

2016

DUBAI to MUSCAT OFFSHORE SAILING RACE

25th Anniversary



Thursday 10 November – Tuesday 15 November 2016

Notice of Race

All times are local (UAE / GMT+4)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Organising Authority for the 2016 Dubai to Muscat Race is the United Arab Emirates Sailing and Rowing Federation (UAE SARF). The race is recognised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC).

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing as may be amended by class rules or in the Sailing Instructions
- 2.2 The following prescriptions will also apply.
- The IRC Rules Parts A, B and C will apply to IRC classes except that IRC Rule 22.4.2 will not apply.
 - IRC Designated One Design Boats shall comply with Class Rules. For all other boats Class Rules do not apply.
 - The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR 2016-2017, Category 3 with Life Raft).
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 2.4 This Notice of Race may be changed by a published amendment and by the Sailing Instructions, and in case of conflict, RRS 63.7 will apply.
- 2.5 Except when otherwise stated in Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IRPCS (International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea).
- 2.6 Boats shall keep clear of all International Marine Exclusion Zones or other Restricted Areas. Details will be shown in the SI. A penalty for an infringement of this rule will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification (Amends RRS 64.1(a)).
- 2.7 Boats shall at all times keep clear of Iranian territorial waters and a minimum of 15 nautical miles offshore of Iranian Territories. Details will be shown in the SI.
- 2.8 **Use of Engine**
- 2.8.1 Competitors are reminded of RRS 42.1 'a boat shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain, or decrease his speed'.

When a boat uses its engine to avoid collision or in a grave emergency, the facts (including exact time of engine start and finish, and exact distance and track covered whilst under power) shall be reported to the race committee at the finish. The Race Committee will apply a penalty of 10% (minimum 1 place) except when the boat can bring evidence that the circumstances which led to the use of the engine were entirely outside her control (when the penalty may be waived). However, the protest

committee after a hearing may disqualify the boat when it judges a significant advantage was gained.

2.8.2 Notwithstanding the above, a boat's elapsed time will be counted from the starting signal until she finishes.

2.9 Use of Life Jackets

All crew are to be made aware of their responsibility in rules observance and in particular RRS1.2 (wearing a personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions).

It is strongly recommended that life jackets shall be worn when on deck:

- From sunset to the sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefing / reefed
- When the true wind speed is over 25 knots
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 The Dubai to Muscat Race is designated Category C in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. In addition to IRC Rule 16.1, the following additional requirements shall apply:

3.1.1 Boats intending to carry advertising should indicate this on their entry form along with the names of companies and/or products to be advertised. The Organising Authority reserves the right to reject the entry, at any time, of a boat that, in the Race Committee's opinion, is carrying advertising for a company or product in conflict with the laws of the U.A.E. or Oman or is deemed inappropriate to the event. As a guide, sponsorship of alcoholic products is illegal and only under exceptional cases would sponsorship of cigarette products be accepted. Any sponsorship deemed contrary to Islamic principles would not be allowed. This changes RRS 76.1.

3.1.2 Competitors and crew members shall also grant, at no cost, Sponsors and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in their magazine and promotional tools. Competitors and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by Sponsors and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of Sponsors products by said competitors and crew members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by The Sponsors or affiliated companies to endorse the sponsors products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

3.2 Each boat shall carry individually an identifiable sail number. However RRS 77, Appendix G of the RRS, Para 14.1 of the IRC Rules will not apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Eligible boats shall hold a valid 2016 IRC certificate.

4.2 Boats shall be registered with the UAE Ministry of Interior or possess the proper documents for entry into the UAE.

4.3 The following boats are eligible:

4.3.1 Boats holding valid 2016 IRC certificates with a minimum of 30ft LOA. Depending upon numbers of entries more than 1 IRC Classes may be formed with class splits decided after entries close.

4.3.2 Club Class: Boats not holding a current 2016 IRC certificates but ruled as suitable for entry by the Organising Authority. Upon receipt of the completed Entry Form such boats will be issued with a RYA National Handicap for Cruiser, see NoR 7.2 below.

4.3.3 In accordance with OSR 3.04.3 the Organising Authority uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. The STIX minimum is 23 and the SSS minimum is 15.

4.4 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry

4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form (Appendix A) and returning it to the address below no later than Thursday 3rd November 2016 with the following:

- A copy of the valid IRC Rating Certificate
- A high resolution colour photograph of the boat under sail
- The entry fee (see below).
- A complete crew list see Appendix A to the Notice of Race

Entry fees include the cost of immigration and customs and mooring at Al Mouj Marina for all Classes until the morning of Wednesday November 16th:

- Register before 20 October 2016 2,500 AED
- Register after 20 October 2016 3,000 AED

Completed entry forms should be sent by email to the following 2 addresses:-

UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Email: coordinator@sarf.ae
phill@eim.ae

4.6 Entry fees can be paid by cash, cheque (made payable to 'UAE SARF' or bank transfer to the following account:

Bank Name: Emirates Islamic Bank
Bank Address: Ras Al Khaimah Branch
Account Name: UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation
Account IBAN: AE370340000041197019001
Country: UAE

5. IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Skippers are responsible for ensuring that their crew comply with all national UAE and Omani immigration requirements before signing the departure form on 10 November 2016.

5.1 UAE Immigration

- 5.1.1 Most visitors can obtain a visa on entry into the UAE. Should competitors require further information please visit: <http://www.mofa.gov.ae/EN/ConsularServices/Pages/Visa-Information.aspx>
- 5.1.2 Skippers and crew arriving in advance of the race by boat must present themselves to the Immigration Department at Port Rashid, Dubai within 24 hours of arriving.
- 5.1.3 Boats arriving from Oman can go through immigration procedures in at Fujairah International Marine Club.
- 5.1.4 Visitors arriving by air may obtain their visa at the airport

5.2 Departure from Dubai for the race start

- 5.2.1 Exit procedures will be organised from Regatta Headquarters (DOSC) on the morning of the start from 08:00 – 11:00. The issuing of exit visas is time consuming. Boats are not permitted to sail from Dubai until this procedure is completed for all crew members.
- 5.2.2 Complete crew lists including details required by UAE and Oman Immigration and Coastguard shall be submitted on the attached Notice of Race Entry Form Appendix A to coordinator@sarf.ae by Thursday 3rd November. Skippers are requested to submit Appendix A on a rolling basis (i.e it is not necessary to wait until full details of all crew members are known).

In addition, skippers are required to include with Appendix A, one A4 page in pdf format for EACH crew member's details to include: 'passport details/ photo page' and 'current visa page/details'. These details shall be provided on ONE page per crew member to facilitate the customs processes for exit from UAE and entry into Oman. Each non GCC National will be required to pay an AED 40 exit fee.

- 5.2.2 The issuing of exit visas is time consuming. Boats are not permitted to sail from Dubai until this procedure is completed for all crew members.

5.3 Immigration into Oman

- 5.3.1 Tourist visa's will be available for participating race crew on arrival at Al Mouj Marina as part of the race entry fee, that allow for 10 days in country. Participants using this service MUST ensure that their nationality is suitable for a tourist visa on arrival by reviewing the current list of permitted nationalities at http://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg_pr_visas_seatransit.asp. While it is arranged that Omani visas will be issued on arrival competitors may wish to obtain their own Oman visa prior to departure for the race. This is essential if the nationality does not allow issue of a visa on arrival. Visas are obtainable from the Sultanate of Oman Consulate in Dubai.
- 5.3.2 Skippers should be aware of the restrictions on entering Oman in any other port other than the regatta destination of Al Mouj. The race management can assist in certain circumstances but the responsibility for customs and immigration in these situations will remain with the boat and skipper. Crews entering Oman to sail boats back to Dubai shall obtain their own entry visa. Race management can assist in exit stamps when returning boats depart.

5.3.3 All boats and crew shall remain within Al Mouj marina until all crew have been cleared by Omani immigration authorities.

6. SCHEDULE

Monday 7 November

- 19:00 Skippers briefing
Location: DOSC

Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 November

- 08:00 to 17:00 Safety equipment & OSR (Cat. 3 + liferaft) scrutineering,
Location: DOSC or by appointment with the Race Committee

Thursday 10 November

- 09:30 Weather briefing at DOSC
- 08:00 to 11:00 Skipper's shall submit final crew lists together with passports plus 40 UAED per person to Race Management for clearance out of UAE
- 12:00 Start Ceremony at Race Village
- 14:00 not before Warning signal

Tuesday 15 November

- 18:00 Time limit to be eligible for race prizes

Boats may finish after the stated time limit and will receive a simulated placing to determine their relative performance. Although for boats finishing after the time limit their result will not count towards the race prizes. Please note the timing in clause 4.5 that berthing at Al Mouj is not provided by the race organizer after the morning of Nov 16th.

The Official Prize Giving will be held at DOSC at a date to be agreed.

7. MEASUREMENT AND SCRUTINEERING

- 7.1 Each boat except those participating in the Club Class shall produce a valid 2016 IRC certificate.
- 7.2 Club Class entries are to submit measurements in accordance with the measurement sheet attached to the Entry Form. They will be issued with an RYA National Handicap for Cruiser. Only the Organising Authority may protest the allocated handicaps.
- 7.3 Skippers of boats in both IRC and Club Classes are required to declare that their boat complies fully with the Offshore Special Regulations 2016 – 2017 for Category 3 with liferaft races by completing and signing a checklist provided by the Organising Authority.
- 7.4 Boats may also be subject to inspections before and after the race. For this purpose, boats are to be made available for Scrutineering from 08:00 on Tuesday 8 November,

and after the finish of the race. It is mandatory that the skipper or an authorised representative be present at the time of the inspection.

7.5 IRC entries may also be inspected for conformity with their rating certificates.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the events page of the Organising Authority's website www.sarf.ae by Thursday 3rd November 2016.

9. THE COURSE

The course will be from a start line laid off DOSC, to a finish line at Muscat as identified in the Sailing Instructions. The distance is approximately 310 nautical miles.

10. SCORING

10.1 The scoring will be in accordance with the low-point scoring system as defined in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

10.2 Places shall be scored under corrected time by TCC/Handicap as appropriate.

11. SAFETY

Competitors' attention is particularly drawn to the following;

The safety of a yacht and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the person in charge of racing the yacht, who shall ensure that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the race.

In the interests of safety and in accordance with rule 76. 1, the Organising Authority reserves the right to reject an entry of any boat prior to the start if it considers that its crew are insufficiently experienced for the size and classification of the boat in question.

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone (RRS Fundamental Rule 4).

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 VHF 8 may be used for race information.

12.2 Mobile (and satellite) telephones - One operational unit shall be on board when racing. RRS 41 shall be observed. Boats shall comply with any safety reporting schedule set out in the Sailing Instructions.

12.3 Media - there is no restriction on broadcasting from a boat to the Organising Authority media team during racing provided that RRS 41 is always observed.

12.4 On Board Cameras - The Organizing Authority reserves the right to place a camera (manually operated) on board each boat for media purposes. Some boats may be asked to take on Board a cameraman at the discretion of the skipper.

- 12.5 Tracking - the Organizing Authority reserves the right to place a tracker unit aboard each boat.
- 12.6 Data Communications – The Organizing Authority reserves the right to place internet communications equipment on certain boats to facilitate media transfer and communications to provide media contents to the Organising Authority media team and to support the educational program set in place.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will be subject to final entry numbers and division of classes.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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 an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. The Organising Authority, its sponsors, affiliated companies, employees and agents accept no liability for accident or injury sustained during the race. By taking part in the event, each person in Charge (OSR1.02.1) agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of 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 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 a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extrema weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as 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; and
- h) Their boat holds an adequate marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing, and shall ensure that all crewmembers are aware of the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact UAE SARF as follows:

Tel +971 4373 9826
Email coordinator@sarf.ae

Also please visit the SARF website: www.sarf.ae

The registration form must be accompanied with:

- Certificate of measurement (there are no measurement facilities on place).
- Copy of certificate of third party liability insurance cover.

The Organising Authority greatly appreciates the support and commitment of the companies and corporate partners that provide equipment and services to the race, sponsorship, or who otherwise support the event in various ways.



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Appendix A – Entry Form

REGISTRATION FORM DUBAI MUSCAT RACE 2016

Boat name

Boat Type

Length

Beam

Draft

Sail number

Flag

Measurement

IRC (TCC)

MULTI

Attach the 2016 IRC certificate

Owner

Skipper

Name

Surname

Address

Phone number

Email

CREW LIST

Fill in with whatever information is available and send to Organising Authority.

Final crew list **MUST** be submitted by 9am on Nov 10th.

	Name	Surname	Nationality	Phone number	email
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

Survival training certificate holder if present (attach a copy)

First aid training course certificate holder if present (attach a copy)

Insurance company (attach a copy)

*The organization authority reserves the right to make free use on all media images made during the race
I agree to submit to the racing rules of the ISAF and all other rules that govern this event.*

Name / First name

Date

Signature :