

Keelboat & Multihull Dust Remover

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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.
- 1.3. IRC 2025 Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply for all IRC Classes.
- 1.4. [DP] Competitors must sign on 90 minutes ahead of the first warning signal and sign off within the protest time limit on the Club House sign in/off sheet. Sign off by email to sailingadmin@doscuae.com is permitted.
- 1.5. RRS 27.3 and 32 are changed to include: "If a government instruction, directive, or official communication, including an Emergency Public Safety Alert, is issued that affects the safety or legality of starting or continuing a race, the race shall be considered abandoned immediately, without the need for a signal or further notice from the Race Committee."

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 the VHF channel specified at the briefing.
- 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 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Races are 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.
- 6.3. Classes may be combined for any start, but no Class will start earlier than as published.
- 6.4. For the first starting sequence, the race officer will try to indicate the probable order at the briefing. For subsequent starting sequences the class order will be as signalled by the Race Committee.
- 6.5. No warning signal will be made after 1730.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags will be:

CLASS	HANDICAP/RATING LIMITS	FLAG
IRC 1	IRC TCC 1.031 & above	Oscar
IRC 2	IRC TCC 1.030 to 0.945	Tango
IRC 3	IRC TCC 0.944 & below	Delta
J22 OD Class	One Design J22	
IRC Cruiser	IRC Class open to invited boats	Pennant 9
Club	NHC	Juliet
Multihull	DOSC Multi Adjusted Handicap (DAH)	Foxtrot

- 7.2. Boats racing under the DOSC Multi Adjusted Handicap (DAH) system will be allocated a Base Number by the Race Committee. A boat's handicap may be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 61.4 (b).
- 7.3. All J22's must carry a valid IRC Certificate and will only be scored in the J22 One design division. J22's will not be eligible to race in IRC 3 division.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. The Race Committee may at its sole discretion move boats between Classes.

- 7.6. 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.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The location of the racing areas shall be detailed at the briefing

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses shall be detailed at the briefing.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The marks will be detailed at the briefing.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

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

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line shall be detailed at the briefing.
- 12.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. A boat breaking this SI may be penalised by the race committee with a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Does not apply.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line shall be detailed at the briefing.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be 25% of the number of boats entered on the day of racing, calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

16. [NP] TIME LIMITS

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

Class	Time Limit (1) For the 1st boat to finish as RRS 35.	Time limit (2) Latest time to finish	Target Finish Time
All Classes	80mins	100mins	60mins

- 16.2. Boats that do not finish within time limit (2) will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

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 request forms are available from the race office at the sailing admin office.
- 17.3. A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee at the finishing line as soon as reasonably possible.
- 17.4. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(c).
- 17.5. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes 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.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

20. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Does not apply.

23. SUPPORT TEAMS

Does not apply.

24. TRASH

- 24.1. Trash may be placed aboard official DOSC support vessels.

25. BERTHING

Does not apply.

26. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC TOOLS

Does not apply.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

28. RISK STATEMENT

Does not apply.

29. INSURANCE

Does not apply.