Viya Marine Keelboat and Multihull End of Season Regatta

3rd- 4th May 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is 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. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c) (2).
   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. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.
   1.7. The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.
2. **Advertising**
   2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).
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), or by email sailingadmin@doscuae.com
   4.2. Boats shall incur a 1-point standard penalty on the day of racing for the following:
      a) Failure to sign on before the briefing on that day
      b) Failure to sign off before the protest time limit for that day

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. Boats entering races at DOSC which is not owned by current members will be subject to an entry fee of AED25 + VAT per metre LOA for each day's racing. Entry Fees are to be paid to reception prior to signing on for racing. Boats that fail to pay this entry fee are deemed not to have entered the day's racing and will not be included in results.

4.5. Day Membership fees will continue to apply for all crew members of who are not current members of DOSC. Non-members who arrive to DOSC by land or water either before or after racing must report to the car park security gate on arrival to pay the appropriate day membership fee. Compliance with this is the skipper's responsibility and failure of non-member crew to pay the appropriate day membership fee may result in a boat being scored DSQ without a hearing.

4.6. The event is open to the following boats:

Class	Rating System	Rating Range	Min No of Entries
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 OD Class	One Design	N/A	3

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. Boats outside any handicap or rating range may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4.10. The sailing Instructions may amend the Rating/Handicap range for each Class.

4.11. 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.

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

4.13. Average points may be granted for boats representing the club at National level events or in other exceptional circumstances that may occur. Competitors must notify The Race Committee prior to that particular race day.

4.14. Other conditions of entry:

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

4.15. 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.

5. Racing Schedule

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

Event	Race Format	Date	Times	
Race Day 1	Inshore for IRC 1, 2, 3 & J22 OD Coastal for Multihull, IRC Cruiser & NHC Club Class	3-May-2025	Briefing	1130
			First Warning Signal	1300
Race Day 2	Coastal for all classes	4-May-2025	Briefing	1130
			First Warning Signal	1300

5.2. Up to 4 races per day may be sailed.

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

5.4. 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.

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

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 150N and be of the appropriate size.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the DOSC website before the event.

8. Venue and Course Area

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

8.2. Inshore Racecourse areas will be within 3 miles of DOSC.

8.3. Coastal Race will be started within 10 miles of DOSC and remain in Dubai waters.

9. Courses

9.1. The inshore courses to be sailed will be specified at the briefing.

9.2. The coastal course will be posted on the official noticeboard no later than the time of the briefing for that day.

10. Penalty System

10.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty. (One Tack and One Gybe),

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. Scoring will be given per the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A

11.2. The minimum number of races to constitute a series is 2 races.

11.3. The number of discardable race scores shall be given in the sailing instructions.

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

17. Use 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

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