

Friday Evening Spring Keelboat Series

March 2023– May 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.



1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. All Competitors must adhere to DMCA Regulations. It is the responsibility of the skipper to be compliant to all local authorities' rules and regulations.
- 1.3. The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.
- 1.6. 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 by signing the sign on sheet on the day of racing.
- 3.2. All boats shall hold adequate racing insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims to a sufficient sum: \$1.0 million being standard recommendation.
- 3.3. Boats entering races at DOSC which are not owned by current members will be subject to an entry fee of AED 25 + VAT per metre LOA for each day's racing. Entry fees are to be paid at reception prior to signing on for racing. Boats that fail to pay this entry fee will not be included in results and deemed not to have entered the day's racing.

- 3.4. Day Membership fees will continue to apply to all crew members of who are not current members of DOSC. Non-members who arrive to DOSC by land or water either before or after racing must report to the car park security gate on arrival to pay the appropriate day membership fee. Compliance with this is the skipper's responsibility and failure of non-member crew to pay the appropriate day membership fee may result in a boat being scored DSQ without hearing.
- 3.5. The event is open to the following boats:

Class	Rating System	Min No of Entries
IRC	IRC	2
Multihull Class	DOSC Multihull Handicap System	2
NHC ClubClass	National Handicap for Cruisers	2

For all IRC Classes a valid certificate shall be presented or verified in accordance with RRS 78.2. The Sailing Instructions may amend the Classes.

- 3.6. For handicap events, the Race Committee may assign boats to a particular Class at its complete 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.
- 3.7. When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a handicap fleet.
- 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. All boats must be fitted with navigational lights.
- 3.8.2. The event is open to invited boats only.
- 3.9. The base handicaps for the DOSC Multihull Handicap (DMH) System are determined by the Race Committee. A boat entering under this handicap systems shall complete and submit a handicap form (available with the entry form or on the Club website), unless the boat has previously been assigned a handicap and has not subsequently changed the boat, rigging or sail measurement in a way that could materially affect the boat's performance.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1. The event is scheduled into a 5 race series as follows:

Event	Date
Race Day 1	31 - Mar - 23
Race Day 2	14 – APR - 23
Race Day 3	21 – APR - 23
Race Day 4	5 – May - 23
Race Day 5	19 – May - 23

4.2. Boats will be assigned individual start times in the sailing instructions, start times will be between 17:15 and 17:45 on each day of racing.

4.3. All races count towards the Friday Evening Series.

4.4. The Race Committee can request measurement or inspection at any time.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. The Sailing Instructions for each event will normally be available at the Club and on the Club website 48 hours before racing.

6. Venue and Course Area

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

7. Courses

7.1. Courses will be a mixture of extended inshore and short coastal racing. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2. Courses will have an approximate duration of 90 minutes.

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 the Friday Evening Series is 1 race.

9.2. There shall be 1 discard after 3 races have been sailed. There shall be 2 discards after 5 races have been sailed.

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 keelboat events.

10.2. 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.

11. Prizes

11.1. There will be no daily prizegiving. Series prizes will be awarded following the last day of racing.

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:
- (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 indate 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

- 15.1. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except within and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Race Committee.

16. Rights to use name and likeness

- 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 event website page.

18. Further information

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