DUBAI OFFSHORE SAILING CLUB

RAK Offshore Race & Rally

April 4th – April 6th 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club supported by Royal Yacht Club of Ras Al Khaimah

1. Rules

1.1 Competitors entering the full course race must carry a Life raft – failure to do so shall result in a score of DNE without hearing.

1.2 Adequate Personal flotation devices with lights shall be carried for each person on board. Tethers and spray hoods are strongly recommended for each personal floatation device.

1.3 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).*

1.4 The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules.

1.5 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.

1.6 IRC rule 22.4 is amended to remove any restrictions on crew numbers and crew weight.

1.7 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply for the race.

1.8 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

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 by emailing sailingadmin@doscuae.com no later than Tuesday 1st April 2025 of November. An entry fee of AED 300 applies and includes free berthing and 2 x buffet tickets for Saturday evening.

3.2 Entries shall be made into the following classes.

Class	Course	Handicap	Class Flag
Class 1	Full Course	IRC	Oscar
Class 2		DMH	
Class 3	Junior Course	IRC	
Rally Class	Rally course	NHC	

3.3 Doublehanded entries are accepted into any class.

3.4 IRC TCCs may be amended during the series but if a competitor enters a race using a secondary IRC certificate this shall be considered a separate entry to any entry using a primary IRC certificate.

3.5 All boats shall hold adequate insurance for racing against third party claims in the sum of at least AED1.8 million.

3.6 The Sailing Instructions may amend the Rating/Handicap range for each Class.

3.7 Full crew lists may be submitted 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time. Late entries may be excepted by the Race Committee.

3.8 For handicap events, the Race Committee may assign boats to a particular Class at its completed 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.

3.9 Other conditions of entry.

3.9.1 This event is not open to dinghies.

3.9.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse any entrybased on the type of boat not being suitable for the event.

3.9.3 The event is open to boats owned and/or skippered by DOSC members. Other boats may be accepted for entry and expressions of interest should be made to sailingadmin@doscuae.com.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1 The event is scheduled as follows:

Race	Date	Start Time
Race	Friday 4th April 2025	1700hrs
Rally	Saturday 5th April 2025	0700

4.2 There will be a competitor briefing on Wednesday 2nd April at 8pm in the Loft unless advised otherwise.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event page of the club website No later than Thursday 3rd of April at 1700.

6. Venue and Course Area

6.1 The venue will be the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC) to Royal Yacht Club of Ras Al Khaimah.

6.2 The course will be published 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time unless the Race Committee have valid reason to delay in which case a notice to competitors will be posted on the event page of the club website.

7. Courses

7.1 The course will be detailed in the sailing instructions

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 detailed 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 in keel boat events.

10.2 All boats shall carry an operational VHF radio while racing, proceeding to a race or returning from a race.

10.3 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 10.1 and 10.2.

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 agreesand 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 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. Use of Personal Data

15.1 I, my crew and our support persons understand that the OA will hold and use our personaldata for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at Club Data Policy

15.2 By participating in this event, all Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority (OA) and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuality, to make use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

16. Amendments to the Notice of Race

17.1 This Notice of Race may be changed at any time by the Race Committee.

17. Further Information

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

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