IRC Middle East Championship

December 16th & 17th 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.

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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) & IRC 2023 Rules Parts A,B and C. .*

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. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (this changes RRS63.7)

1.4. RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.

1.5. IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew weight.

1.6. Exceptionally, in the case of significant damage or loss, sails may be replaced with similar sails after first obtaining permission from the Race Committee (IRC rule 21.1.5 (f).

1.7. The official event notice board will be online at the event page on the calendar on the DOSC website.

2. Advertising

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

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. Only boats with valid IRC 2023 certificates will be eligible for entry. Certificates must have an issue date no later than 1st December 2023. No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors. The OA may accept late certificates on request.

3.2. Entries shall be made on the day via the sign on form available at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC).

3.3. Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims.

3.4. The event is open to the following boats:

Class	Rating System	Rating Range	Min No of Entries
IRC 1	IRC	TCC 1.031 & Above	3
IRC 2		TCC 0.945 to 1.030	3
IRC 3		TCC 0.944 & Below	3
IRC Cruiser		Approved Entries	3

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

For all IRC Classes a valid certificate shall be presented or verified in accordance with RRS 78.2.

Boats outside any rating range may be accepted at the discretion of the RaceCommittee.

3.5. When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a different class.

3.6. Non DOSC boats must submit an expression of interest by emailing racingmanager@doscuae.com in advance.

3.7. Boats entering races at DOSC which is not owned by current members will be subject to an entry fee of AED25 + VAT per meter LOA fir each day's racing. Entry Fees are to be paid 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.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1. The event is scheduled as follows:

Event	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 races 1 Coastal Race	17-Dec-23	Briefing	11:30
			First Warning Signal	13:00

4.2. Each inshore race shall count as one result in the series and each Coastal race shall count as two results. All results are individually discardable.

4.3. The racing schedule may be subject to change to suit weather conditions. Any changes will be posted no later than the briefing. IE: If racing is not possible on day 1, day 2 may be changed to up to 4 inshore races. Any changes to the racing schedule will be posted to the official event notice board no later than the briefing.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available on the event page on the DOSC website no later than one week before the event.

6. Venue and Course Area

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

6.2. Inshore Race course areas will be within 3 miles of DOSC.

6.3. Coastal Race course area will be within 10 miles of DOSC.

7. Courses

7.1. The inshore courses to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2. The coastal course will be posted on the DOSC Website no later than the time of the briefing for that day.

8. Penalty System

8.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty (One Tack and One gybe).

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

9. Scoring

9.1. Scoring will be given as per the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A

9.2. The minimum number of races to constitute the IRC Middle East Championship is 2 races.

9.3. The number of allowable discards shall be given in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Radio Communications

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

11. Prizes

11.1. Prizes will be specified in the event Sailing Instructions.

12. Risk Statement

12.1 Rule 3 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 agreesand 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 partin 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 ownactions 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 bythe 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 andto 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 towithstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and indate and is familiar to the crew.

13. Inspections

13.1. The event technical committee/race committee may conduct equipment inspection to ensure boats are sailing in compliance with their IRC certificates. Equipment inspection may take place afloat directly after a boat has finished racing for the day or as boats return to the marina. Boats may be instructed to return to the marina without any interaction with support boats or other vessels.

13.2. The fact that race officials may conduct equipment inspection 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. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with of 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 personaldata for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found in the Club Data Policy.

16.2. By taking part in a race all competitors give permission to be photographed by official event photographer(s) and for such photographs or videos to be used for official purposesby Dubai Offshore Sailing Club and/or the IRC rating authority. The OA must receive any retraction of consent at least 24hours in advance of a race.

17. Amendments to the Notice of Race

17.1. This Notice of Race may be amended/revised as necessary. Any revised Notice of Race will be posted on the official notice board with any changes listed in the version control table at the start of this Notice of Race.

17.2. This Notice of Race may be changed by a notice posted on the official notice board.

18. Further information

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