



Cruising Rally

30th – 31st March 2024

Dubai – Al Hamra (RAK)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Dear all, please find below additional practical information ahead of next weekend's cruising rally to Al Hamra

1. Timing

- 08:00PM Wednesday 27th March (DOSC, The Loft)
Briefing (for both race and rally)
- 07:30AM Saturday 30th March – Rally start from outside DOSC
- PM Saturday 30th March – arrival at Al Hamra Marina
- 08:00PM Race Prize giving and race / rally dinner

- AM Sunday 31st March Rally departure from Al Hamra Marina
- PM Sunday 31st March Rally arrival in Dubai

Safety and Seaworthiness of your boat

It is the sole responsibility of the owner of any boat participating in the cruising rally to ensure the boat is safe and seaworthy and that skipper and crew are competent to operate the boat in a full-day coastal passage. It is recommended that the boat is equipped with standard safety equipment and that this equipment is in good working order and that skipper and crew have the necessary experience in using this equipment. Boats are required to comply with marina laws as well as local laws and regulations at all times.

The organizers of the cruising rally and any individuals acting on behalf of the organizers in any capacity do not take any responsibility for above and have not inspected or signed-off on any boats or crew in any way as part of the cruising rally.

The decision to go to sea on the days of the rally rests solely with the individual owner (or if delegated with the skipper) and not with the rally organizers.

2. Publicity

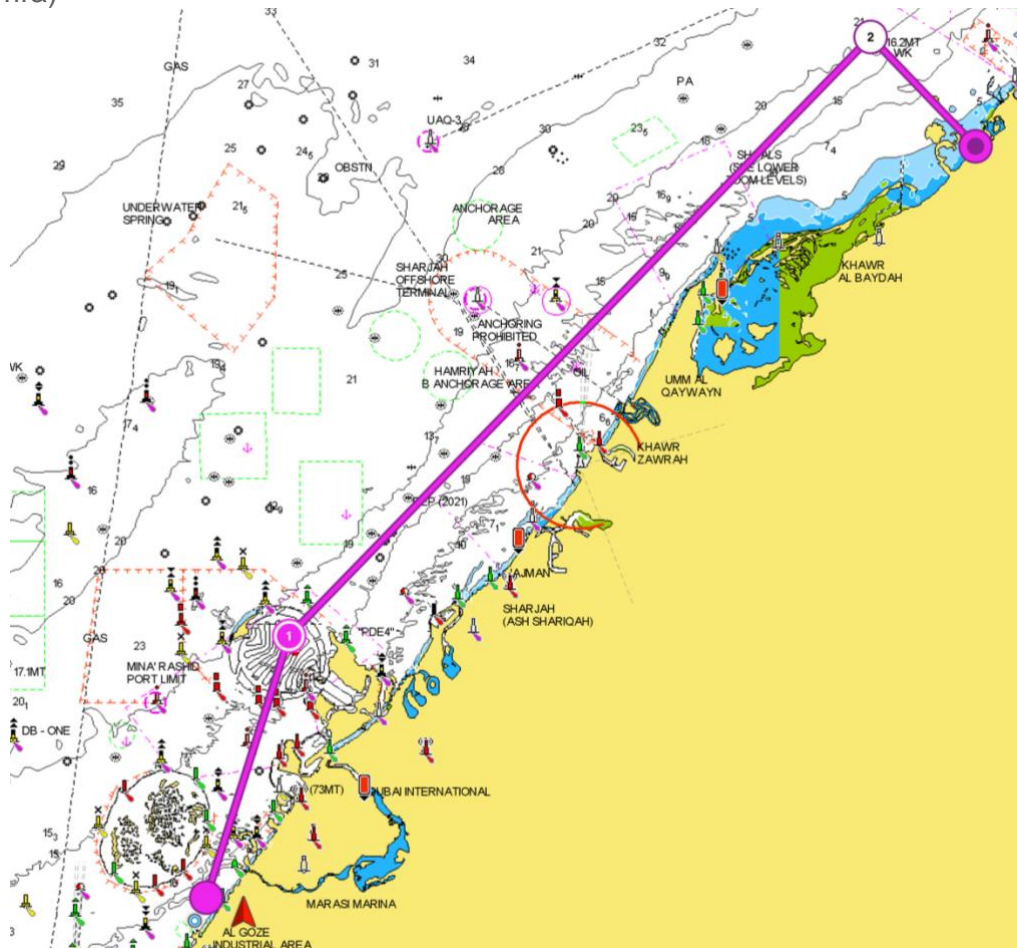
Unless explicitly communicated by the boat owner to the organizers prior to the start of the cruising rally via e-mail to cruising@doscuae.com, the organizers reserve the right to use all pictures, videos and other publicity material generated from the cruising rally in any marketing material or social media postings at any point during and after the cruising rally without obtaining explicit consent from- and without any royalty compensation to owners, skippers, crew or guests of the boats participating in the cruising rally.

3. Passage Plan

Passage is c. 50nm along the northern emirates coastline from Dubai to RAK.

Navigational notes

- Do not go too close to the shoreline if passing through the Deira Island exclusion zone
- Keep an eye out for traffic in the Sharjah anchorage area (not all boats are anchored)
- Keep clear of the shallow waters along the coast line just north of the entrance to UAQ Port
- Look out for lobster pods during the passage, but particularly on approach to RAK (Al Hamra)

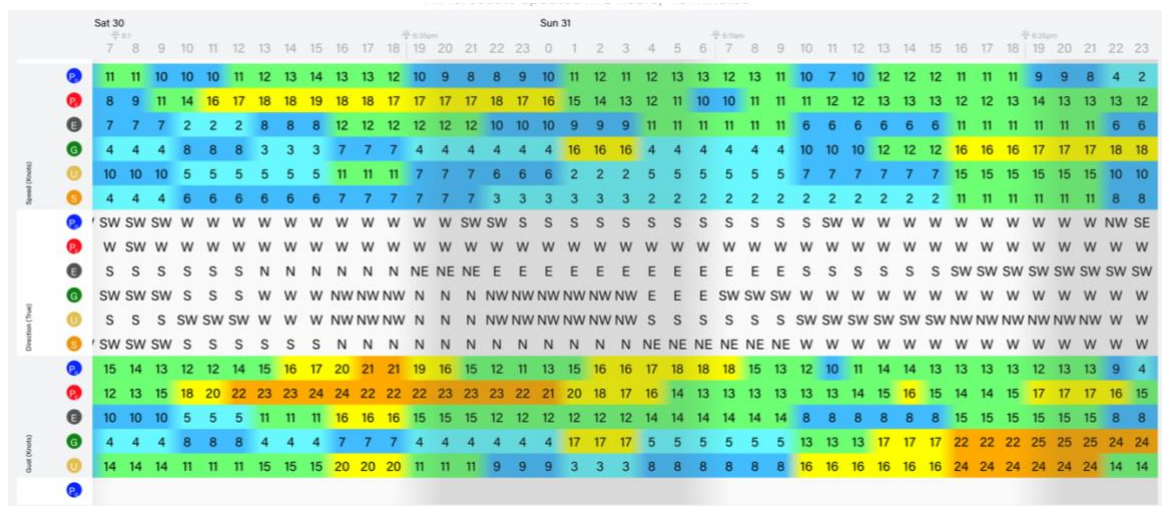


- Entrance / exit to/from Al Hamra Marina

Please do not attempt to go straight for the marina entrance, but following the port/starboard market to the starboard side of the approach to the marina, as there is a sandbank directly outside the marina entrance.



4. Preliminary weather forecast (Sat. / Sun. 30-31st March)



5. Communication

The Cruising Rally communication will be on the rally WhatsApp group

During the cruising rally communication will be on WhatsApp group to VHF ch. 08 (recommend maintaining dual-watch on VHF ch 16 and 08).

6. Shore power

Al Hamra Marina only offers 32amp or 64amp – if you have **16amp** plug you need to bring your own adapter therefore

7. Dinner on Saturday 30th March

We will have a joint Race and Rally Social at Marina Muse, the restaurant and bar attached to the Royal Yacht Club of Ras Al Khaimah.

There will be a buffet style dinner with live cooking. Cost per head AED 130 (Payable at the venue).

Those that can't make the race/rally are also welcome to join by road, and any additional guests for the buffet should be included in your boat's numbers below.

There is also a Happy Hour for drinks from 1700hrs pm until 2000hrs.

There will be a live DJ that night, so it will be a fun atmosphere at Marina Muse.

8. Optional on-shore accommodation options in Al Hamra

- *Al Hamra Village Hotel*

Standard room at AED 225 Net Room only.

Standard room at AED 300 Net with Breakfast

<https://hrewards.com/en/al-hamra-village-hotel>

- *Al Hamra Residence*

iDeluxe room at AED 375 Net Room only.

Deluxe room at AED 450 Net with Breakfast

<https://hrewards.com/en/al-hamra-residence>

To Book, please contact us via

Email: reservations@alhamraresorts.com

Landline: +971 7 2067222

WhatsApp: +971505345318

9. Berth allocation

Will be provided by Al Hamra marina 1-2 days prior to departure – please ensure you dock in the berth allocated to you.

10. Fuel

Al Hamra Marina has a dedicated fuel pontoon at the entrance to the marina

11. Extended stay option

Berthing from arrival on Saturday until 1800hrs on Sunday is complimentary. If you are wishing to stay for up to a week after a flat rate of AED 100 per night will apply from Sunday night.

20% discount on F&B at the 'Muse' marina restaurant during the extended stay (Monday onwards)

12. Dolphin sightings

The UAE Dolphin Project (www.dolphinproject.org) has requested our assistance in reporting any sightings of dolphins along the northern emirates coastline (Dubai to RAK and return), as their data on dolphin activities in this area is incomplete.



Should you sight any dolphins, please therefore

- Record the time
- Record the GPS location (lat/long – pic from chart plotter)
- Take picture / video of the sighting

Submit this data along with your name and contact number to +971 566717164 or e-mail sighting@uaedolphinproject.org

13. Turtle sightings

If you come across a sick, injured, entangled, stranded or dead sea turtle, please call the line:

800TURTLE (800 887853)

Our professionals will provide guidance. Do not attempt to remove anything from the turtle's carapace. This could harm them even more.



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The image is a vertical rectangular poster. It features a photograph of a sea turtle swimming underwater, viewed from above. The turtle's shell is dark with light spots. The background is a light, hazy blue. At the bottom of the poster, there is a logo for "PHOTOARK" with a small orange square next to the word "ARK".

14. Required documentation

All participating boats must submit the following documentation no later than Wednesday 27th March to cruising@doscuae.com

- Copy of valid boat registration
- Copy of valid DMCA / FTA Marine Drivers License
- Copy of valid UAE navigation permit (for foreign flagged boats)
- Copy of Emirates ID (or for non-resident – passport) for all onboard

In addition to the above all boats must carry an original valid sailing permit on the day of departure issued by the Dubai Coast Guard and specifying destination as Al Hamra Marina (RAK)

We are required to submit the above to Al Hamra Marina in advance of arrival on 30th March in order for them to manage to Coast Guard check-in process

See you on water ...