

# HONG KONG AROUND THE ISLAND RACE (ATIR) 2019

## Race Bulletin

**Race Date: 9 November 2019**

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The Around the Island Race (ATIR) is a 45Km race around Hong Kong Island, organised by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC).

The race starts and ends at the main clubhouse of RHKYC, Kellet 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 before arriving at Middle Island, the changing location for Relay competitors. The course then continues past Aberdeen, Cyberport and Green Island before entering the western end of Victoria Harbour to continue past Kennedy Town, Sai Ying Pun, the Macau Ferry terminal, the Central Piers and the Wan Chai Convention Centre before finishing back at Kellet Island.

### Weather in Hong Kong in November

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|-------------------------------|-----------|---|------------------------|
| Average daily air temperature | 21°C      | Average daily max & min air temperature | Max: 24°C<br>Min: 19°C |
| Average relative humidity     | 76%       | Average monthly rainfall                | 66mm                   |
| Average wind speed            | 27Km/hr   | High tide on 9 November                 | 1.9m 06:56             |
| Prevailing wind direction     | Northerly | Low tide on 9 November                  | 0.9m 13:27             |

### Events

| Coxed Quad (4X) | Double (2X) | Invitation Single (1X) | Invitation Double (2X) |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Open            | Open        | Men                    | Adaptive               |
| 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 crew*

### Entry Fee

HK\$650 per seat including cox.

This covers race entry, welcome party and event t-shirt

### Boat Rental

2X: HK\$1,600

4X: HK\$4,000

The 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

## Accompanying Craft

Safety Escort - Mandatory: Every crew requires a safety escort boat alongside them throughout the race. Safety escort boats are arranged through RHKYC. Cost is in the range of HK\$3,500 - HK\$5,000

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 should ensure they do not impede or interfere with anyone else or the race in any way.

## Schedule prior to Race Day

Monday 4 November                      Draw Published

Friday 8 November

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| 1200-1700 | Race Registration - Lawn (Crew <b>must</b> register prior to any practice session) |
| 1500-1800 | Boat Rigging and Practice (all boats must be off the water before 1800)            |
| 1730-1800 | Safety Briefing (Mandarin)   |
| 1800-1830 | Safety Briefing (English with Cantonese support)                                   |
| 1830-2000 | Launch Event and Welcome Party   |

Note: The Safety Briefing is **mandatory**. Only 1 person per crew is required to attend. If a crew can not make the briefing, please inform the Organisers as soon as possible.

## Schedule on Race Day

Saturday 9 November

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| 0700      | Race Control desk opens   |
| 0730-0845 | Support Boats launch from Pontoon   |
| 0730-0830 | Race Boats launch from Slipway<br>(boats should be on the water 30 min prior to start time) |
| 0800-0900 | Race Starts (7 waves)   |
| 0900-1300 | Erg Challenge   |
| 1200-1400 | Race finishes   |
| 1500-1600 | Awards Ceremony   |
| 1600-1900 | After Event Party   |

## Visitors from Overseas

### 1. Currency and Money Exchange

The currency in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong dollar (HKD) which is pegged to the US dollar (USD) at a rate of about 7.80 HKD to 1 USD. Money exchangers and automated teller machines can be found in Hong Kong International Airport and in many locations across Hong Kong.

### 2. Octopus Card

The Octopus card is a contactless stored value card that can be used on most public transport in Hong Kong (including Airport Express, MTR (subway), buses, trams, ferries, etc). Octopus cards can also be used for small-value payments at many retailers across Hong Kong. Additionally, payment for food and beverages purchased by participants of the ATIR while within the RHKYC can be made by Octopus card. Octopus cards are available at Reception, Kellett Island. A purchase form must be completed prior to purchasing Octopus cards. Issuing and adding value to Octopus cards can only be by cash. The Octopus cards are non returnable and non-refundable. The Club acts as a service provider, of issuing and adding cash value, and bears no responsibility whatsoever for any damage or malfunction of the cards.

The “Sold Tourist Octopus” is specially for visitors. The cost is HKD39 (~USD5) without initial stored value and no deposit is required. They are available at the airport (MTR Airport Express counter, 7-Eleven or China Travel Service) or any 7-Eleven or Circle K stores in Hong Kong. Further information can be found on-line at: <https://octopus.com.hk/en/consumer/index.html>

### 3. Accommodation

Causeway Bay and Wan Chai areas are very convenient to the competition venue with a number of accommodation options available. The following link can provide a list of options near the venue: [https://en.tripadvisor.com.hk/Hotels-g294217-Hong\\_Kong-Hotels.html](https://en.tripadvisor.com.hk/Hotels-g294217-Hong_Kong-Hotels.html)

### 4. Transportation

#### I. Arrival through Hong Kong International Airport

##### **Airport Express**

The train takes 24 minutes from airport to Hong Kong Station. Trains depart every 12 minutes with the last train leaving the airport at 12:45am.

Cost: HK\$110/single trip or HK\$205/round trip

Tickets can be bought at Airport Express Customer Service Centre or can be bought online (Discount tickets at HK\$40/single trip can be bought online at <https://www.klook.com/activity/71-airport-express-hong-kong/>)

Free shuttle buses to certain hotels are available from the City Airport Express Stations. The Shuttle Bus stops at many major hotels in Wan Chai/Causeway Bay areas.

##### **Public Buses - Cityflyer**

The bus stops of the Cityflyer routes are nearby many major hotels

The Cityflyer Airport Services to Hotel costs about HK\$40

The Airport Bus Terminal is located near the right-hand ramp outside the Airport Arrivals Hall

##### **Taxis**

Arriving passengers can catch a taxi at the Taxi Station, located near the left-hand ramp outside the Airport Arrivals Hall

The Urban Taxis (red) from the Airport to Wan Chai or Causeway Bay will cost approximately HK\$300

##### **Hotel Coaches**

Coaches are available for major hotels which will deliver you directly to your hotel

Seats can be booked by approaching the Commercial Services Counter in Arrivals Hall B, Terminal 1

#### II. Arrival by Ferry

Hong Kong is linked to a number of ports in Macau and Mainland China by high-speed ferries servicing Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and Hong Kong International Airport.

#### III. Arrival from Mainland China

##### **Express Rail Link (High Speed Rail)**

The new Express Rail trains arrive at the West Kowloon Station from Guangzhou South via Futian and Shenzhen

There are convenient connections from many Chinese cities on the High Speed Rail system

<https://www.highspeed.mtr.com.hk/en/main/index.html>

##### **By MTR East Rail Line (To/From Shenzhen via Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau)**

