



**BMW AROUND THE ISLAND RACE (ATIR) 2024**  
**OUTRIGGER CANOE**  
**Race Bulletin**

**Race Date: Saturday 2 November 2024**

The BMW 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

### **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 race course has relatively calm sections, the east coast of Hong Kong in particular 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 *(Note 2)*                      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 on 31 October.

### 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

Tuesday	30 Jul	Online registration opens
Friday	30 Aug	Early bird registration closes
Friday	20 Sep	Registration closes
Thursday	26 Sep	Confirmation of entries
Tuesday	15 Oct	Deadline for submission of crew lists
Thursday	31 Oct	Race safety briefing* and Welcome ceremony at Kellett Island
Saturday	02 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

## Race Course

Full details of the race course 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 Thursday 31 October 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. We'll be laying on 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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