

UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series 2021/22

Version 1

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 2021/22.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series 2021/22 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 2021 (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 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 is noted in the table in section 5.1 below and is 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

- 4.4 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 2021/22 is:

Event	From	To	Venue	Cost	Host Club
GP1	18 Sep 21	19 Sept 21	Portland	£67	WPNSA
GP2	2 Oct 21	3 Oct 21	Hartlepool	£67	THYC
GP3	16 Oct 21	17 Oct 21	Lymington	£67	RLymYC
GP4	4 Dec 21	5 Dec 21	Rutland	£67	RSC
GP5	5 March 22	6 March 22	Portland	£67	WPNSA
GP6	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

5.2 GP4 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 2021
 - 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 2021
 - 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 3 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 STATEMENT

- 12.1 By taking part in any of the events covered by these supplementary sailing instructions, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 12.2 All competitors shall ensure that they are compliant with the UK 29er Class COVID 19 regulations. The current 29er Class COVID 19 regulations will be published on the Class Event site immediately prior to the event. These must be checked before travel as they will be updated to reflect current official guidance.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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