

# Keelboat End of Season Regatta

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

## 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.

### 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 on the day via the sign on form available at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.
- 3.2. All boats shall hold adequate racing insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims to a sufficient sum: \$1.0 million being standard recommendation.
- 3.3. Boats entering races at DOSC which are not owned by current members will be subject to an entry fee of AED 25 + VAT per metre LOA for each day's racing. Entry fees are to be paid at 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.

3.4. The event is open to the following boats:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Rating System</b>	<b>Rating Range</b>	<b>Min No of Entries</b>
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
Multihull Class	DOSC Multihull Handicap System	N/A	3
NHC Club Class	National Handicap for Cruisers	N/A	3
J22	One Design	N/A	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 handicap or rating range may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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- 3.5. Any J22 with a valid IRC certificate will be scored into IRC3.
- 3.6. 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.
- 3.7. When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a handicap fleet.
- 3.8. Other conditions of entry.
- 3.8.1. 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.
- 3.8.2. The event is open to invited boats only.
- 3.9. 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.

#### 4. Racing Schedule

4.1. The event is scheduled as follows:

Event	Race Format	Date	Times	
Race Day 1	3 Inshore Races	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Briefing	11:30
			First Warning Signal	13:00
Race Day 2	1 Inshore Race 1 Coastal Race	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Briefing	11:30
			First Warning Signal	13:00

4.2. Each inshore races shall count as one result in the series and each Coastal races shall count as two results.

4.3. The racing schedule may be subject to change to suit weather conditions. Any changes will be posted no later than the briefing. Any changes to the racing schedule will be posted to the official event notice board no later than the briefing.

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

#### 5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. The Sailing Instructions for each event will be available at the Club and on the DOSC website before the event.

#### 6. Venue and Course Area

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

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

6.3. Coastal Races will be started within 10 miles of DOSC and remain in Dubai waters

#### 7. Courses

7.1. The inshore and Coastal courses to be sailed will be specified in the sailing instructions

## **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. Scoring will be given per the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A
- 9.2. The minimum number of races to constitute the Keelboat End of Season Race Week Keelboat Regatta is 3 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 in keelboat events.
- 10.2. 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 10.1.

## **11. Prizes**

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

## **12. Risk Statement**

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 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 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 event technical committee/race committee may conduct inspections to ensure boats are sailing in compliance with their IRC certificates. Inspections 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 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. Haul-Out**

- 15.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except within and according to the terms 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 personal data for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at [Club Data Policy](#).
- 16.2. By participating in this event, all Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority 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.

### **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 document.
- 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.