

St. Stephen's Beach Kayak Distance Race 2026

Notice of Race

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1. **Objectives:** To promote the public's interest in Kayaking and to enable participants to gain race experience
2. **Dates:** 15 November 2026 (Sunday)
3. **Time:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
4. **Racing Area:** St. Stephen's Beach Water Sports Centre
5. **Fee:** HK\$20/person (Persons aged below 15, aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities can enjoy concessionary rate upon production of valid proof)
6. **Class / Quota / Entry Requirement:**

Division	Age ^(Note 1)	Distance	Entry Requirement ^(Note 2)	Quota	Boat Type
Male Children	8 - 10	About 4 km	Holder of Hong Kong China Canoe Union Junior Kayak Walrus Award or LCSD Junior Kayak Walrus Competency Record	5	Junior Kayak
Female Children				5	
Male Junior	11 - 13			5	
Female Junior				5	
Male Youth	14 - 17	About 9 km	(i) Holder of Hong Kong China Canoe Union Kayak 3 Star Award or LCSD Kayak 3 Star Competency Record, (ii) and participation in <u>at least one kayak trip or race of 9 km or above</u> ^(Note 4)	7 ^(Note 3) (a basic quota of at least 2 for each Division)	Sea Kayak
Female Youth					
Male Adult	18 - 34	About 14 km	Holder of Hong Kong China Canoe Union Kayak Proficiency Silver Award or LCSD Kayak Proficiency Silver Competency Record,	16 ^(Note 3) (a basic quota of at least 2 for each Division)	Sea Kayak
Female Adult					
Male Master	35 or above			32 ^(Note 3) (a basic quota of at least 12 for each Division)	Europa
Female Master					

Note 1: A participant's age is calculated as at the date of the race. Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enroll in competitions. Such a declaration must be made by their parents or guardians aged 18 or above who are themselves SmartPLAY users, with the use of the "Declaration" function under "My Profile" in SmartPLAY. The applicants may alternatively enter the passwords of their parents' or guardians' SmartPLAY accounts in submission of applications.

Note 2: Applicants should select respective required qualification in SmartPLAY, and choose / upload relevant required qualification document. They must produce the originals of valid qualification proof and logbooks for verification by the LCSD staff on the event day as proof that the relevant certificates or qualifications and the required record of kayak trip or race with the designated distance mentioned are acquired **before ballot**.

Note 3: For better resource utilization, the organiser reserves the right to adjust the quota for each division with reference to the enrolment response. The remaining quota will be adjusted based on the ratio of men and women

Note 4: Applicant who have participated in any trip of Kayak Round Island Tour (Yim Tin Tsai), Kayak Beaches Exploration Tour (Tung A), Kayak Mangrove Tour (Pak Tam Chung/Ting Kok), Kayak Corals Tour (Tung Sam Kei/Sze Tei), Kayak Coastal Tour (Ma Shi Chau) organized by LCSD, will be considered as fulfilled the requirement of participation in one 9km kayak trip.

7. Ballot and Payment Arrangements:

Arrangement	Date	Notes
Submission of E-applications	From 8 / 9 / 2026 to 14 / 9 / 2026	Each applicant can only enroll in one division and must be indicate their choices in the same competition when submitting the e-application forms.
Ballot and Announcement of Results	From 27/ 9 / 2026 to 29/ 9 / 2026	- Successful applicants will receive an electronic notification generated by the system of successful application and payment or confirmation. - Members of the public may also have access to the ballot results through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage, smart self-service stations or notice boards at organising WSCs, but will not be notified separately by post.
Payment / Confirmation	From 30 / 9/ 2026 to 4 / 10 / 2026 (Smart Self-service Stations until 11:00 pm every night; Electronic Platform until 11:59 pm)	Successful applicants must settle the fees by electronic means or complete the confirmation procedures within the payment or confirmation period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations. For details, please visit www.smartplay.lcsd.gov.hk/website/en/features/payment.html
Announcement of Remaining Quota	5 / 10 / 2026	If there are places available after the payment or confirmation period, the number of such places will be announced through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.
Open Enrolment (Phase I)	From 6 / 10 / 2026 to 12 / 10 / 2026 (8:30 am on the first day)	- Such places will be open for enrolment on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:30 am on the date of open enrolment through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations. - If less than 2 applicants are enrolled in a division after Phase I of Open Enrolment, that division will be cancelled.
Open Enrolment (Phase II) (Note 5)	From 16 / 10 / 2026 to 8 / 11 / 2026 (8:30 am on the first day)	
Race Day	15/11/2026	If there are remaining spots due to no show by enrolled participant(s) after the reporting time(s) on race day, stand-by application(s) will be processed immediately <u>by ballot</u> to accommodate the "On-the-spot Enrolment". (Please see Point 12(4) below for details)

Note 5: If places are available after the Phase I of Open Enrolment, the organiser will flexibly adjust the final quotas for each division. Such places will be open for enrolment on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:30 am on a specified date of the month through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.

8. Notes on Enrolment:

- (1) Applicants must submit ballot e-application forms through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations within the specified period in a month.
- (2) Applicants enrolling in competitions must be themselves the registered SmartPLAY users. Applications made by groups, organisations or schools will not be accepted.
- (3) Each applicant / team may submit only one ballot application for enrolment in competitions organised by District Leisure Services Offices (DLSOs), Water Sports Centres or Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre in a given month. In the event of duplicate application submissions, submission of incomplete information, non-compliance with competition requirements or ineligibility on the part of applicants / teams, the applications in question will be rejected by the system. Each ballot application form can be used to apply for up to ten (10) competitions, of which a maximum of three (3) will be allocated to the applicant.
- (4) As far as the application forms submitted are concerned, in the event of duplicate submissions, submission of incomplete information, non-compliance with competition requirements or ineligibility on the part of any of the participating members in their submission of applications, the application in question will be rejected by the system
- (5) Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enrol in competitions. Such a declaration must be made by their parents or guardians aged 18 or above who are themselves SmartPLAY users, with the use of the "Declaration" function under "My Profile" in SmartPLAY. The applicants may alternatively enter the passwords of their parents' or guardians' SmartPLAY accounts in submission of applications.
- (6) As far as the competitions held by the Water Sports Centres are concerned, applicants can enter a ballot only after valid certificates or qualification proof are uploaded in their submission of ballot e-application forms. In addition, they must produce the originals of valid qualification proof and logbooks for verification by the LCSD staff on the competition day as proof that the relevant certificates or qualifications and the required record of kayak trip or race with the designated distance mentioned are acquired **before ballot**. Failure to meet such requirements will disqualify the applicants from the competitions, and no refund for the fees paid will be made.
- (7) Each applicant can only **enroll in one division** and must indicate their choices in the same competition when submitting the e-application forms.
- (8) Alterations to all the details provided by an applicant will not be allowed after the submission deadline of application forms. The e-application forms must be completed in full and all of the details therein must be true and correct. Alterations to all the details provided, participating event(s) and personal particulars will not be allowed once the applications have been confirmed, except for the circumstances of altering contact numbers and addresses, in which any updates must be made via SmartPLAY as soon as possible.
- (9) No waiting lists will be held for any ballot. Applicants are required to make a fresh application for the remaining places, if any, upon ballot on a first-come-first-served basis during the open enrolment period.
- (10) Applicants providing false information will be disqualified from the events, with all the results declared void. Enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.
- (11) Withdrawal or Release of Quota on or after 7 November 2026 at 6 p.m. will not be opened for enrolment.
- (12) The Organiser reserves the right to reject the use of any participant's entitlement to enrolment in competitions.
- (13) Applicants must refer to the "Notes on Enrolment (Water Sports Centre)" and the "Water Sports Centre User Guide" for details.

- 9. Rules:** The race will be governed by the *Canoe Marathon Competition Rules* and the latest revised rules and regulations issued by the International Canoe Federation, the instructions of the Hong Kong China Canoe Union, this Notice of Race and Race Instruction.
- 10. Format:** There are no preliminary or semi-final rounds in the race. Participants in each division will be ranked according to their finishing time.
- 11. Prizes:** The number of prizes in each division will be determined according to the number of entrants as follows:

Entrants for each Division	2 to 3	4 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 or more
Prizes	Champion	Champion & 1 st Runner-Up	Champion, 1 st & 2 nd Runner-Up	Champion, 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Runner-Up	Champion, 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Runner-Up, and two Merit Awards

- 12. Note to Competitors:**
- (1) **Reporting Arrangement:**
- (a) Competitors are required to sign the health declaration and check-in by arriving the Centre within 8:30 am to 9:30am on the race day.
 - (b) Competitors should produce the original of document as below for verification:
 - (i) Identity Document used for enrolment^(Note 6); and
 - (ii) Proof of relevant qualifications and Trip/Race Record.
 - (c) Participants aged below 18 should return with a duly signed Parents / Guardian or Person Authorised by Participants Parents' Declaration on the event day. Failure to provide proof of relevant qualifications will render the competitors concerned disqualified. The Participants Parents' Declaration can be downloaded at the LCSD WSCs website.
(Path: Centre Forms & Guide > Parents' Declaration)
<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/watersport/downloads.html>)
 - (2) Failure to provide proof of relevant qualifications will render the competitors concerned disqualified.
 - (3) Craft and relevant equipment will be allocated by the Organiser by ballot during the reporting time.
 - (4) If there are remaining spots due to no show by enrolled participant(s) after the reporting times (i.e. 9:30 am) on race day, stand-by application(s) will be processed immediately by ballot to accommodate the "On-the-spot Enrolment".
- 13. Arrangement of Boats and Equipment:**
- (1) All competitors **must** use the kayaks and paddles provided and allocated by the Organiser. Those who change the equipment (except spray skirts) without prior permission of the Organiser will be disqualified.
 - (2) All competitors, save those in the Children and Junior Divisions, will be provided with spray skirt by the Organiser but may also use their own spray skirts.
 - (3) Competitors **must bring a waterproof whistle**, and wear their own heel-toe-covered rubber shoes and the buoyancy aid supplied by the Organiser.
 - (4) The Organiser reserves the right to claim for compensation from the users for any damage to its equipment.

Note 6: Recognised identity documents include the Hong Kong Identity Card (copy also acceptable for children aged between 11 and 14), the Birth Certificate / Document of Identity for Visa Purposes / HKSAR Re-entry Permit / One-way Permit (only for children aged below 11, copy also acceptable) and valid travel documents such as passports or the Exit-Entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (only for non-Hong Kong residents).

- 14. Race Instruction:**
- (1) The organiser will upload the *Race Instruction* to the website of the LCSD's water sports centres before the race. (Path: Centre Activities > Races > Sailing Instructions) (http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/watersport/activities/acti_race/acti_race_instructions.html)
 - (2) If any competitor has difficulty accessing the Race Instruction 3 days before the race, please contact the Centre Staff at 2813 5407 during office hours.
- 15. Race Cancellation:**
- (1) If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal issued by the Hong Kong Observatory is in force at or after 7:00 am on the race day, the races will be cancelled and shall not be rescheduled.
 - (2) If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 1, the Red Rainstorm Warning Signal, the Strong Monsoon Signal or the Thunderstorm Warning is issued at or after 7:00 am on the race day, competitors are required to report to the Centre. The Organiser will decide whether the races should proceed as scheduled, adopt the alternative courses or be cancelled in the light of the prevailing weather conditions.
 - (3) In case of safety and public health issue, the LCSD reserves the right to cancel the races without prior notice to the competitors.
- 16. Race Result:** The results of each division will be posted on the notice board on the race day. The winners' list will be uploaded to the LCSD WSCs website after the race. (Path: Centre Activities > Races > Race Results) (https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/watersport/activities/acti_race/infocentre_result.html)
- 17. Appeal:** No appeal will be allowed. The Judge's decision on the spot shall be final.
- 18. Insurance:** Competitors should be insured on their own expenses.
- 19. Meals:** Competitors should bring their own lunch.
- 20. Requests for Certificates of Participation:** Requests for certificates of participation can be made by submitting to the Centre a completed application form together with a stamped addressed envelope (adequate postage).
- 21. Enquiries:** 2813 5407

(In case of any deficiency in this Notice, the Centre reserves the right to make any amendments to it without prior notice to the competitors; the English version shall prevail if any discrepancy or inconsistency between the Chinese and English versions)

St. Stephen's Beach Water Sports Centre
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