

UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series 2020/21 Version 2

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 2020/21.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series 2020/21 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 2020/21 (MEIs) and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the Host Club (SSIs) issued for each event (www.29er.org.uk).
- 2.2 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 The RYA Rule Book.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The series is open to all current members of the UK 29er Class Association.
- 3.2 Competitors may apply for a temporary weekend membership of the UK 29er Class Association. Competitors applying for Temporary Membership may only do so once during the series.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 The entry fee for each event in the series will be £65 per boat.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter and pay not later than 8 calendar days prior to the event date through the UK 29er Class Association Website (www.29er.org.uk).
- 4.3 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

| Cancellation Date | Refund |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Up to 2 weeks prior to the event | Either: 1) Entry fee less £5 admin charge; or 2) Transfer entry to another event |
| Within last 2 weeks prior to the event | No refund, and no transfer of entry to another event |

- 5.4 The 29er UK Class Association reserves the right to amend these fees at its discretion.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 The nominated schedule of events for the 29er UK Allen Grand Prix series 2020/21 is:

| Event | From | To | Venue | Host Club |
|-------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| GP1 | 19 Sep 20 | 20 Sep 20 | Portland | WPNSA |
| GP2 | 10 Oct 20 | 11 Oct 20 | Portland | WPNSA |
| GP3 | 5 Dec 20 | 6 Dec 20 | Rutland | RWSC |
| GP4 | 27-Mar- 21 | 28-Mar- 21 | Torquay | RTYC |
| GP5 | 26 - Jun - 21 | 27 - Jun - 21 | Hayling Island | HISC |
| GP6 | 10 - Jul - 21 | 11 - Jul - 21 | Abersoch | SCYC |

5.2 GP3 will also be the 29er UK Winter Championships

5.3 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.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

7 SCORING

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

7.2 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.

7.3 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.

7.4 2 events are required to be completed to constitute a series.

A team's series score will be the sum of their overall positions in each event excluding their worst scores as listed below:

| Events Completed | Events Excluded |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 - 2 | None |
| 3 - 4 | 1 event |
| 5 - 6 | 2 events |

8 COACHES AND SUPPORTERS

8.1 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.

9 PRIZES

9.1 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 aged under 16 on 31st August 2020)
 - d) First, second and third mixed team
- 9.2 Prize giving for the overall UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series will be held during the Nationals Championships the UK 29er Class Association at WPNSA. 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 31st August 2020)
 - h) First, second and third mixed team
- 9.3 The 29er Class Association reserves the right to amend 9.1 or 9.2, without notification.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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) 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 venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event;
- 10.2 INSPECTIONS - the fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- 10.3 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.

11 INSURANCE

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

12 COVID-19

- 12.1 Due to Covid-19 any number of the following measures and restrictions may apply, final details will appear in the SSIs:
- (a) Online registration
 - (b) Online briefing
 - (c) Online protests
 - (d) Limits to the number of parents / guardians on site
 - (e) No showers, no changing rooms
 - (f) Increased minimum wind strength, decreased max wind strength
 - (g) No competitor food or drink carried in safety boats

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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