DUBAI OFFSHORE SAILING CLUB

DOSC to DOSC (Short)-DOSC Offshore Series

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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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. RRS 32.1 is changed to add: (e) for any reason considered appropriate by the Race Committee, (f) an action of governmental or other authority.

1.3. The Race Committee may stop a boat leaving shore, or require it to return ashore, if they consider that the boat, its equipment and/or helm are not adequate for the likely conditions.

1.4. Appendix WP will apply.

1.5. The venue will be DOSC.

1.6. These Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by entering a boat into any race or event governed by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, 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.

1.7. RRS 41(c) is replaced by:
(c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation."

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 80 minutes before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2. [NP] Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the Race Committee boat displaying flag L with one sound signal. The Race Committee will broadcast the change on the VHF channel specified at the briefing. The change will be posted on the Official Notice Board ashore before the end of the day's racing.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event page of the Club Website.

3.2. The Race Committee will make communications with competitors on water on VHF channel 08.

3.3. The race office is located at the DOSC Sailing Admin Office, email-sailingadmin@doscuae.com

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Race Official.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club Flagstaff.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP. A notice of this race signal will be posted on the official notice board on the Club's event webpage.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. The race is scheduled as per the Notice of Race.

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before the first warning signal of the day is made.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class flags will be:

CLASS	HANDICAP	FLAG
IRC Racer/Cruiser	IRC	Oscar
Club	NHC	
Multihull	DAH	

7.2. Boats racing under Club or Multihull class may have their handicap number adjusted between races. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 61.4 (b).

7.3. For boats racing under the DAH system, any changes to the boat, rigging, sails or equipment that could materially affect the performance of the boat during the series shall be notified in writing to the Race Committee before the start of the next race entered.

7.4. The Race Committee may at its sole discretion move boats between classes.

7.5. The Race Committee may adjust the definition, the numbers, and/or the handicap limits of Classes. Such decisions will be posted as a notice to competitors.

7.6. Competitors are not required to display class flags.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The location of racing areas will be detailed in a notice to competitors no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal.

9. COURSES

9.1. The course will be detailed in a notice to competitors no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal.

9.2. The GPS details included in the notice to competitors are provided using the WGS84 datum. These details are approximate and no request for redress from a boat will be considered for a minor deviation of position. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

9.3. The Race committee may include Virtual Timing Gates along the course. Details and coordinates will be included in the notice to competitors detailing the course.

9.4. All boats shall be responsible for recording a GPS time-stamped (e.g. photographic) record of when and where they cross each intermediate gate crossing time and the finish line, that may be used for evidence in the event of a dispute or equipment failure/loss. The Lat/Long coordinates of the end points of the virtual line take precedence over any distinguishing buoy, mark or landmark listed. Boats shall lodge any disputes over such finish times within the race protest cut-off time. Boats are required to email their gate time to sailingadmin@doscuae.com within 60 minutes of finishing.

9.5. If a boat temporarily stops racing, they shall immediately inform the Race Committee explaining the circumstances and their plan by telephone, text message, or email (sailingadmin@doscuae.com).

9.6. If a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency, the crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings.

9.7. If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on re-joining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and continue to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form. This changes RRS 42, 45 and 48.

9.8. A boat that is secured in harbour may receive any assistance necessary to effect repairs. This changes RRS 41 & 48.

10. MARKS

10.1. The marks will be detailed in a notice to competitors no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. The Navigational Exclusion Zone located offshore the Umm Sequim coastal area is designated as an obstruction.

11.2. Any government-enforced exclusion zone shall be considered an obstruction unless noted otherwise in the course information

12. THE START

12.1. The starting line will be detailed in a notice to competitors no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal.

12.2. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

12.3. If any part of a boat's hull, is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 08 (INT).

Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF Channel 08 (INT). A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12.5. Under World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01, change the definition Start as follows:

Start *A* boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre- start side of the starting line, and having complied. with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last minute before her starting signal.

When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, but, if she does not the starting penalty shall be one hour to the boat's elapsed time.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Does not apply.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line will be detailed in a notice to competitors no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal.

14.2. Boats must declare their finish time as specified in a notice to competitors via email to sailingadmin@doscuae.com, within 60 minutes of finishing.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. When Appendix RV applies (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall receive a penalty of one hour added to her elapsed time. There is no requirement to display a yellow flag. A boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall inform the protestor immediately after the incident by any means available at the time and advise the Race Committee. This changes RRS 44.3(a) and RRS 44.3(b).

16. [NP] TIME LIMITS

16.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time Limit (1) For the first boat to finish as RRS 35.	Target Finish Time
All Classes	18hrs	10hrs

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

17.2. Hearing requests can be lodged via email to sailingadmin@doscuae.com.

17.3. A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finished, inform the race committee via email (sailingadmin@doscuae.com) at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

17.4. Notices will be posted no later than 48 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located and beginning at the time mentioned in the notice.

18. SCORING

18.1. RRS A5.3 applies.

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

18.3. Boats that do not finish within the time limit shall be finished at the last gate they passed through under sail before the time limit expired. Once a boat starts their engine the previous gate is deemed as their finishing gate. A boat that finishes the complete course within the time limit shall not be placed below one that does not, and no boat shall be placed higher than a boat finishing at gate beyond the one at which she finishes. In the event that a boat becalmed starts its engine in order to make progress, the time and position of that event shall be noted for possible future declaration. A boat that uses its engine to make progress shall be deemed as having finished at the last gate she passed through under sail, even if she then continues to sail the rest of the course. This changes RRS 28.1, 35 & A5.

18.4. The Race Committee may shorten a course at any virtual gate line specified in the course description. Boats shall finish by crossing the virtual gate line as described in course diagrams, from the direction of the previous gate, last mark or island. Where possible, the Race Committee may announce this to all competitors by issuing a SMS/WhatsApp broadcast group message to all competitors on their registered numbers. The shortened course may be signalled after the first boat has crossed the finish line. This changes rule 32.2.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.2. The declaration & waiver form (found on the ONB) must be submitted 60 minutes before the first warning singal to the RC via email (sailingadmin@doscuae.com).

19.3. No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of the race, signed the official declaration and waiver. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to require a signed declaration and waiver from each crew member.

19.4. Boats are advised to carry a switched on and transmitting AIS Transponder receiving at all times during Offshore Races.

20. TRASH

20.1. Trash may be placed aboard official DOSC support vessels.

21. BERTHING

21.1. Boats requiring a temporary berth at DOSC prior to the start should request the same in advance via sailingadmin@doscuae.com.

22. PRIZES

22.1. Daily prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Daily prizes may be awarded based on provisional results prior to protest hearings and prior to expiration of the Time Limit.