

UK 29er Allen Grand Prix Series 2025/2026

The UK 29er Class Association Notice of Grand Prix Series

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 Grand Prix Series 2025/2026.

2. RULES

- 2.1. This document serves as the Notice of Race for the events listed in section 6.
- 2.2. The UK 29er Grand Prix Series 2025/26 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 2025/26 (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 2025-2028)

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. When any event sponsor's promotional material is provided by the organising authority, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display it on their boats and / or sails throughout the event, as directed at Registration.

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 £19.00 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 eligible boats entering through the UK 29er Class Association Website (www.29er.org.uk) before 10 calendar days will be £90 per boat for each event in the series.
- 5.2. Entries received after this date will be subject to an increased entry fee of £100 per boat.

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

Cancellation Date	Refund
Up to midnight 14 days prior to the event	Either: Entry fee less 5% admin charge or Transfer entry to another racing event of the same value
After midnight 14 days prior to the event	No refund, and no transfer of entry to another event

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. The nominated schedule of events for the 29er UK Grand Prix series 2025/26 is:

Event	From	To	Host Club
GP1	13-Sep 2025	14-Sep 2025	WPNSA
GP2	27-Sep 2025	28-Sep 2025	South Shields SC
GP3	29-Nov 2025	30-Nov 2025	Rutland SC
GP4	7-Feb 2026	8-Feb 2026	Parkstone YC
GP5	Early march tbc		Warsash SC
GP6	21-Mar 2026	22-Mar 2026	Royal Lymington YC

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 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. Two 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 regarding 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 Grand Prix Series will be awarded for:
- First to Sixth Overall.
 - First, second and third all female team
 - First, second and third all junior team (both aged under 16 on the 1st of September 2025)
 - First, second and third mixed team
- 10.2. Prize giving for the overall UK 29er 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:
- First to Sixth Overall.
 - First, second and third all female team
 - First, second and third all junior team (both aged under 16 on the 1st of September 2025)
 - 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 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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.
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property, whether afloat or ashore.
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit and experienced enough to participate in the conditions of the day.
- 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.
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

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