



Winter Regatta
December 14th & 15th 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.

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 DMA 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.: Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (this changes RRS63.7)
- 1.4. RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.
- 1.5. The official event notice board will be online at the event page on the calendar on the DOSC website.

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 the 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: 1.8 million AED being the standard recommendation.

3.3. The event is open to the following boats:

Class	Rating System	Rating Range	Min No of Entries
Multihull Class	DOSC Multihull Handicap System	All ratings	3
NHC Club Class	National Handicap for Cruisers	All ratings	3
SB20 OD Class	One Design	One Design	3
Regatta Rally	Open	NHC	3

3.4. When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a different class or the minimum number of entries may be reduced if no other suitable class is available.

3.5. This event is open to all DOSC boats AND non DOSC boats subject to invite and prior agreement. Expressions of interest from non DOSC boats should be made to racingmanager@doscuae.com.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1. The event is scheduled as follows:

Event	Date	Times	
Race Day 1	14-Dec-24	Briefing	11:30
		First Warning Signal	13:00
Race Day 2	15-Dec-24	Briefing	11:30
		First Warning Signal	13:00

4.2. Each inshore race shall count as one result in the series and each Coastal race shall count as two results. All results are individually discardable.

4.3. The racing schedule may be subject to change to suit weather conditions. Any changes will be posted no later than the briefing. IE: If racing is not possible on day 1, day 2 may be changed to 3 inshore races. Any changes to the racing schedule will be posted to the official event notice board no later than the briefing.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. The Sailing Instructions for the event will be available on the event page on the DOSC website calendar 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 Race course area will be within 10 miles of DOSC.

7. Courses

- 7.1. The inshore & Coastal courses to be sailed will be specified 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. Scoring will be given per the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A
- 9.2. The minimum number of races to constitute the Winter Regatta is 2 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.
- 10.2. For boats with a one design 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

- 12.1. 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 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 with 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 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 and/or the IRC rating authority. The OA must receive any retraction of consent at least 24hours in advance of a race.

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 Notice of Race.
- 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.