



Offshore Series

November 2023 to March 2024

NOTICE OF RACE Version 3

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.

1. Rules

1.1 Competitors entering the full course must carry a Life raft – failure to do so shall result in a score of DNE without hearing.

1.2 Adequate Personal flotation devices with lights shall be carried for each person on board. Tethers and spray hoods are strongly recommended for each personal floatation device.

1.3 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.4 The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.

1.5 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.

1.6 IRC rule 22.4 is amended to remove any restrictions on crew numbers and crew weight.

1.7 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.

1.8 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will 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 Entries shall be made separately for each race on the official entry form which will be available on the event page of the club website prior to the event.

3.2 Entries shall be made into the following classes.

Class	Course	Handicap Scoring
1	Full Course	IRC
2		NHC
3	Junior Course	IRC
4		NHC

3.3 Doublehanded entries are accepted into any class.

3.4 IRC TCCs may be amended during the series but if a competitor enters a race using a secondary IRC certificate this shall be considered a separate entry to any entry using a primary IRC certificate.

3.5 All boats shall hold adequate insurance for racing against third party claims in the sum of at least AED1.8 million.

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

3.7 Entries are requested 24hours prior to the scheduled start time. Full crew lists may be submitted 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time. Late entries may be excepted by the Race Committee.

3.8 For handicap events, the Race Committee may assign boats to a particular Class at its completed 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.

3.9 Other conditions of entry.

3.9.1 This event is not open to dinghies.

3.9.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry based on the type of boat not being suitable for the event.

3.9.3 The event is open to boats owned and/or skippered by DOSC members. Other boats may be accepted for entry and expressions of interest should be made to sailingadmin@doscuae.com.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1 The event is scheduled and divided into series as follows:

Race	Date	Time of 1 st Warning Signal
Offshore Series Race 1 Full Course: Dubai – Abu Dhabi Junior Course: Dubai – Dubai	Friday 17 th November 2023	1700hrs
Offshore Series Race 2 Bill Nelson Memorial Race All courses: Dubai - Dubai	Saturday 20 th January 2024	1300hrs
Offshore Series Race 3 All courses: Dubai - Rak	Friday 29 th March 2024	1700hrs

4.2 There will be a competitor briefing the Wednesday before each race at 8pm in the Tentola unless advised otherwise.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event page of the club website one week before the first race of the series.

6. Venue and Course Area

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

6.2 The course for each race will be published 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time unless

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the Race Committee have valid reason to delay in which case a notice to competitors will be posted on the event page of the club website.

7. Courses

7.1 There shall be 2 course lengths: Full & Junior.

The Full Course may start or finish at a different location and will often include sailing more than 10NM offshore, with a target time of approximately 20 hours.

The Junior Course shall be a shorter course that stays within 10NM of the shoreline, with a target time of approximately 10 hours.

7.2 Courses will be published as a Notice to Competitors in line with 6.2 above.

7.3 The course may include inflatable race marks, navigation marks, GPS waypoints or islands/land.

8. Penalty System

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

8.2 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.

9. Scoring

9.1 The minimum number of races to constitute a series is 2.

9.2 If 2 or less races are sailed all races shall be counted in the series score. If 3 races are sailed a competitor may discard their worst score.

9.3 Dual Scoring shall apply. Class 2 shall be scored including class 1 boats on NHC and Class 4 shall be scored including Class 3 boats.

10. Radio Communications

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

10.2 All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from a race.

10.3 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 10.1 and 10.2.

11. Prizes

11.1 The Offshore Series Trophy shall be awarded to winner of Class 1 – (Full Course IRC)

11.2 Other prizes will be specified in the event Sailing Instructions.

12. Risk Statement

12.1 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

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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 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 and to 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 to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

13. Inspections

13.1 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.

14. Support Boats

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

15. Use of Personal Data

15.1 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](#)

15.2 By participating in this event, all Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority (OA) and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

16. Amendments to the Notice of Race

17.1 This Notice of Race may be changed at any time by the Race Committee.

17. Further Information

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

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