

UK 29er Harken Grand Prix Series 2015

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 Harken Grand Prix Series 2015.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The UK 29er Harken Grand Prix Series 2015 will be governed by the latest rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the International 29er Class Rules, the UK 29er Class Association Major Event Instructions 2015 (MEIs) and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the Host Club (SSIs) issued for each event.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats shall be required to display a Harken advertising sticker on the port side of the boom. The Harken 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 £10 per crew member to the UK 29er Class Association.
- 4.3 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 is as listed in the schedule below.
- 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).

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The nominated schedule of events for the 29er UK Harken Grand Prix series 2015 is:

Event	Dates	Venue	Entry
GP 1	17/18 th January	Draycote Water Sailing Club	£50 by 9 th January. £65 late entry (by 13 th January).
GP 2	21/22 nd March	Rutland Sailing Club	£50 by 13 th March. £65 late entry (by 17 th March).
GP 3	23/24 th May	Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club	£50 by 15 th May. £65 late entry (by 19 th May).
GP 4	11/12 th July	Grafham Water Sailing Club	£50 by 3 rd July. £65 late entry (by 7 th July).

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

6.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on the first day of each event will be published in the SSIs for that event.

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 Harken Grand Prix Series is an annual competition based on a 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, comprising a helm and crew. Where there is a change of 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 or 4	1 event

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 Harken Grand Prix Series will be awarded for;

- (a) First to sixth Overall
- (b) First all female team
- (c) First mixed team
- (d) First all junior team (both aged under 16 at the start of each event)

10.2 Prize giving for the overall UK 29er Harken Grand Prix Series will be held during the AGM of the UK 29er Class Association at Pwllheli Sailing Club. The date and time of the AGM will be published in the National Championships 'competitor information booklet'. Prizes 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 aged under 16 at the 11th July 2015)
- d) First mixed team

- e) Endeavour Prize, best placed team who has entered all the events who has not received an overall prize. If no one qualifies then the best placed team who has entered the most events and has not received an overall prize will be awarded the prize.

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 form 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: Sally Thomas (Class Administrator) - membership@29ersailing.org.uk