

**Friday Evening Spring Series
Keelboat**

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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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)*. IRPCS will apply between sunset and sunrise.
- 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.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1600 hours on the day of racing.

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4. Signals made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff on the upper balcony of the Club.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Races are scheduled each racing day as follows:

Race	Date	Start Time Not Before
Race 1	22 nd March 2024	1615hrs
Race 2	5 th April 2024	1615hrs
Race 3	19 th April 2024	1715hrs
Race 4	26 th April 2024	1715hrs
Race 5	10 th May 2024	1715hrs

5.2 Individual start times will be detailed in Appendix 1.

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

6.1 Class will be:

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

6.2 Class flags are not applicable for this race.

6.3 The Classes, handicap or rating limits may change the Notice of Race and may also be displayed on the official notice board event web page 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 a notice to competitors.

6.5 Boats racing under the DOSC Multihull or NHC class, it is the skippers responsibility to check the correct handicap has been assigned prior to racing.

6.6 Boats racing under the DOSC Multi Adjusted Handicap (DAH) system will be allocated a Club Number if they have raced under the system before, or, where they have no Club Number, they will be allocated a Base Number by the Race Committee. A boat's handicap may be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.

6.7 For boats racing under the DAH system, any changes to the boat, rigging, sails or equipment

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that could materially affect the performance of the boat during the series shall be notified in writing to the Race Committee before the start of the next race entered.

6.8 Only boats with a valid IRC certificate may enter the IRC class.

6.9 Use of IRC non spinnaker TCC is not permitted.

7. Racing Areas

7.1 The locations of the racing areas will be described next to the sign on sheets and published on the official event webpage.

8. Courses

8.1 The courses shall be provided separately no later than 1600 hours on the day of racing. Course information will be posted on the official event webpage and also next to the sign on sheets.

9. Marks

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

9.2 If there is a visible mark within 200m of the published coordinate, boats should sail around that mark, rounding it on the instructed side.

9.3 If there is no visible mark within 200m of the published coordinate, boats should consider the mark virtual and sail around the coordinate location on the instructed side, and record the same during sign off.

10. Areas that are Obstructions

10.1 Areas designated as obstructions will be included in the course information provided as per SI 8.1 above.

11. The Start

11.1 Races will be started by using individual start times. Start times will be published next to the sign on sheet. Start times will be between 16:15 and 16:45 for Race 1 and 2, and between 17:15 and 17:45 for Race 3, 4 & 5.

11.2 The starting line and its location will be provided with the course information which will be posted on the official event webpage and also next to the sign on sheets.

11.3 Each boat shall pass through the starting line at their correct start time and should keep clear of boats that may be starting earlier than them.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finish line and its location will be provided with the course information which will be posted on the official event webpage and also next to the sign on sheets.

12.2 Each boat shall record their own finish time as they pass through the finishing line and declare this on the sign off sheet available at the club. Alternatively, competitors may email their finish time to sailingadmin@doscuae.com after racing. In both cases, this should be done within 1 hour of finishing the race.

13. Change of Course

13.1 The race committee may adjust any racing mark by up to 50m without signal. For adjustments of more than 50m changing the course will be as per RRS 33.

14. The Finish and Shortening the Course

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

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14.2 Shortening the course will be per RRS 32.

15. Penalty System

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

15.3 RRS Appendix P (On water Judging of RRS 42) will apply. Or: RRS Appendix P will apply with the following changes. The penalty under RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. RRS P2.3 will not apply.

15.4 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 a series, 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 a series, disqualification that is not excludable.
- (c) For the third and subsequent incidents in a series, 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) For the purpose of this rule, minor damage is damage that does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.

16. Time Limits and Target Times

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Target Finish Time	Time Limit (1) For 1st boat to finish as RRS 35.	Time limit (2) Latest time to finish
90 minutes	135 minutes	180 minutes

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

16.3 This Sailing Instruction 15 changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

17.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.2 For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race

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that 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.

17.3 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.

17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.5 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).

17.6 Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

17.7 RYA Rules Dispute Advisory and Mediation Hearings are available.

17.8 In RRS 66, delete: On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

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

17.10 Competitors are requested to advise the finishing boat if intending to lodge a protest or request redress.

18. Scoring

18.1 The number of races required to complete a series shall be 1 race.

18.2 The number of discards for the Friday Evening Spring Series shall be as follows:

No. Races Sailed	No. Discards
3 races	1
5 Races	2

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18.3 Boats will be ranked based on corrected time. A boats elapsed time will be considered from individual published start time to the self declared finish time. The elapsed time will be corrected using a boats handicap.

18.4 A boat that is scored DNF, RET, OCS or DPI, shall be scored the number of boats starting that race +1. This supersedes the relevant sections of RRS Appendix A.

18.5 The Sailing Sub Committee will allocate a Base Handicaps to each boat, which shall be used to determine its placing in the NHC and Multihull Handicap Series.

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

18.7 All competitors must sign on ahead of their scheduled start time and sign off within the protest time limit or boats will be scored DPI. Sign off by email to sailingadmin@doscuae.com is permitted.

19. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the club by emailing sailingadmin@doscuae.com as soon as possible.

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

19.3 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.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

20.1 No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. Advertising

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

22. Support Boats

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

23. Prizes

23.1 There will be no daily prize giving, but there will be a series prize giving after the last day of racing.