case Entry fee refunded through PayPal less 10% (to cover admin. costs) Or/ Booking moved to another race event (if requested by the entrant) <i>* No refund to be made or booking moved until the host club has confirmed by email that no charge will be made for the original booking</i>

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 The nominated schedule of events for the 29er UK Allen Grand Prix series 2022/23 is:

Event	From	To	Venue	Host Club
GP1	17-Sep 22	18-Sep 22	Portland	WPNSA
GP2	15-Oct 22	16-Oct 22	Lymington	RLYC
GP3	29-Oct 22	30-Oct 22	Hayling Island	HISC

GP4	3-Dec 22	4-Dec 22	Rutland	Rutland SC
GP5	11-Mar 23	12-Mar 23	Portland	WPNSA
GP6	29-Apr 23	30-Apr 23	Lymington	RLYC

6.2 The schedule for registration and first warning signals for races at each event will be in accordance with the UK 29er MEIs, the SSIs, and any published Notices to Competitors.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The MEIs, the SSIs, and any published Notices to Competitors will apply at each event.

7.2 The MEIs and SSIs will be available on the UK 29er Class Association Website prior to each event.

8 SCORING

8.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A (Rule A2) will apply.

8.2 The UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series is a competition based on the nominated series of events identified in Section 6.

8.3 For the purposes of determining the positions in the SERIES, a team's score for each qualifying event shall be its position in that event.

8.4 Event scores will be applied to each team, where there is a change of personnel in the team (whether helm or crew) at an event, or for different events, this will be scored as a new team.

8.5 Any team that enters the series but fails to enter an event, will be scored for that event equal to the number of unique boat entries in the series plus one.

8.6 2 events are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.7 Discards - For the purpose of determining a team's score in the series a team will discard their worst event scores according to the following schedule of completed events

Events Completed	Events to discard
1 or 2	None

3 to 4	1 event
5 to 6	2 events

9 COACHES AND SUPPORTERS

9.1 Restrictions may apply with regard to on the water Coaches and Supporters. These will be published in the MEIs or SSIs, or any published Notices to Competitors.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes for each two-day event of the UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series will be awarded for: a) First to Sixth Overall.

b) First, second and third all female team

c) First, second and third all junior team (Both members of junior teams must be aged under 16 on 31st August 2022) d) First, second and third mixed team

10.2 Prize giving for the overall UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series will be held during the Nationals Championships of the UK 29er Class Association. The date and time of the prize giving will be published in the National Championships programme. Prizes will be awarded for: e) First to Sixth Overall.

f) First, second and third all female team

g) First, second and third all junior team (both aged under 16 on the last day of the event). h) First, second and third mixed team

10.3 The 29er Class Association reserves the right to amend 10.1 or 10.2, without notification, should qualifying entries be low.

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the 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 other 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, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 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.
- g) [For offshore races] They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew].

11.2 As part of the Event Registration Form, sailors aged Under 18 on the dates of an event will also need to have a parental consent completed by a parent or guardian, which will also confirm that they are entirely responsible throughout the event for themselves and their boats on land, and on the water.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per event or equivalent.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact: The 29er Class Administrator - membership@29ersailing.org.uk