

2018

# DUBAI to MUSCAT OFFSHORE SAILING RACE

26<sup>th</sup> Edition



Thursday 8 March – Tuesday 13 March 2018

## Notice of Race

Dated: 26 February 2018

All times are local (UAE / GMT+4)



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Organising Authority for the 2018 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). The race is included in the ASAF Keelboat Cup under the authorisation and delegation of the Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF).

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

The Dubai to Muscat Race is held with the assistance and support of the Oman Authorities, Oman Sailing Committee, Oman Sail, Waterfront & Marina Services (WAMS) and OMRAN. No return race from Muscat to Khasab is planned for this edition of the event but a return rally is being organised with an extended cruise in the Musandam Peninsula.

## 2. RULES

The notification (DP) means that the penalty for breaking that clause may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the racing rules of sailing. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 2.2 The following Rules will also apply.
  - The IRC Rules for the Southern Hemisphere as introduced in June 2017 - Parts A, B and C will apply to IRC classes except that IRC Rule 224.2 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 Cat 3 with Life Raft) including any updates effective in 2018.
- 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 sunset and sunrise as stated in the sailing instructions 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 Sailing Instructions. (DP)
- 2.7 Boats shall at all times keep clear of Iranian territorial waters and a minimum of 12 nautical miles offshore of Iranian Territories. Details will be shown in the Sailing Instructions. (DP).

## 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'.
- 2.8.2 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 scoring 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 award a discretionary penalty DP or disqualify the boat when it judges a significant advantage was gained.
- 2.9 Notwithstanding the above, a boat's elapsed time will be counted from the starting signal until she finishes. If timing gates/lines are included to determine results at intermediate points in the course a boat's elapsed time will be counted from the starting signal until the recorded time passing the timing gate/line.
- 2.10 Use of Personal flotation devices (lifejackets)

The person in charge (a) shall draw the crew's attention to Fundamental Rule 1.2, namely that each competitor is responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions [DP], and (b) may require all the crew to wear a personal flotation device (which shall be a life jacket in compliance with Offshore Special Regulations) at any time.

It is strongly recommended that life jackets, with crutch strap shall be worn when on deck:

- From sunset to 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 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. In accordance with World Sailing regulation 20 Appendix 1 - 20.2.4 Competitors shall note that advertising must be within the generally accepted moral and ethical standards of the U.A.E. and Oman. 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 permitted. In the event of competitors displaying any advertising deemed by the race committee as not complying with these requirements, the penalty would be disqualification by the race committee without a hearing. In addition action by the protest committee under rule 69 "Misconduct" would be considered.

- 3.1.2 Competitors and crew members shall also grant, at no cost, Sponsors, affiliated companies and websites approved by the Organising Authority, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in their magazine, online and other 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 Southern Hemisphere 2017 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 Southern Hemisphere 2017 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 Double Handed Class: A Double handed class will be included for the first time. It is a requirement that both crew have previously completed at least one Dubai to Muscat race, or else has offshore sailing experience acceptable to the Organising Authority.
- 4.3.3 Club Class: Boats not holding a current Southern Hemisphere 2017 IRC certificate 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 Cruisers, see NoR 7.2 below.
- 4.3.4 In accordance with OSR 3.04.2 the Organising Authority uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. The STIX minimum is 23 and the SSS minimum is 15.
- 4.5 Subject to the limitations of rule 76, the Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form (Appendix A) and returning it to the address below no later than Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 with the following documents and the 'Vessel' entry fee as described below. All documents must be sent in digital format as ONE pdf file with documents arranged in the order listed below:
1. Entry Form duly completed, see Appendix A to this NoR
  2. A copy of the valid IRC Rating Certificate
  3. A high resolution colour photograph of the boat under sail



- 4.7.4 **Cheque Payment** at DOSC reception (no credit cards or cash). Cheque should be made payable to “UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation”
- 3.7.5 **Cash payment for Crew entry ONLY** can be made on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at the same time as passports are submitted for the exit procedures at DOSC, along with the UAE immigration exit fee

## 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 8 March 2018.

### 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 sailing boat** must present themselves to the Immigration Department at Port Rashid, Dubai within 24 hours of arriving in UAE.
- 5.1.3 Boats arriving from Oman can go through immigration procedures at Fujairah International Marine Club or in Port Rashid, Dubai.
- 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](mailto:coordinator@sarf.ae) by Thursday 8 March 2018. 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 the destination marina only in Oman as part of the race entry fee, that allow for 30 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/old/english/countrylist1.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 and applications can now be made online at [https://www.rop.gov.om/visa/english/onlineservices visaapplication\\_main.aspx](https://www.rop.gov.om/visa/english/onlineservices visaapplication_main.aspx). Visas are also obtainable from the Sultanate of Oman Consulate in Dubai. This is essential if the nationality does not allow issue of a visa on arrival.
- 5.3.2 Skippers should be aware of the restrictions on entering Oman in any other port other than the regatta destination. 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 after the race to assist in sailing boats back to Dubai shall obtain their own entry visa. Race management can assist in exit stamps when returning boats depart Muscat.
- 5.3.3 All boats and crew shall remain within the destination marina until all crew have been cleared by Omani immigration authorities.

## 6. SCHEDULE

### Monday 5 March

- 19:00 Skippers briefing  
Location: DOSC

### Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 March

- 08:00 to 17:00 Safety equipment & OSR (Cat. 3 + life raft) scrutineering at DOSC
- 19:00 DOSC regular club social evening

### Wednesday 7 March

- 19:00 Pre-race function at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club

### Thursday 8 March

- 08:00 Immigration: Skipper's or their representative shall submit final crew lists together with passports and crew entry fee, plus 40 AED exit fee per person to SARF who will be represented at DOSC for clearance out of UAE
- 09:30 Weather briefing at DOSC
- 12:00 Start Ceremony at Race Village
- 13:00 Parade of boats out of the harbour to the starting area
- 14:00 not before Warning signal

### Tuesday 13 March

- 18:00 Race 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 final results and race prizes. Please note the timing in clause 4.7 that berthing at the destination marina is not provided by the race organizer after the morning of March 14<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- Official Prize Giving at DOSC. Details to follow

## **7. MEASUREMENT AND SCRUTINEERING**

- 7.1 Each boat except those participating in the Club Class shall produce a valid Southern Hemisphere 2017 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 2017 for Category 3 with life raft 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 6 March, 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.
- 7.6 A boat that does not pass the inspection will not be allowed to race.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the events page of the Organising Authority's websites at <http://sarf.ae> and <http://dubaitomuscatrace.ae> by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## **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 360 nautical miles.

An intermediate timing gate may be included in the North East corner of Mussandam. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## **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 and capable of operating in both UAE and Oman. 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 boats to facilitate media transfer and communications to provide media contents to the Organising Authority media team.

## 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](mailto:coordinator@sarf.ae)

Also please visit the SARF website: [www.sarf.ae](http://www.sarf.ae)

Appendix A – Entry Form

# REGISTRATION FORM

## DUBAI MUSCAT RACE 2018

*Class Entered*      *IRC*       *Double Handed*       *Club*       *Multi*

*Boat name*

*Boat Type*

*Measurement*      *Length*       *Beam*       *Draft*

*Sail number*       *Flag*

*Handicap*      *IRC (TCC)*       *MULTI*

*Attach the 2017 IRC certificate*

*Persons:*      *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 March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

Please complete and return (use Excel spreadsheet if possible) and send partial lists as indicated below

Separate A4 scans of passport photo page, current visa details and UAE ID card to be included

No Boat Name:

No	Crew members	Passport No.	Date of Expiry	Nationality	Entry Type	Visa No.	Date of Expiry	Contact No	email	Next of Kin / relationship	Next of kin contact No
	Person in Charge:										
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											
10											
11											
12											
13											
14											
15											

\* Please do not wait until full details of all crew members are known before sending this form. It can be updated and sent as details emerge.

I confirm full details of all crew members now included, Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper Name:

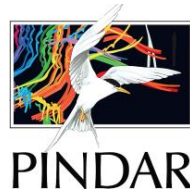
Date:

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:

### Main Corporate Sponsors



### Supporting Companies



### Supporting Clubs and Government Authorities

