

DOSC Offshore Series

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NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority is Dubai Offshore Sailing Club

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[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28 (RRS).
- 1.2. All competitors must adhere to DMA Regulations and UAE Federal Law. 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).
- 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. This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by entering a boat into any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with UAE law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the UAE Courts.
- 1.6. For IRC, IRC rules parts A, B & C shall apply.
- 1.7. For IRC, boats shall be able to use stored power for steering.
- 1.8. For Club & Multihull, RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.
- 1.9. APPENDIX RV (Reduced Visibility)

Except when otherwise stated in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of sunset and sunrise as stated in the Sailing Instructions and shall be replaced with RRS Appendix RV or by Government right-of-way rules. A boat may take a time penalty as specified when they may have broken this rule while racing.

- 1.10 APPENDIX WP (Rules for racing around waypoints)

Appendix WP will apply when specified in the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Club and on the website one week before each race.
- 2.2. Each race will be governed by its own Sailing Instructions, issued separately.

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 by [email-sailingadmin@doscuae.com](mailto:sailingadmin@doscuae.com).
- 3.3. The Sailing Instructions will specify that VHF radio will be used by the Race Committee to communicate with competitors in keelboat events.
- 3.4. Boats may carry a VHF radio onboard. For boats with class rules that prohibit the use of VHF radio, boats 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 by email to sailingadmin@doscuae.com prior to the time of the briefing unless otherwise specified in the Sailing Instructions. Late entries may be accepted at the organising authorities discretion.
- 4.2. The event is open to the following boats:

Class	Rating System	Min No of Entries over the Series
IRC	IRC	3
Multihull Class	DOSC Multihull Handicap System	3
Club Class	National Handicap for Cruisers	3

- 4.3. For IRC, boats shall hold a valid 2025 IRC certificate.
- 4.4. The organising authority may split, add or remove classes at it's discretion.
- 4.5. Boats outside any handicap or rating range may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.6. 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.
- 4.7. When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum, boats may be re-assigned to a handicap fleet.
- 4.8. Crew lists must be submitted no later than 1 hour before the scheduled first warning signal for each race, by email to sailingadmin@doscuae.com.
- 4.9. 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.

4.10. 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.

4.11. The base handicaps for the DOSC Multihull Handicap (DMH) System shall be assigned by DOSC.

4.12. The base handicaps for Club Class shall be the NHC rating published for their boat type on the list held by DOSC or if not listed shall be assigned by DOSC.

4.13. Boats wishing to enter that are not owned by a current DOSC member should make an expression of interest in advance via sailingadmin@doscuae.com.

5. FEES

5.1. Any related fees may be detailed in the sailing instructions or event memo for each race.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. IRC rule 22.4 is deleted, to remove any restrictions on crew numbers and crew weight.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

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

Event	Race Format	Date	Times	
			Briefing	
Pink Parade Race DOSC to Dubai Islands Marina (6 Hour)	Short Offshore	25-Oct-2025	Briefing	22 nd Oct-2000
			First Warning Signal	25 th Oct-1200
Dubai to Khasab (DOSC to Khasab)	Long Offshore	07 to 08-Nov-2025	Briefing	5 th Nov-2000
			First Warning Signal	7 th Nov-1300
Bill Nelson Memorial Race DOSC to Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club	Long Offshore	28 to 29-Nov-2025	Briefing	26 th Nov-2000
			First Warning Signal	28 th Nov-1700
DOSC to DOSC (8-10 Hour)	Short Offshore	17-Jan-2026	Briefing	14 th Jan-2000
			First Warning Signal	17 th Jan-1200
DOSC to DOSC (8-10 Hour)	Short Offshore	28-Feb-2026	Briefing	25 th Feb-2000
			First Warning Signal	28 th Feb-1200
DOSC to Royal Yacht Club of Ras Al Khaimah	Long Offshore	03 to 04-Apr-2026	Briefing	1 st Apr-2000
			First Warning Signal	3 rd Apr-1700

9.2. One (1) Race is scheduled for each event.

9.3. The racing schedule may be subject to change to suit weather conditions. Any changes to the racing schedule may be posted to the official event notice board no later than the briefing.

9.4. Measurement or inspection may be scheduled by the Race Committee at any time.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

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

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. For each Long Offshore, competitors must carry a Life raft, failure to do so shall result in disqualification that is not excludable without hearing.

11.2. For all races each crew member shall have a lifejacket and tether compliant with section 5 of The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 3 and any amendments thereto for 2025/26.

11.3. For all races, all boats shall have Jackstays and Clipping Points compliant with section 4 of The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 3 and any amendments thereto for 2025/26.

11.4. (a) For all Offshore Races; Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal floatation device adequate for the conditions."

(b) However, in Offshore Races a combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- a. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- b. When alone on deck
- c. When reefed
- d. When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- e. When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

(c) Each competitor shall carry a waterproof torch when on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

12. VENUE

12.1. The venue will be specified in the sailing instructions.

12.2. Races will be started within 5 miles of DOSC and finish in the locations noted in NOR 9.1. Further information will be provided in the sailing instructions for each event.

13. COURSES

13.1. The course for each event will be posted on the official noticeboard no later than one day before the event.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS Appendix T will apply.

14.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.3. TAKING A PENALTY (RRS 44)

When the right-of-way rules of RRS Appendix RV apply (between the hours of local sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies. A scoring penalty shall be declared to the race committee within the protest time limit. This adds to RRS 44.3.

14.4. The penalty for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of Parts 1 and 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

15. SCORING

15.1. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. RRS A5.3 applies.

15.3. RRS A5.3 does not apply for boats that are disqualified.

15.4. Short Offshore races as noted in NOR 9.1 will be scored in the series with a multiplier of 1.0.

15.5. Long Offshore races as noted in NOR 9.1 will be scored in the series with a multiplier of 1.5.

15.6. (a) Once 3no. Short Offshore races have been completed, a boat may discard their worst score for a Short Offshore race.

(b) Once 3no. Long Offshore races have been completed, a boat may discard their worst score for a Long Offshore race.

(c) A boat's series score shall exclude a maximum of one Short Offshore race and one Long Offshore race.

15.7. Club Class and Multihull Class will be scored using the NHC progressive handicap system in Sailwave to adjust handicaps between races based on performance.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

Does not apply.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18. BERTHING

18.1. Berthing information may be detailed in a notice to competitors or event memo for each event.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC TOOLS

Does not apply.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. Competitors, crew and support persons must understand that the Organizing Authority (OA) will hold and use personal data for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at Club Data Policy.

21.2. DOSC and/or participating in DOSC-affiliated activities, whether on or off the official DOSC premises, competitors grant DOSC, on behalf of competitors, competitor's family, including their child(ren), and/or competitor's guests the irrevocable right and permission to photograph and/or record competitors, competitor's family, competitor's child(ren) and/or competitor's guests and to use the photograph(s) and/or recording(s) for any purpose as determined by DOSC at its sole discretion. Competitors waive any right to inspect or approve the use of the photograph(s) and/or recording(s), as well as any rights that competitors may have regarding the photograph(s) and/or recording(s) that may arise now, in the past or in the future. Competitors acknowledge and agree that the rights granted in this release are without compensation.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. 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 if 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 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.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. 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.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded for each race as detailed in the sailing instructions.

24.2. Series prizes will be awarded for each class at the DOSC Awards Ceremony for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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