



Guidelines for Managing a 29er Class Endorsed Event

Background

The UK 29er Class Association exists to encourage and promote 29er sailing in the UK. The class run a comprehensive events programme consisting of a series of Grand Prix's and an annual National Championships. We run open and invitational training to ensure that sailors at all levels are supported to become independent decision makers. Enabling them to progress however far they wish on their own quest to become world class sailors with a life-long love of the sport.

Alongside our class organised events we are also very happy to promote other 29er activities on our website. However, in order for us to endorse them, we need to be clear that these activities are in line with our principals and best practice, particularly with regards to safety and welfare. This note outlines these and the steps that should be followed if you wish to gain 29er Class Endorsement and support for your event.

Our Principals

We are non-profit – we expect events we endorse to be non-profit too.

We exist as a class association to promote 29er Sailing. To do this we rely on the goodwill of our volunteers, our sailing clubs (who themselves are non-profit) and the RYA. All of these organisations are committed to re-investing any surplus back into our sport.

We recognise the existence of commercial organisations: They sponsor our events and we pay individual coaches to support us. However, we are clear that any revenue generated by our events or our coaching activities should not be used to fund commercial organisations. Before we endorse an event, we need to understand who is the "Organizing Authority" and to be clear where the money goes and where any ownership of a surplus or loss lies: this would usually be a local sailing club organising the event, the RYA or the Class Association.

The organising authority will need to have suitable liability insurance to cover the event. If this is a club then this would usually require temporary membership to be granted to all sailors for the duration.

Our events are safe – we expect events we endorse to be safe too.

Safety is paramount. Sailing is an inherently risky sport. We take our responsibilities to the children and young adults in our care very seriously indeed.

- We insist on a safety ratio for our events of 10 to 1 with 2 persons per rib
- Our training ratio target is lower than this, with a target of 6 to 1 (ribs to sailors), and should never, under any circumstances exceed this 10:1 ratio
- Our coaches have been DBS checked

We are UK based and abide by the RYA Guidelines – we expect events in the UK that we endorse to abide by RYA guidelines too.

- Our coaches all hold RYA Dinghy Instructor certificates or higher (instructor certificates from outside the UK are not currently accepted.)
- All of our coaches hold a current RYA Medical Certificate and have completed RYA Safeguarding training
- We expect RYA best practice guidelines to be known and adhered to at all time.
- The event must meet the new GDPR regulations.

How to Request our Support and Endorsement

1. Ensure that you meet the above criteria.
2. Contact membership@29eruk.org in the first instance to discuss timing and ensure that there is no clash with an existing class event. Lisa may then direct you to the Sailing Secretary or Training Secretary for more information. If you are using coaches or organisations that are unfamiliar to us then we may ask to see copies of certificates, DBS checks, insurance etc. At the very least you should have seen these yourself and should be ready to provide us with copies if needed.
3. We will then publish the dates on our website alongside any other information that you can provide.

Thanks for your support for UK 29er Sailing

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