



DUBAI OFFSHORE
SAILING CLUB
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Dinghy Winter Regatta

14th & 15th December 2024

Notice of Race

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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 The Sailing instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Any additional rules that apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the advertisements 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 insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least AED1.0 million.
- 3.3 The event is open to the following boats:

Handicap System	Classes	Min No of Entries per Class
One Design Class Racing	Optimist Senior: (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013) Optimist Junior: (2014, 2015) Optimist Under 9: (2016 & after), Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, Weta & Rooster 8.1	3
Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Classes	Slow Handicap (PY 951 & above) Fast Handicap & Cats (PY 950 & below)	3

3.4 When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a handicap fleet.

3.5 Other conditions of entry:

3.5.1 This event is open to all types of dinghies. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry based on the type of boat not being suitable for the event.

3.5.2 If a boat does not have an allocated PY handicap number the Race Committee shall assign one.

3.5.3 The event is open to invited boats only.

4. Racing Schedule

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

Date	Race Schedule	Event	Time
14th December	Up to 3 Races	Briefing	11:30
		First Warning Signal	1300
15 th December	Up to 3 Races	Briefing	11:30
		First Warning Signal	1300

Extra races may be sailed on day 2 to maintain the original total number of scheduled races in the series.

4.2 The number of discards for the Dinghy Winter Regatta shall be 1 discard scored after the 4th race sailed.

4.3 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).

7. Courses

7.1 Courses will be detailed at the briefing.

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 the regatta shall be 2 races.

10. Prizes

10.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st to 3rd in each fleet plus any other additional categories decided by the OA.

11. Risk Statement

11.1 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 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 where 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 organiser 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 familiarise 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 so as 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.

12. Inspections

12.1 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.

13. Support Boats

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

14. 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 taking part in a race all competitors give permission to be photographed by official event photographer(s) and for such photographs or videos to be used for official purposes by Dubai Offshore Sailing Club. The OA must receive any retraction of consent at least 24 hours in advance of a race.

15. Amendments to the Notice of Race

15.1 This Notice of Race may be changed by a notice posted on the official notice board (and duplicated on the Club website).

16. Further Information

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