



AGMC SB20 One Design Commodores Cup

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NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is Dubai Offshore Sailing Club

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1	2024/08/24	Published
2	2024/09/25	Amendment 1 – changed warning signal time of Race Day 1
3	2024/11/04	Clarified rules of external participation – NOR 4

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24 (RRS)*. See para: *Introduction revision on page 6 of the RRS*.
- 1.2. All Competitors must adhere to DMA Regulations. It is the responsibility of the skipper to be compliant to all local authorities' rules and regulations.
- 1.3. The SB20 class rules will apply with changes under RRS 87 as described in Appendix A.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.6. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they decide that a boat, its equipment and/or helm are not adequate for the likely conditions.
- 1.7. Each boat must carry an alternative means of propulsions in the form of an engine or two paddles.
- 1.8. The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising or identification numbers chosen and supplied by the Organization Authority (OA). The OA reserves the rights to the first 20% of the hull length from the bow on both sides of the boat.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located on the event page of the Club Website.
- 3.2. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.
- 3.3. The Sailing Instructions may specify that VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate with competitors in keelboat events.
- 3.4. For boats with class rules that prohibit the use of VHF radio, boat shall be exonerated for breaking the class rule while complying with the Notice of Race.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries shall be made on the day via the sign on form available at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC).
- 4.2. All boats shall hold adequate racing insurance and in particular hold against third party claims in the sum of at least \$500,000 or AED 1,800,000.

4.3. The event is open to the following boats:

CLASS	RACING FORMAT	MIN NO OF ENTRIES PER RACE
SB20	One Design Fleet Racing	3

- 4.4. When the number of boats entered is below the minimum on a particular race day racing will be cancelled and the day may not reschedule.
- 4.5. All boats should race with a unique sail number approved by SB20 UAE Class Association clearly visible on both sides of the main sail.
- 4.6. This event is only open to one design SB20s. The Organizing Authority (OA) reserves the right to refuse any entry based on the type of boat not being suitable for the event.
- 4.7. The following entry fees will apply to for each Commodores Cup weekend – same fee for one day and two-day racing weekend.

	DOSC MEMBERS OWNED BOAT		NON-MEMBERS
	STORED AT DOSC	STORED OUTSIDE	STORED OUTSIDE
Entry fee	Free	100 AED	200 AED

- 4.8. This entry fee includes entry, berthing, launch and recovery at DOSC. Overnight berthing for non-members is subject to guest berth availability.
- 4.9. Entry fees are to be settled at the reception prior to boat being launched. Boats that fail to pay this entry fee are deemed not to have entered the day's racing and will not be included in the results.
- 4.10. Visiting boats can only remain at DOSC on racing days – from the morning of first race till evening of the last race.
- 4.11. The entry fee is non-refundable.

5. RACING SCHEDULE

5.1. The event is scheduled and divided into series as follows:

Event	Date	Times	
Race Day 1	28-Sep-2024	Briefing	1230
		First Warning Signal	1400
Race Day 2	19-Oct-2024	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 3	20-Oct-2024	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 4	23-Nov-2024	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 5	18-Jan-2025	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 6	02-Mar-2025	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 7	22-Mar-2025	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 8	23-Mar-2025	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 9	26-Apr-2025	Briefing	1130
		First Warning Signal	1300

- 5.2. Not more than 4 races per day will be sailed.
- 5.3. All races count towards the AGMC SB20 Commodore Cup Series

6. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. Boats shall carry a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board that conforms to ISO 12402 (or equivalent) and have a minimum level of 50N and be of the appropriate size.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will normally be available at the Club and on the website one week before the first race.

8. VENUE AND COURSE AREA

- 8.1. The venue will be the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC)
- 8.2. The Start line will be within 2 miles of DOSC.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The Sailing Instructions will specify any changes to RRS 44 and if RRS Appendix P applies.
- 10.2. For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, the Protest Committee or Arbitrator may decide the penalty which may be less than DSQ.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The minimum number of races to constitute the AGMC Commodores Cup SB20 One Design Series is 3 races.
- 11.2. Boats may exclude a race score from her series score after every five completed races.

12. PRIZES

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

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. 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 unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledge that:
 - a. They are aware if 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 any 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 the 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 risk 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.

14. INSPECTIONS

- 14.1. Race Officials may inspect any boat at their discretion. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable instruction to facilitate equipment inspection.
- 14.2. Inspections may take place afloat directly after 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.
- 14.3. The fact that the race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

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

16. HAUL-OUT

- 16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except within and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Race Committee.

17. USER OF PERSONAL DATA

- 17.1. I, my crew and our support persons understand that the Organizing Authority (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](#)
- 17.2. 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.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 18.1. 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 Notice of Race.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Appendix A - SB20 Class Rules Changes

SB20 class rules apply as available <https://www.sb20class.org/class-rules/> with the following changes.

1. Article C.4.1 point 1 is changed as follows.

*The boat shall be equipped with a personal flotation device for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50), or USCG Type III, or AUS PFD 1 which **may be stored on deck or inside the main storage hatch provided they are easily reachable in the event of an emergency.***

2. Article C.5.1 Mandatory Equipment is deleted entirely and replaced with the wording:

The following safety equipment shall be carried at all times:

- a) One floating throwing line, not less than 10m long and 6mm diameter.*
- b) Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1 kg.*
- c) A functioning VHF radio or a functioning mobile phone used for emergency purposes only while racing*
- d) First aid kit in waterproof container*
- e) A knife or a multi-tool containing a knife*