

# 29er

## 2021 Zhik 29er World Championship

### WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2021

The Class and our championship host are optimistic we will be able to hold our 2021 World Championship in Aarhus, Denmark 30<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August. We intend to hold this championship so long as government protocols allow. The World Championship might look a bit different on land this year, but we and our hosts are confident we can deliver top-notch skiff racing in a safe environment. We are looking forward to getting our 29er sailors back on the water!

To assist sailors, families and coaches as they plan for the months ahead, below you will find all of the information currently available. As with everything during the pandemic, our situation is constantly evolving and we will provide updates as new information becomes available. Information will be posted on the class website ([www.29er.org](http://www.29er.org)), the World Championship website ([www.29erworlds.org](http://www.29erworlds.org)), as well as our social media sites. We ask for your patience and understanding as we respond and adapt to new protocols as they arise.

#### EVENT ENTRY

- **When will entry open?** Entry will open 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please visit the World Championship website for the link to entry ([www.29erworlds.org](http://www.29erworlds.org)).
- **When will entry close?** Early Entry closes 21<sup>st</sup> May.  
**The complete entry schedule can be found on the World Championship website ([www.29erworlds.org](http://www.29erworlds.org)).**
- **Will entry be restricted?** The 29er class has a long and treasured tradition of open entry at its championships. We and our event hosts are committed to upholding this tradition in 2021. However, the pandemic has forced all of us to adapt and make temporary changes to many traditions. IF the government of our host country imposes limitations on the size of gatherings and we are required to restrict entry, we will have to comply. We will not limit entry unless we are required to do so. At this time, we do not know whether gathering size will be limited so we have planned for unrestricted entry but also made a contingency plan for restricted entry.
- **How will entry be allocated if entries are restricted?** Entries will be allocated to our national class associations (NCAs) based on membership in the international class over the years 2017 to 2019. Each NCA that has participated in at least one World Championship in the years 2017 to 2019 will be allocated 3 entries (one of which must be used for an all-female team) **PLUS** additional entries based on membership. If a NCA

is allocated a total of 6 or more entries, a total of 2 of those entries must be used for all-female teams. The number of additional entries will depend on the number of teams permitted under the entry restrictions.

- **What entry restrictions will trigger an allocation system?** If entry is capped at 175 teams or more, we will **NOT** use the allocation system; entry will be open and first-come-first-served. If entry is restricted to 174 or fewer teams, we will use the allocation system.
- **How will allocated entry work?** We will ask our NCAs to provide a ranked list of teams that intend to enter the World Championship. In the meantime, all teams that intend to compete at this event should complete their entries as soon as possible after entry opens. However, teams will not be required to make payment at the time of entry. The entry system will hold the entries until we know whether entry will be restricted. If entry is unrestricted, all entries will be released from the hold and payment will be required. If entry is restricted, we will notify the membership and teams will be released from the hold based on the ranking lists provided by the NCAs. Payment will be required at this time. If any entries are not taken up they will be redistributed among the NCAs.

### **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

International travel restrictions and requirements are changing frequently and are difficult to predict. The class and our championship hosts do not control travel protocols, which can vary by country. We urge all our members to stay current on travel requirements for entering the championship host country and for returning to your home country.

### **REFUND POLICY**

In these uncertain times, we need to plan for many scenarios. We are committed to delivering our traditional fun, safe and well-managed championships but must also make contingency plans for less happy outcomes. Our refund policy is below.

- **If a team withdraws from the regatta, entry fees will be refunded as follows.**
  - Up to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021: 75% of the entry fees will be refunded
  - Up to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021: 50% of the entry fees will be refunded
  - After 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021: no refunds will be made
- **If the World Championship is cancelled:** each competitor shall receive a refund of 75% of the entry fees paid

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **What public health protocols will be in place?** Our championships will operate in accordance with the public health protocols required in our host countries. Every competitor, coach, race official, parent, class official and volunteer will be required to comply with those protocols. At this time, we do not know what protocols will be in place but will make that information available in advance of the event.

- **What can I expect in the boat park?** We do not currently have that information. However, if gathering size is limited, we will work to maximize the number of competitors allowed and, as a result, entry to the venue might be limited to competitors, coaches and regatta personnel.
- **Will you cancel the championship if some countries prohibit travel for their own citizens?** No. We very much hope to see sailors from every corner of the globe but realize that some countries will make it difficult or impossible for their citizens to travel during the pandemic. Our championship will go forward. However, if a significant number of countries prohibit international travel at the time of the championship, we will consider holding the event as a 29er world festival.