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SB20 One Design Commodores Cup Series

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club

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Summary of Changes: Change to 2.2 and Appendix A

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS)*.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply
- 1.3. Add to RRS 28.1: 'If the Race Committee observes a boat failing to sail the correct course, then she may be disqualified without a hearing.' This also changes RRS A5.
- 1.4. Add to RRS 32.1: '(f) for any reason considered appropriate by the Race Committee.'
- 1.5. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Race Official.
- 1.6. Boats shall notify their intention to race on the sign on available in the clubhouse.
- 1.7. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 1.8. Breach of RRS 31 shall only incur a 1 turn penalty if the mark is a starting mark or a finishing mark. If a mark is not a starting or finish mark, breach of RRS31 by a boat or its equipment and not by its crew shall result in no penalty.

2. Communications with Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club
- 2.2. There will be a briefing for competitors in the Tentola at 1130am on each racing day

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1100 or no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff on the upper balcony of the Club.
- 4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Races are scheduled as per the NOR. Extra races may be sailed to maintain the original total number of scheduled races in the series.
- 5.2. When more than one race is scheduled in a day, second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical.
- 5.3. An orange flag may be displayed with one sound, at least five minutes before the first warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4. After a delay between signals multiple sound signals may be used to alert boats that a start sequence or other signal is imminent.
- 5.5. Target number of races per day is 4.
- 5.6. Extra races may be sailed to maintain the original total number of scheduled races in the series.
- 5.7. No warning signal will be made after 1630

6. Classes, Class, and Event Flags. Rating or Handicap Limits

- 6.1. Class or event flags will be:

Class / Event	Class Flag
SB20	SB20 Flag

7. Racing Areas

- 7.1. The locations of the racing area shall be notified to competitors at the sign on sheet on the day of racing.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The courses are described in Appendix A.

9. Marks

- 9.1. The marks are described in Appendix A.

10. Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1. Areas designated as obstructions are shown in Appendix A.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.

Signal	Flag
5 minutes	Class Flag displayed
4 minutes	P, U Flag or black flag displayed
1 minute	P, U Flag or black flag removed
GO!	Class Flag removed

- 11.2. The starting line and its location are described in Appendix A.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall, if possible, avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats. Boats breaking this Sailing Instruction may be penalised by the Race Committee with a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12. Change of Course

- 12.1. Marks may be moved up to 20m without signal at any time.

13. The Finish and Shortening the Course

- 13.1. The finishing line is described in Appendix A.
- 13.2. Alternatives for shortening the course are described in Appendix A.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1. Exoneration Penalty.

A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts an Post Race Penalty - a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is three and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty is to retire.

- 14.2. When a Post Race Penalty is accepted:

- (a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

- 14.3. RRS Appendix P (On water Judging of RRS 42) will apply.

- 14.4. Penalties when injury or damage is caused, the penalty for a boat found to have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 in an incident that causes injury or damage shall be:

- (a) For the first incident in a series, disqualification, but this may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be not excludable for damage that is more than minor.
- (b) For the second incident in a series, disqualification that is not excludable.
- (c) For the third and subsequent incidents in a series, the protest committee shall act under RRS 69, Misconduct taking the facts of the incidents to be 'information from any source' as in RRS 69.2(c).
- (d) When the race is part of more than one series, the penalty shall apply to all those series.

For the purpose of this rule, minor damage is damage that does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.

15. Time Limits and Target Times

15.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time limit (1) Latest time to finish	Time limit (2) Time to finish after first boat finished	Target Race Time
SB20	60mins	10mins	40 min

15.2. Boats that do not finish within time limit (1) and (2) will be scored DNF without a hearing.

15.3. This Sailing Instruction 16 changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the final protest time limit of the day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 2.2, 3, 11, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 and other rules are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 16.7. Mediation Hearings are mandatory before going to protest unless damage or injury has been caused.
- 16.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

- 16.9. Unless notified otherwise, full protest hearings will be heard from 1900 on the Monday following the day on which the race concerned took place, except for the last race of the series, when any protests will be heard on the same day.
- 16.10. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.11. Competitors are requested to advise the finishing boat if intending to lodge a protest or request redress.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. The number of races required to complete a series will be 1
- 17.2. There shall be 1 discard for every 5 races sailed.
- 17.3. RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 17.4. RRS A5.3 shall apply.
- 17.5. Scoring penalty applied according to the rule 44.3 shall be 5 places (5 penalty points).
- 17.6. A boat displaying sail numbers different than approved by SB20 UAE Class Association without prior, written Race Committee permission might be scored DNS without hearing.
- 17.7. A boat not being a member of its National SB20 Class Association will be scored DNC without hearing.
- 17.8. A boat racing without a valid SB20 Class Measurement Certificate will be scored DNC at the discretion of the Race Committee from Race Day 4 onwards.
- 17.9. A boat that is racing when her time limit expires or a boat that retires before her time limit expires and informs the Race Committee promptly provided her retirement is not caused by her breach of a rule, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS A5.2 and RRS A9.
- 17.10. A boat that is unable to race because a member of its crew is requested to join the Race Committee for that race may be scored average points for up to 2 such race days in the series. The average points will be calculated as the average points score for all races sailed by the boat in that series. A boat sails in a race if she is ever subject to the rules of RRS Part 2 for that race.

18. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider the boat, its equipment, helm, or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions.
- 18.3. All boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by any DOSC official Committee Boat or patrol boat.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by Class/handicap or rating rules.

20. Advertising

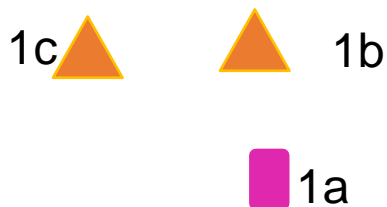
20.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority

21. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Appendix A – The Course

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MARK	ROUNDING
Start	
1a	Port
1b	Port
1c	Port
2S / 2P	Gate
1a	Port
1b	Port
1c	Port
2S / 2P	Gate
Finish	

Descriptions

Marks shall be where possible Orange or pink Inflatable cylinders or tetrahedral or dan buoy with flag.

The **Start Line** will be between two committee vessels displaying orange flags or between a committee vessel and an orange dan buoy with orange flag.

The **Finish Line** will be between two committee vessels displaying blue flags or between a committee vessel and an orange mark laid on the port side of the committee vessel.

The Start Line and the Finish Line **are not an obstruction.**



The course can be shortened according to RRS32.2 using an S flag.