



# AGMC

**AGMC Winter Regatta**  
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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
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## 1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS)*.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Add to RRS 32.1: '(f) for any reason considered appropriate by the Race Committee.'
- 1.4 Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Race Official.
- 1.5 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.
- 1.6 Boats shall notify their intention to race on the sign on sheet posted on the day of racing.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

## 2. Communications with Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is the event page on the DOSC website calendar.
- 2.2 There will be a briefing for competitors at 1130am on all race days .
- 2.3 The following communications may be made by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 08.
  - The race area and race schedule each day, any schedule changes
  - Any change of starting order for multiple Class starts
  - The approximate location of the Race Committee Boat
  - The use of alternate preparatory signals
  - The courses to be sailed and any changes or shortening
  - The approximate bearings and distances to moveable/first marks
  - The warning, preparatory and starting signals for all classes.
  - Between the warning and preparatory signal, any starting penalty flag to be displayed.
  - Sailing Instruction changes (confirmation of changes posted)
  - Postponements and abandonments

- Individual and general recalls
- The intended time of the first start of a starting sequence
- The times of the first, second and last finishers

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 95 minutes before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the time of the first warning signal each day will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club flagstaff.

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 each racing day as follows:

Day	Race Format	Date	Times	
Race Day 1	Up to 4 Inshore Races	16-Dec-23	Briefing	11:30
			First Warning Signal	13:00
Race Day 2	Up to 2 Inshore Race 1 Coastal Race	17-Dec-23	Briefing	11:30
			First Warning Signal	13:00

5.2 For the first starting sequence each day, classes will normally start in the order described at the briefing or as posted on the official notice board. For subsequent starting sequences the class order will be as signaled by the Race Committee.

5.3 The Classes may be combined for any start, but no Class will start earlier than as published.

5.4 When more than one race is scheduled in a day, second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical.

5.5 One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the change is made according with Sailing Instruction 3.

5.6 After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound, at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.7 No warning signal will be made after 1700hrs.

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

6.1 Class or event flags will be:

Class	Handicap / Rating Limits	Class Flag
Multihull	DOSC Multi - All Ratings	Foxtrot
Club	NHC - All Ratings	Juliet

6.2 When a visual signal is displayed under an event flag, the signal applies to all boats in that event. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6.3 The Classes, handicap or rating limits may change the Notice of Race and may also be displayed on the official notice board as a change to this Sailing Instruction.

6.4 The Race Committee may adjust the definition, the numbers, and/or the handicap limits of

Classes. Such decisions will be posted as notice to competitors.

6.5 Each boat is requested to display the appropriate Class flag on its backstay or in some other conspicuous place.

6.6 The Race Committee may at its sole discretion move boats between Classes.

## **7. Racing Areas**

7.1 The locations of the racing areas will be posted on the official notice board no later than the briefing time each day and described at the briefing each day.

## **8. Courses**

8.1 The courses will be posted on the official notice board no later than the briefing time each day and described at the briefing each day.

## **9. Marks**

9.1 The marks are as described in the course information provided as per SI 8.1 above.

9.2 When one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

## **10. Areas that are Obstructions**

10.1 Areas designated as obstructions will be included in the course information and described at the briefing or issued as a notice to competitors.

## **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.

11.2 In exceptional circumstances Visual Signals for the warning, preparatory and starting signals may not be displayed. This changes to RRS 26. Times shall be taken from the sound signals which may be available on VHF.

11.3 The starting line and its location will be provided with the course information and advised at the briefing.

11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.5 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 penalized by the Race Committee with a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

11.6 The start line may be between two race committee vessels OR a race committee vessel and an inflatable race mark OR a race committee vessel and a buoy with an orange flag.

## **12. Change of Course**

12.1 The race committee may adjust any racing mark by up to 25m without signal. For adjustments of more than 25m. Changing the course will be as per RRS 33.

## **13. The Finish and Shortening the Course**

13.1 The finishing line will be as described in the provided course information.

13.2 Shortening the course will be per RRS 32.

## 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 25% 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 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 the regatta, 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 the regatta, disqualification is not excludable.

(c) For the third and subsequent incidents in the regatta, 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.

(e) To 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:

Race Format	Target Finish Time	Time Limit (1) For 1 <sup>st</sup> boat to finish as RRS 35.	Time limit (2) Latest time to finish
Inshore	60 minutes	80 minutes	100 minutes
Coastal	150 minutes	200 minutes	250 minutes

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

15.3 This Sailing Instruction 15 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. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board as soon as

possible after racing each day. However, for protests alleging a breach of the IRPCAS based on a report from a source external to the Club, the protest time limit is 7 days after the alleged breach.

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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club beginning at the time posted.

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, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 20, 21, 23 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 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

16.7 RYA Rules Dispute Advisory and Mediation Hearings are available.

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 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall declare so on the sign off sheet.

16.10 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 the regatta series is 1.

17.2 Costal races shall be scored as 2 individually discardable results in the regatta series.

17.3 There will be 1 discard allowed once 5 scores have been recorded in the regatta series.

17.4 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 and 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 A4.2 and RRS A9.

17.5 Boats shall only be entered in the series results after they have started a race.

17.6 All competitors must sign-on on the provided sign-on sheets at the club house prior to the briefing time and sign off within the protest time limit or boats will be scored DPI for the first race of the day / last race of the day respectively. Sign off on the provide sheets in the club house or by email to [sailingadmin@doscuae.com](mailto:sailingadmin@doscuae.com) is permitted.

## **18. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement**

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Boats may call 043941669 to report their retirement.

18.2 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.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race

Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. Advertising**

20.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority if requested.

## **21. Official Boats**

21.1 Official boats will be indicated at the Briefing.

## **22. Support Boats**

22.1 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing.

22.2 Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first Class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

## **23. Prizes**

23.1 Regatta prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of each class on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at a prize giving following racing. These may be based on provisional results if protest hearings remain outstanding.