

Shorthanded Series

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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 2025-28 (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 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.

1.6. In the event if a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RR 63.7.

1.7 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

2. Advertising

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

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, boats shall be exonerated for breaking the class rule while complying with this Notice of Race.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 All entries shall sail with 2 crew (including skipper) only except for Club Class which may be sailed with up to 4 crew (including skipper).

4.2 Entries shall be made on the day via the sign on form available at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC).

4.3 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

4.4 The event is open to the following boats:

Class	Max Crew inc. Skipper	Handicap / Rating Limits	Class Flag
IRC A	2	IRC TCC of 0.931 & above	Oscar
IRC B	2	IRC TCC of 0.930 & below	Pennant 9
SB20 OD	2	SB20 One Design	SB20 Class Flag
Club	4	NHC	Juliet
Multihull	2	DMH	Foxtrot

- 4.5 IRC Overall results may be published for information
- 4.6 Boats eligible for both IRC A and SB20 OD classes shall race in the SB20 OD class. Boats in the class may still be included in the IRC Overall results providing they have an IRC certificate
- 4.7 The Sailing Instructions may amend the Rating/Handicap range for each Class.
- 4.8 For all IRC Classes a valid certificate shall be presented or verified in accordance with RRS 78.2.
- 4.9 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. Boats outside any handicap or rating range may be accepted in any class at the discretion of the RaceCommittee.
- 4.10 When the number of boats entered in a Class is below 3, boats may be re-assigned to a handicap fleet.
- 4.11 Other conditions of entry:
- 4.11.1 This event is not open to dinghies.
- 4.11.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry based on the type of boat not being suitable for the event.
- 4.11.3 The event is open to DOSC boats and other invited boats only. Non DOSC boats may make an expression of interest via sailingadmin@doscuae.com.
- 4.12 The base handicaps for the DOSC Multihull Handicap (DMH) System are determined by the Race Committee.
- 4.13 The base handicaps of the Club Class will be the NHC rating published for their boat type, or the rating assigned by DOSC
- 4.14 Both Club Class and Multihull Class will be scored using the NHC progressive handicap system in Sailwave to adjust handicaps between races based on performance

5 Racing Schedule

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

Event	Race Format	Date	Times	
Race Day 1	Coastal	06-Oct-2024	Briefing	1200
			First Warning Signal	1400
Race Day 2	Coastal	17-Nov-2024	Briefing	1200
			First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 3	Coastal	12-Jan-2025	Briefing	1200
			First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 4	Coastal	02-Feb-2025	Briefing	1200

			First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 5	Coastal	09-Mar-2025	Briefing	1200
			First Warning Signal	1400
Race Day 6	Coastal	20-Apr-2025	Briefing	1200
			First Warning Signal	1400

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

6 Sailing Instructions

6.1 The Sailing Instructions for each event will normally be available at the Club and on the Club website one day before the first race of the event.

7 Venue and Course Area

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

7.2 Races will start within 3 miles of DOSC and remain in Dubai waters.

8 Courses

8.1 The SH Series shall be coastal race format with 1 race per day.

8.2 Courses will be posted as a notice to competitors no later than the briefing for that race.

9 Penalty System

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

9.2 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.

10 Scoring

10.1 The minimum number of races to constitute the Shorthanded Series is 3 races.

10.2 There shall be 1 discard applied after 4 races sailed & 2 discards after 6 races sailed.

11 Prizes

11.1 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 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 Race Officials may inspect any boat at their discretion. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable instruction to facilitate equipment inspection.

13.2 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.

13.3 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.

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

16. Rights to use name and likeness

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 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

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.

Further Information

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