

AGMC Dinghy Commodores Cup

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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. RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices, shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.4. 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 before 1100 or no later than 70 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 1800 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 and support boats will hail the change and repeat it as necessary until acknowledged by each boat. 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(s) located in the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.
- 3.2. 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 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3. [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the slipway or beach until this signal is made. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

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 1630.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
Optimist Overall, Junior & Cadet	Optimist Class Flag
ILCA 4	Yellow ILCA Flag
ILCA 6	Green ILCA Flag
ILCA 7	White ILCA Flag
Rooster 8.1	Tango
Weta	Pennant 6
Slow Handicap	Pennant 8
Fast Handicap	Foxtrot

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses and race area assignments 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. Races will be started by using RRS 26. For the Optimist class, the warning signal will be made 5 minutes before the starting signal. For all other classes, the warning signal will be 3 minutes before the starting signal.

12.3. Races will be started as follows:

12.3.1. For Fast Handicap, Slow Handicap, Weta, Rooster 8.1, ILCA 4, 6 and 7:

SIGNAL	FLAG
3 minutes	Class Flag displayed
2 minutes	P, U or Black Flag displayed
1 minute	P, U or Black Flag removed
START	Class Flag removed

12.3.2. For the Optimist class:

SIGNAL	FLAG
5 minutes	Class Flag displayed
4 minutes	P, U or Black Flag displayed
1 minute	P, U or Black Flag removed
START	Class Flag removed

12.4. 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.

12.5. 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

13.1. The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

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

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. Refer to the Notice of Race for the penalty system.

16. [NP] TIME LIMITS

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

Class	Time Limit (1) For the 1 st boat to finish as RRS 35.	Time limit (2) Latest time to finish	Target Finish Time
Optimist (Overall, Junior & Cadet)	40mins	50mins	30mins

ILCA 4	40mins	50mins	30mins
ILCA 6&7, Rooster 8.1s, Slow Handicap	60mins	75mins	45mins
Fast Handicap	60mins	70mins	50mins

- 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. 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 at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 17.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the sailing admin office.
- 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.
- 18.3. Average Points:
- 18.3.1. Average points may be granted by the Race Committee for boats representing DOSC or SARF at an approved national or international event, or in other exceptional circumstances approved by the Race Committee if requested by a competitor as described in 18.3.2.
- 18.3.2. Competitors requesting average points shall notify the Race Committee via email-sailingadmin@doscuae.com no later than 24 hours prior to the affected race day's first warning signal.
- 18.3.3. Average points shall be calculated as the points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all races in the series she started in. No other boat's score shall change.
- 18.3.4. A boat shall only be eligible for average points if she has started at least 50% of the races scored in the series.

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. OFFICAL VESSLES

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 to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class

27.2. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority

27.3. Daily prizes will be presented at approx. 1730hrs

28. RISK STATEMENT

Does not apply.

29. INSURANCE

29.1. Refer to the Notice of Race for insurance requirements.