



AROUND THE ISLAND RACE (ATIR) 2026

OUTRIGGER CANOE

Race Bulletin

Race Date: Sunday 15 November 2026

The Around the Island Race (ATIR) is a **45km race around Hong Kong Island**.

Organised by : Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Venue : Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Middle Island

Registration : [ATIR 2026 Registration](#)

Race Course

The race starts and ends at the main clubhouse of the RHKYC at Middle Island near Deep Water Bay. The course goes clockwise around Hong Kong Island, past Aberdeen before entering the harbour at Green Island. Crews then navigate past the busy Macau and Central ferry Piers before heading to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai and then on to the RHKYC at Kellett Island where crews do a 'dry change'. Crews then continue around the east of Hong Kong island, past Shek O and Cape D'Aguilar before continuing to Stanley and finishing back at Middle Island.

Warning: as with all extreme open water events, this race is not without its share of risk. This is not a race for novice paddlers and can be challenging for even the most experienced paddler. While the racecourse has relatively calm sections, the east coast of Hong Kong can be subject to particularly difficult sea state conditions in November.

Weather in Hong Kong in November

Average daily air temperature	24°C	Average daily max & min air temperature	Max: 27°C Min: 23°C
Average relative humidity	70%	Average monthly rainfall	35mm
Average wind speed	20 km/hr	High tide on 02 Nov	2.3m 2100hrs
Prevailing wind direction	North easterly	Low tide on 02 Nov	1.0m 0300hrs

Race Categories

Standard	Unlimited
Mixed	Mixed
Open	Open
	Women

Note: An 'Unlimited' canoe may be of any construction type and weight. 'Standard' canoes are of traditional construction or in the nominal 200kg (400lb) weight class.

Entry Fee *(Note 1)*

Early bird <i>(Note 2)</i>	HK\$720 per seat
Standard registration	HK\$800 per seat

Note 1: Entry fee includes race entry fee and race top.

Note 2: crews using the Early bird will be sent race indemnity forms including sizing for race tops in advance, which should guarantee your race top is available for collection before the race weekend.

Accompanying Craft

Safety Escort - Mandatory: Every crew is required to have a safety escort boat alongside them throughout the race. Large boats such as 'junks' are not allowed. Contact details for safety escort boats will be provided by the RHKYC. Cost per boat is usually around HK\$6,000 payable direct to the boat provider. There must be a designated Safety Manager (usually the Team Manager) on board at all times who will keep in regular contact with race safety officials.

Spectator Boat - Optional: Junk Boats may not be used as support craft for the race. Junks may be used for spectators, but they must remain behind the boat they are supporting and must not impede other crews or Safety Escort boats.

Schedule leading up to Race Day

Friday	01 May	Online Expression of Interest Form released
Tuesday	14 Jul	Online Registration opens
Friday	14 Aug	Early Bird registration closes
Friday	12 Sep	Registration closes
Thursday	17 Sep	Confirmation of entries
Tuesday	13 Oct	Deadline for submission of crew lists
Friday	13 Nov	Race Safety Briefing* and Welcome ceremony at Kellett Island
Saturday	14 Nov	Middle Island Paddle and Prep Day
Sunday	15 Nov	Race Day

Note: The Race Safety Briefing is primarily about safety and is limited to team manager and steers. If no members of a crew can attend, please inform the race organisers as soon as possible.

Race Day Schedule (subject to change)

0645-0700hrs Canoe safety checks at VRC by race management team.

Support Boat loading Schedule (Middle Island & VRC)

0700 - 0730hrs Mixed standard

0715 - 0740hrs Open standard

0730 - 0800hrs Mixed and Women Unlimited

0800 - 0820hrs Open Unlimited

Race start times

0800hrs Mixed standard

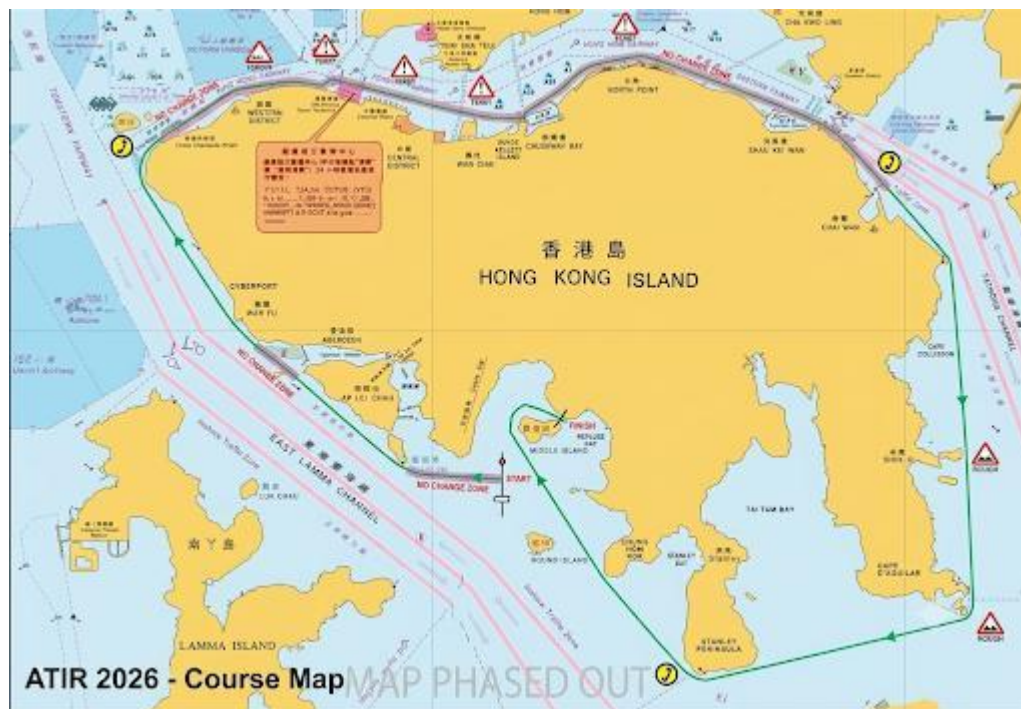
0815hrs Open standard

0835hrs Mixed and Women Unlimited

0900hrs Open Unlimited

Racecourse

Full details of the racecourse along with a safety briefing document will be circulated to participants before race day.



Race Safety Briefing, Welcome Ceremony and Post Race Party

- A welcome ceremony will be held at the RHKYC, Kellett Island clubhouse on Friday 13 November immediately after the Race Safety Briefing. More details and a sign-up link to follow.
- The post-race party will take place at RHKYC, Middle Island right after the race. There will be live music and will have food and drinks available for purchase. Mark your diaries for this one and we'll get back to you with more details closer to the time.

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