

Short Handed Series Trophy

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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)*.
- 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. All entries shall sail with 2 crew (including skipper) only.
- 3.2. Entries shall be made on the official entry form available from the Club office or downloaded from the Club website.
- 3.3. All boats shall hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least AED1million.
- 3.4. The event is open to the following boats:

Class	Rating System	HCap Range	Min No of Entries
Class A	IRC	TCC .951 & above	3
Class B		TCC .950 & bellow	3
Class C	NHC Including Multihulls	All	2

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 handicap or rating range may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a handicap fleet.
- 3.7. Other conditions of entry.
- 3.7.1. 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.
- 3.7.2. The event is open to invited boats only.
- 3.8. 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.
- 3.9. Briefing shall be in the Tentola at 12pm
- 3.10. The event is scheduled and divided into series as follows:

Event	Race Format	First Warning
Race 1	Windward Leeward Course	2pm
Race 2	Triangle Course	Immediately After R1
Race 3	Triangle Sausage Course	Immediately After R2

- 3.11. All races to count.

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

4. Sailing Instructions

4.1. 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.

5. Venue and Course Area

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

5.2. Races will be started within 2 miles of DOSC and remain in Dubai waters.

6. Courses

6.1. Courses will be posted as a notice to competitors no later than the briefing.

7. Penalty System

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

7.2. 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.

8. Scoring

8.1. The minimum number of races to constitute the Doublehanded Trophy is 1 race.

9. Radio Communications

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

9.2. 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 9.

10. Prizes

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

11. Risk Statement

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 organiser 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 familiarise 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 so as 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.

12. Inspections

- 12.1. 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.

13. Support Boats

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

14. Use of Personal Data

- 14.1. 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](#)
- 14.2. DOSC and/or participating in DOSC-affiliated activities, whether on or off the official DOSC premises, I hereby grant DOSC, on behalf of myself, my family, including my child(ren), and/or my guests the irrevocable right and permission to photograph and/or record me, my family, my child(ren) and/or my guests and to use the photograph(s) and/or recording(s) for any purpose as determined by DOSC at its sole discretion. I waive any right to inspect or approve the use of the photograph(s) and/or recording(s), as well as any rights that I may have regarding the photograph(s) and/or recording(s) that may arise now, in the past or in the future. I acknowledge and agree that the rights granted in this release are without compensation

15. Amendments to the Notice of Race

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

Further Information

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