

Shorthanded 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.
- 1.3. [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.
- 1.4. 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 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 Racer/Cruiser	IRC LWP of 7.15m & above	Oscar
IRC Day Boats	IRC LWP of 7.14m & below	
SB20 OD	SB20 One Design	
Club	NHC	
Multihull	DMH	

- 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. For boats racing under the DMH 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 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 1 st boat to finish as RRS 35.	Time limit (2) Latest time to finish after first boat in class	Target Finish Time
All Classes	3.5hrs	75 minutes	2.5hrs

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 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.

17.4. 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. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Does not apply.

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. Daily prizes will be awarded as below, subject to the number of boats starting the race each day.

Number of Boats	Daily Prizes
2	1 st
3	1 st , 2 nd
4+	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

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

27.3. Daily prizes will be presented in the Clubhouse at approx. 1730hrs

28. RISK STATEMENT

28.1. 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.

29. INSURANCE

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