



Offshore Series

November 2022 to April 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.

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2	26/01/23	Updated Scoring please see 9.2
		Updated Start time for Race 3 and Race 4

1. Rules

1.1 Competitors entering the full course must carry a Life raft – failure to do so shall result in a score of DNE without hearing.

1.2 Adequate Personal flotation devices shall be carried for each person on board. Tethers, spray hood and Lights are strongly recommended for each personal floatation device.

1.3 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.4 The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.

1.5 The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider that the boat, its equipment and/or helm are not adequate for the likely conditions.

1.6 IRC rule 22.4 is amended to remove any restrictions to crew numbers and crew weight.

1.7 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.

1.8 Any additional rules that apply

2. Advertising

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

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Entries shall be made on the official entry form available on the website.

3.2 Entries shall be made into the following classes:

Class	Course	Handicap Scoring
1	Full Course	IRC
2		NHC
3	Junior Course	IRC
4		NHC

Doublehanded entries are accepted into any class. Competitors may use IRC, DH, TCC if adhering to the limitations of their certificate.

3.3 IRC TCCs may be amended during the series but if a competitor enters a race using a DH IRC, TCC this shall be considered a separate entry to a fully crewed entry.

3.4 All boats shall hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least AED1.0 million.

3.5 The Sailing Instructions may amend the Rating/Handicap range for each Class.

3.6 Entries are requested 24hours prior to the scheduled start time. The latest entry date / time may be extended by the Race Committee.

3.7 For handicap events, the Race Committee may assign boats to a particular Class at its completed discretion. When the handicap of a boat is changed during a series, the boat shall not be compelled to change Class after the completion of her first race.

3.8 Other conditions of entry.

3.8.1 This event is not open to dinghies. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry based on the type of boat not being suitable for the event.

3.8.2 The event is open to boats entered by DOSC members and invited boats only.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1 The event is scheduled and divided into series as follows:

Race	Date	Time of 1 st Warning Signal
Offshore Series Race 1	Friday, 25 th November	
Offshore Series Race 2 <i>Bill Nelson Memorial Race</i>	Saturday, 7 th Jan 2023	11:00 AM
Offshore Series Race 3	Saturday, 4 th March 2023	1200hrs
Offshore Series Race 4	Saturday, 1 st April 2023	1200hrs

4.2 There will be a competitor briefing the Wednesday before each race 8pm in the Tentola.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 The Sailing Instructions for each event will normally be available at the Club and on the Club website one week before the first race of the event.

6. Venue and Course Area

6.1 The venue will be the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC).

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6.2 The course for each race will be published 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time unless the Race Committee have valid reason to delay.

7. Courses

7.1 There shall be 2 course lengths: Full & Junior.

The Full Course may start or finish at a different location and will often include sailing more than 10nm offshore.

The Junior Course shall be a shorter course and stay within approx. 10nm of DOSC.

7.2 Courses will be published as a Notice to Competitors.

7.3 The course may include inflatable race marks, navigation marks, GPS way points or islands/land.

7.4 Charts of racing mark locations will be available on the Club website and may be posted on the official notice board.

8. Penalty System

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will specify any changes to RRS 44 and if RRS Appendix P applies.

8.2 For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, the Protest Committee may decide the penalty may be less than DSQ.

9. Scoring

9.1 The minimum number of races to constitute a series is 2.

9.2 If 2 or less races are sailed all races shall be counted in the series score. If 3 or more races are sailed a competitor may discard their worst score.

9.3 Duel Scoring shall apply. Class 2 shall be scored including class 1 boats on NHC and Class 4 shall be scored including Class 3 boats.

10. Radio Communications

10.1 The Sailing Instructions may specify that VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate with competitors in keel boat events.

10.2 All boats, shall carry an operational VHF radio while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from a race.

10.3 For boats with class rules that prohibit the use of VHF radio, boats shall be exonerated for breaking the class rule while complying with this Notice of Race 10.1 and 10.2.

11. Prizes

11.1 The Offshore Series Trophy shall be awarded to winner of Class 1 – (Long Course IRC)

11.2 Prizes will be specified in the event Sailing Instructions.

12. Risk Statement

12.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

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- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

13. Inspections

13.1 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

14. Support Boats

14.1 Support boats may be subject to restrictions that will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

15. Haul-Out, Diving Equipment and Pool Restrictions

15.1 Keelboats shall be hauled out during the event with prior written permission from the Race Committee.

16. Use of Personal Data

16.1 I, my crew and our support persons understand that the OA will hold and use our personal data for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at [Club Data Policy](#).

16.2 By participating in this event, all Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17. Amendments to the Notice of Race

17.1 This Notice of Race may be changed by a notice posted on the official notice board (and duplicated on the Club website).

18. Further Information

18.1 All events will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

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