

ABU DHABI SAILING CLUB OPEN REGATTA 2025

UAE NATIONAL SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP - ROUND 7

The Organising Authority is the UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation in conjunction with the Abu Dhabi Sailing Club (ADSC).

The venue will be the facilities of The Club, Mina Saadiyat in Abu Dhabi.

NOTICE OF RACE - 15 & 16 November 2025

1 Rules

- 1.1. The UAE SARF National Sailing Championship will be governed by:
 - the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025/2028 (RRS)
 - Current Class Rules of IODA and ILCA
 - This Notice of Race, which may be changed by an amendment
 - The Sailing Instructions for Round 7, and
 - Any subsequent amendment or notice issued by the Race Committee (RC) or Jury with approval of the Organising Authority (OA).
- 1.2. The language of the series will be English.

2 Advertising

- 2.1. The OA may require participants to display event advertising.
- 2.2. Any such advertising will be provided by the OA and shall be displayed as described in the Sailing Instructions.

3 Entry

- 3.1. Eligible boats may enter on the day by completing an Entry Form, Appendix A.
- 3.2. For Optimist and ILCA 4 classes, sailors shall provide proof of age upon entry.
- 3.3. Entries will be displayed on the Official Notice Board from 1130 on 15th November 2025. This should be considered as confirmation of Entry.
- 3.4. There is no entry fee.

4 Eligibility

- 4.1. The event is open to sailors registered with the UAE SARF in the following classes:

	Class	Sub fleet	Age Limit
1	Optimist	Overall	Born in 2010 or after
1a		Girls	Born in 2010 or after
1b		Under 12	Born in 2014 or after
2	ILCA 4	Overall	Born in 2008 or after
2a		Girls	Born in 2008 or after
3	ILCA 6	Overall	Open
3a		Women	Open
4	ILCA 7	Overall	Open
4a		Master	Aged 30 and above
		Grand Master	Aged 45 and above

5 **Schedule**

5.1. Schedule of events:

Date	Time	Description
Friday 14 November 2025	1500	Dinghy Park Open
Saturday 15 November 2025	0900 - 1100	Registration
	1000	Coaches Briefing
	1100	Competitors Briefing
	1200	Launch from The Club
	1230	First Warning Signal
Sunday 16 November 2025	0900	Competitors Briefing
	1000	Launch from The Club
	1030	First Warning Signal
	1530	No further Warning Signals
	1700	Awards Ceremony

5.2. The OA reserves the right to modify the program, for safety reasons.

5.3. A maximum of 4 races are scheduled each day.

5.4. No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours on Sunday 16th November 2025.

6 **Format**

6.1. The ADSC Open Regatta will consist of a series of races, sailed back-to-back.

7 **Measurement**

7.1. Equipment may be scrutinised or measured at any time during the event by the OA for compliance with Class Rules.

7.2. Sails may carry sail numbers in contravention of Class Rules if approved by the OA.

8 **Sailing Instructions**

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be made available after 10th November 2025.

9 **Venue**

9.1. The venue will be at The Club, Mina Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi.

9.2. The Race Office will be in the Front Lounge, Slipway Building of Abu Dhabi Sailing Club. (Appendix D)

9.3. The boat park and launching area are set out in Appendix D.

9.4. The Sailing Areas to be used are set out in Appendix B and may be amended at any time by the OA, depending on weather conditions.

9.5. Sailors should allow adequate time each day to get to the sailing areas.

10 **Courses**

10.1. The courses for all fleets may be either Trapezoid or Windward/Leeward.

10.2. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 **Penalty System**

11.1. Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS42, will apply.

11.2. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

12 Jury and Protests

- 12.1. UAE SARF will appoint a National Jury.
- 12.2. The decisions of the Jury will be final and the right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.3(c). RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 12.3. Protest hearings may be scheduled after the prize giving in order to avoid delay of the awards ceremony. If a protest affects a podium position the OA may choose to award the prizes for that class after the ceremony has concluded.

13 Scoring

- 13.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2. Ranking in sub-fleets will be determined by a sailor's overall ranking in the Class.
- 13.3. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a valid regatta.
- 13.4. When 3 races or less have been completed, there are no discards.
- 13.5. When 4 races or more have been completed, a boat's score will be her total score excluding her worst score.

14 Support Boats

- 14.1. Support boats shall be registered with the organising committee.
- 14.2. It is the responsibility of the driver of the support boat to ensure they comply with all local legislation and hold the relevant licence for use of the support boat in UAE waters. The OA will hold no responsibility for non-compliance.
- 14.3. Support boats shall clearly display their club or country insignia for the sailors they are supporting.

15 Medals and Prize Money

- 15.1. Prizes / Medals will be awarded to the Top 3 in each class and sub-fleet.
- 15.2. There is no Prize Money for this regatta.
- 15.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 15.4. Competitors are instructed that no sponsor flags, other than official sponsors of the event, are to be displayed on the podium during the prize presentation on Sunday 16th November 2025.

16 Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1. All competitors and support teams must be aware that the nature of marine sporting activities may include injury or death. Competitors and support teams participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 "Decision to Race" and RRS 4 "Acceptance of the Rules."
- 16.2. Sailing is by its very nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor and support team agrees and acknowledges that:
 - They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the regatta;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - By participating in any race they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; and
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the OA and The Club does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 16.3. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- 16.4. The Club, ADSC and the UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation and any persons appointed as part of the OA and RC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.
- 16.5. For all sailors under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian shall sign the disclaimer on the sailor's entry form.
- 16.6. The Club will provide overnight storage space for competitor's equipment. However, The Club and the Organising Authorities will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of competitor's equipment whilst stored on The Club premises.

17 Insurance

- 17.1. It is the responsibility of the boat's owner to ensure that a boat is insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with coverage taking into account the value of the boat.
- 17.2. The original insurance certificate or a copy thereof must be made available in case of an incident.

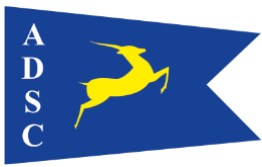
18 Rights to use name and likeness

- 18.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the regatta sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, images, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water, from time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.
- 18.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment, at the discretion of the OA.
- 18.3. Selected competitors may be required to attend a pre-event press conference.

19 Contacts of the Organising Authority

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Appendix A - Entry Form & Disclaimer of Liability

I / We agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.

I / We confirm to having read and understand the Notice of Race, the Disclaimer of Liability, the Risk Statement and the Media Rights, Camera and Electronic Equipment clauses.

Name of Sailor (or legal guardian in under 18 years of age)	
Nationality	
Class competing in	
Signed	

Appendix B - Racing Areas

The racing area may be either:

1. Racing area A, located in the waters between Saadiyat Island to the east and Reem Island to the west, approximately 15 minutes sailing time from the The Club; or



2. Racing area B, located in the waters to the north-west of the main channel, approximately 45 minutes sailing time from The Club.



The green area indicates the route to Racing Area B, whilst the yellow area indicates the location being used.

Whilst sailing towards the racing areas, care must be taken whilst passing under the bridges near to The Club and sailors should be aware of the wind shadow the bridges create. In both racing areas, consideration should be taken of tidal conditions and any shipping that could be in the channel. Support boats are allowed to tow competitors to and from the racing areas, at their discretion.

Appendix C - Event Guidelines

Entry to The Club

- Please enter The Club via the rear car park and park in the designated areas, as instructed by The Club staff or Regatta volunteers.
- Please carry a valid ID (e.g. Emirates ID) to present at the entrance upon arrival. Failure to do so may result in refusal of entry.
- We encourage participants to bring their boats and equipment, including support boats, on Friday 14th November 2025 from 3pm onwards. Access to The Club will be available from 8am on Saturday 15th November 2025.

Children's Safety

- For the safety of all attendees, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and remain under their direct supervision.
- A designated area and activities will be provided for children during the event.

Refreshments

- Food and beverages will be sold and are available from The Club during the event.
- Kindly note it is strictly forbidden to bring outside food and drinks onto The Club premises.
- Alcoholic beverages will only be served to individuals aged 21 and above.
- Participants will be provided with water throughout the event. Please be sure to stay hydrated at all times.

Important Reminders

- Participants are encouraged to bring their own towels. Towels will be available for purchase during the event.
- Should you require first aid and/or medical treatment during the event, please contact the nearest member of The Club staff, who may accompany you to the event ambulance situated in the Boat Park.

Appendix D - Event Area Map

