



BMW AROUND THE ISLAND RACE (ATIR) 2023

COASTAL ROWING

Race Bulletin

Race Date: Saturday 18th November / Sunday 19th November 2023

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

Organised by : Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Co-organiser : Hong Kong China Rowing Association

Venue : Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Kellett Island, Causeway Bay

Race Course

The race starts and ends at the main clubhouse of the RHKYC at Kellett Island in Victoria Harbour. The course goes clockwise around Hong Kong Island, through the eastern end of the harbour, around past Shek O and Stanley. **Relay crews change at Middle Island.** The course then continues past Aberdeen and Green Island before entering the western end of Victoria Harbour where crews will have to navigate past the busy Macau and Central ferry Piers before heading to the Wan Chai Convention Centre and then finishing back at Kellett 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 rowers and coxes. It can be challenging for even the most experienced rower. While the race course has relatively calm sections, it also includes the east coast of Hong Kong, where the swell in November can exceed 3m in height with wind gusts in excess of 45Km/h.

Race Categories

Coxed Quad (4X+)	Double (2X)	Invitational Solo (1X)
Open	Open	Men
Women	Women	Women
Mixed	Mixed	
Open Relay	Open Relay	

Note

Open = men or mixed crew in any ratio

Mixed = even number of men and women in a crew

Entry Fee

Event	Boat type	Fee (HK\$)
Iron Race	C1x	800
	C2x	1,600
	C4x+	3,200
Relay	C2x	3,200
	C4x+	6,400

Boat Rental

Event	Boat type	Fee (HK\$)
Iron Race	C2x	400
	C4x+	800
Relay	C2x	800
	C4x+	1,600

Note: The boat rental fee includes boat, oars, and safety equipment (life jackets, tow rope). Own boats may be used if they meet the FISA Coastal Rowing Boat standard.

Support Boats

Support Boat - Mandatory: Every crew is required to have a support boat alongside them throughout the race. Contact details for support boats will be provided by the RHKYC. Cost per boat will be in the range of HK\$6,000. There must be a designated **Support Manager** on board 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 their support boats.

Schedule prior to Race Day

- 10 Jul Registration opens
- 20 Oct Registration closes
- 25 Oct Confirmation of entries
- 29 Oct Payment deadline
- 16 Nov Race Safety briefing and Welcome party at Kellett Island

Note: the Race Safety briefing is mandatory. Only 1 person per crew to attend. If no members of a crew can attend the Race Safety briefing, please inform the race organisers as soon as possible.

Race day schedule (to be confirmed)

Saturday 18 Nov (Iron)

0700	Race control desk opens
0730-0830	Support boats launch from the pontoon
0730-0830	Race boats launch from the slipway (Note 1).
0800	Race start (in waves)

Sunday 19 Nov (Relay)

0700	Race control desk opens
0730-0830	Support boats launch from the pontoon
0730-0830	Race boats launch from the Slipway (Note 1).
0800	Race start (in waves)

Note 1: boats should be on the water at least 30mins prior to scheduled start time.

Short Course Races

- In addition to the two main ATIR races, the race organizer is also considering to hold short course races in the harbour on the afternoon of both the 18th and 19th.
- Race course length to be confirmed later but likely to be 10km in length. More details on this to follow shortly.
- Iron and Relay participants may not participate in short course races.
- Further information on short course races to follow.

ATIR Race Course

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



ATIR 2023 - Course Map
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Note;

After Stanley bay:

- Iron crews – stay north of Round Island and continue in direction of Ap Lei Chau.
- Relay crews - head to Middle Island pontoon for crew change

Weather in Hong Kong in November

Average daily air temperature	26°C	Average water temperature	23°C
Average relative humidity	73%	Average monthly rainfall	41mm
Average wind speed	20Km/hr	Prevailing wind direction	North easterly

Tides

18 Nov	High tide	2.5m at 2310hrs
	Low tide	0.7m at 0701hrs
19 Nov	High tide	n/a
	Low tide	0.7m at 0814hrs

Contact Information

If you require any further information at this stage, then please send an email to ATIRRowing@rhkyc.org.hk or rowing.manager@rhkyc.org.hk

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