

IRC Middle East Championships 2025

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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. 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. IRC rules parts A, B & C shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Club and on the website one day before the first race day.

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 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 on the day via the sign on form available at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC), or by email (sailingadmin@doscuae.com).

4.2. 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
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4.3. Boats shall hold a valid 2025 IRC certificate.

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

4.5. 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.

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

4.7. 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.

4.8. 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. There shall be no entry fees for boats which are owned or helmed by a current DOSC member.

5.2. Boats which are not owned or helmed by a current DOSC member are subject to an entry fee of AED25 + VAT per metre LOA for each day's racing. Entry Fees shall 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.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate. There is no weight limit".

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:

IRC 1, 2, 3

Event	Race Format	Date	Times (Briefing/ First Warning Signal)
Race Day 1	Inshore	13-Dec-2025	1100h / 1300h
Race Day 2	Coastal	14-Dec-2025	1100h / 1300h

IRC Cruiser

Event	Race Format	Date	Times (Briefing/ First Warning Signal)
Race Day 1	Coastal	13-Dec-2025	1100h / 1300h
Race Day 2	Coastal	14-Dec-2025	1100h / 1300h

9.2. Three (3) Races are scheduled for an Inshore Race Day.

9.3. One (1) Race is scheduled for a Coastal Race Day.

9.4. Each Inshore Race will count as one result in the series and each Coastal Race will count as two results.

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

9.6. 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. 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 50N and be of the appropriate size.

11.2. Boats may carry and use while racing a GPS and/or Chart Plotter. For boats with class rules that prohibit the use of GPS and/or Chart Plotters, boats shall be exonerated for breaking the class rule while complying with the Notice of Race.

12. VENUE

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

12.2. Races will be started within 4 nautical miles of DOSC.

12.3. The race area will be specified at the briefing for that day.

13. COURSES

13.1. The inshore courses to be sailed will be a mixture of 'windward/leeward', 'round the cans', and similar style courses and will be specified at the briefing for the day.

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

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. 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.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

16.1. Support boats may be subject to restrictions that will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18. BERTHING

Does not apply.

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 specified in the event Sailing Instructions

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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