

BMW AROUND THE ISLANDS RACE 2025 (SPECIAL EDITION)
OUTRIGGER CANOE
Race Bulletin

Race Date: Sunday 16 November 2025

The BMW Around the Islands Race 2025 (Special Edition) is a **42km race around Hong Kong's South Islands and Bays. This is a 'Special Edition' race for this year only marking the 20th Anniversary of the annual Around the Island Race.**

Organised by : Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Venue : Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Middle Island

Race Course

The race starts and ends at Middle Island near Deep Water Bay. The start line is set adjacent to the southeastern section of Middle Island and takes a direct line south towards the west side of Round Island and then further south out towards the Chesterman Buoy. Crews will take a left turn around the Turning Marker that is positioned just north of the Chesterman Buoy and out towards the southern tip of Po Toi Island. The course then tracks anticlockwise around the southern tip of the Island, to turn north keeping Po Toi and Beaufort Islands on your left up towards Kissing Whales and the Turning Marker. Make a left turn around the Turning Marker and continue tracking east past Satellites on your right and passing Round Island on your right. As you head out towards Magazine Island (keep to the left of Magazine Island) and the directly towards Waterfall Bay at Pok Fu Lam. Take right turns around two Turning Markers positioned in front of the waterfall. Head straight and southwest towards Magazine Island (keeping Magazine Island on your right) and straight on towards the Lighthouse. Take a left turn at the lighthouse and towards Ocean Park. From there continue to head north towards the Country club buoy Turning Marker. Take a final right turn towards Middle Island to pass the finish line in front of the Rowing Boat House.

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 the section around Po Toi and Beaufort Islands 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*)

Standard registration HK\$800 per seat

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

Race registration is now open. The deadline to register for the BMW Around The Island Race – Special Edition 2025 is Wednesday 1 October 2025. This is for both Hong Kong Teams and International Teams.

Registration link: <https://rhkyc.jotform.com/252322048095857>

Accompanying Craft

Safety Escort - **Mandatory**: Every crew is required to have a support / 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	5 Sept	Online registration opens
Wednesday	1 Oct	Registration closes
Wednesday	15 Oct	Deadline for submission of crew
Saturday	15 Nov	Race safety briefing* at Middle Island 1300 to 1500hrs
Sunday	16 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 / Safety Escort Boat Loading Schedule (Middle Island & VRC)

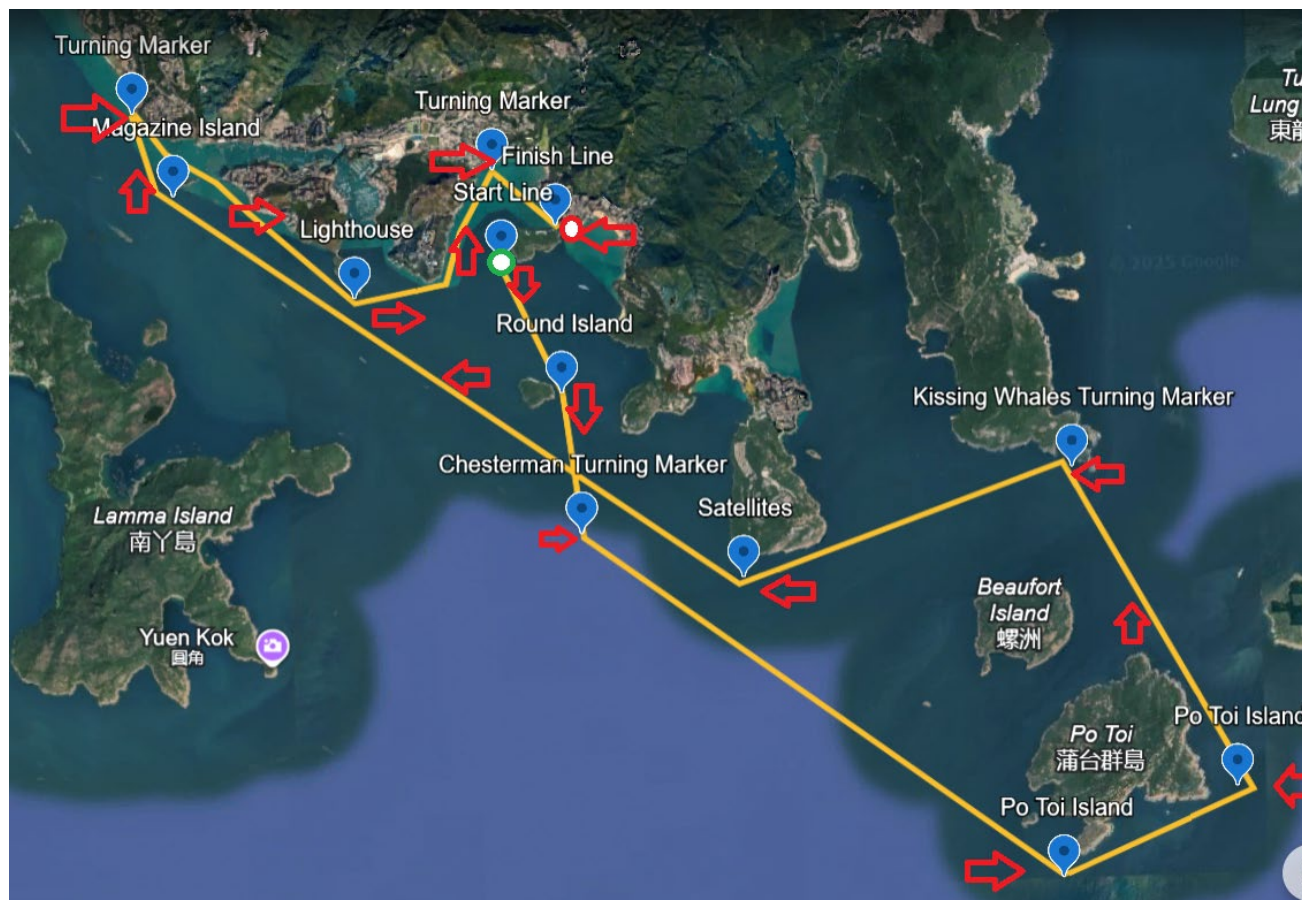
0800 - 0830hrs	Mixed standard
0815 - 0840hrs	Open standard
0830 - 0900hrs	Mixed and Women Unlimited
0900 - 0920hrs	Open Unlimited

Race Start Times

0900hrs	Mixed standard
0915hrs	Open standard
0930hrs	Mixed and Women Unlimited
1000hrs	Open Unlimited

Race Course (Preliminary Only)

Full exact 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 Harbour Paddle and Drinks will be held at the RHKYC, Kellett Island clubhouse on Friday the 14th of November from 18:00 until 20:00. More details and sign up at <https://rhkyc.jotform.com/252322048095857>.
- Then for a fun and social pre-race warm up OC paddle, join us on Saturday 15 November at Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Middle Island clubhouse, for the special experience of paddling Southside, through Aberdeen Marina and back to Middle Island.
- The post-race party will take place at RHKYC, Middle Island Club House 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.

Contact Information

Join the ATIR Outrigger Canoe 2025 WhatsApp group

This is for all team members and will be one of the ways to receive updates.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/FUozePeUTfXluo9qPgq07M?mode=ems_copy_c

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