

2020

DUBAI to MUSCAT OFFSHORE SAILING RACE

28th Edition



Race Start Date: Friday 28 February 2020

Notice of Race

Document Dated: December 2019
All times are local (UAE / GMT+4)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Organising Authority for the 2020 Dubai to Muscat Offshore Sailing Race is the United Arab Emirates Sailing and Rowing Federation (“UAE SARF”). The race headquarters will be hosted at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (“DOSC”) and is recognised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

The course will be from Dubai to Muscat and the sailing area is the waters of the Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman. In the sole discretion of the organising authority there may be course restrictions in response to extreme weather or events and activities occurring in the region, that require:

- That yachts shall navigate within 12 miles of the Oman coast from Khasab to Dibba
- That yachts shall not navigate within 15 miles of any Iranian territory (mainland, island or oil installation)
- mandatory stopover(s)
- An alternative course provision within the waters of the UAE.

Such course restrictions will be included in the sailing instructions or as amendments to the sailing instruction up to 3 hours prior to the start and may be communicated by any means and shall not be subject to claims for redress. This changes rule 62.

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.

Following the end of the Dubai to Muscat Offshore Sailing Race there will be a return event involving a ‘fun’ race from Muscat to Dibba on the east coast of the UAE, starting after the prize giving in Muscat. Further details will be issued in due course.

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 Racing rule 41 will be changed as stated in this notice of race and may be further modified in the Sailing Instructions
- 2.3 Racing rule 42 will apply as stated in this notice of race and may be further modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 Racing rule 52, Manual Power shall not apply for yachts racing in the Club Class (HNC Cruising Classes). The use of stored power for the hoisting of mainsails, or the reefing or furling of sails need not be declared.
- 2.5 Rule 63 may be modified in the Sailing Instructions to permit hearings to be held at

any location and by any method of communication considered appropriate by the protest committee before, during and after the race.

2.6 The following Rules will also apply:

- The IRC Rules for the Southern Hemisphere as introduced in June 2019 – Parts A, B and C will apply to IRC classes expect 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 Cat 3 with Life Raft) including any updates effective in 2020

2.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2.8 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.

2.9 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). (DP)

2.10 The provisions of any course restrictions in para 1 of this Notice of Race, International Marine Exclusion Zones, Oil Rig exclusion zones, Traffic Separation Schemes or other Restricted Areas shall be considered obstructions and such areas will be designated in the Sailing Instructions. (DP)

2.11 Use of Engine (DP)

2.11.1 Competitors are reminded of RRS 42.1 'a boat shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain, or decrease speed'.

2.11.2 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.

2.12 Notwithstanding the above, a boat's elapsed time will be counted from the starting signal until she finishes. If stopovers and/or 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 or the requirement of the stopover provisions have been followed.

2.13 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 crotch 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 shall 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 will be disqualification by the race committee without a hearing. In addition action by the protest committee under rule 69 "Misconduct" will be considered.

3.1.2 By entering and participating, competitors thereby 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, Para 14.1 of the IRC Rules will not apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Eligible boats shall hold a valid Southern Hemisphere 2019 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 **IRC Class:** Boats holding valid Southern Hemisphere 2019 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. It is a requirement that at least one crew has previously completed at least one Dubai to Muscat race, or else has offshore sailing experience acceptable to the Organising Authority and has attended and passed an SSSC.
- 4.3.3 **Club Class:** Boats not holding a current Southern Hemisphere 2019 IRC certificate but ruled as suitable for entry by the Organising Authority shall, upon receipt of the completed Entry Form, be issued with an Event Handicap, based on the best information available, see NoR 7.2 below.
- 4.3.4 **Rally Class:** Boats not intending to race but wanting to join in the event may enter to cruise to Muscat at the discretion of the Organising Authority. The minimum LOA, stability and safety equipment requirements shall apply to all boats.
- 4.3.5 **Multihull Class:** Any multihull boat wishing to enter the race should contact the Organising Authority to discuss boat specification and design, safety equipment and crew requirements.
- 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.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form (Appendix A) and returning it to the address below no later than Thursday 21st February 2020 with the following documents and the 'Vessel' entry fee as described below. All documents 1-7 must be sent in digital format as ONE pdf file with documents arranged in the order listed below. The crew list in Item 8 should be included in the PDF and also sent as a separate excel digital file:
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. Boat registration card or equivalent proof of ownership & registration
 5. Copy of boat insurance
 6. Skipper/Owner marine driving licence if UAE based
 7. Proof of entry fee payment (see below).
 8. A preliminary crew list sent in digital format as an excel spreadsheet, see Appendix A to this NoR can be downloaded from the website (the final crew list will be submitted on the morning of departure in both digital and paper format).

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

UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Email: YachtRacing@sarf.ae and phill@eim.ae

- 4.5 Entry fees are separate for the 'Vessel' and the 'Crew' and cover entry into the race, customs and immigration into Oman for vessel and crew and vessel berthing in Muscat until 12:00 on Thursday March 5th. The 'Vessel' entry fee must be paid at the same time that the entry forms are submitted. The 'Crew' entry fees may be paid at the same time as the 'Vessel' entry if the number of crew is confirmed, or paid on Friday February 28th 2020 at the same time as passports are submitted for the exit procedures at DOSC.

Note: the latest information obtained from the Oman Immigration services in Muscat as of early December 2020 is that crew must obtain an Omani E-visa on line prior to departing for Muscat at the website listed in 5.3.1.

4.5.1 Vessel Entry Fee (inclusive of UAE VAT)

- Register before 1st February 2020 3,000 AED
- Register on or after 1st February 2020 3,500 AED

4.5.2 Crew Entry Fee (inclusive of UAE VAT)

- Fee per person/crew 150 AED

Entry fee and advance crew payment may be paid using either of 3 methods below:

- 4.5.3 **Bank transfer** to the following account. Entrants must obtain some form of proof of payment and email a copy to coordinator@sarf.ae to allow organisers to match payments received with the appropriate boat.

Bank Name: Emirates Islamic Bank
Bank Address: Ras Al Khaimah Branch
Account Name: UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation
Account IBAN: AE700340003707477277501
Account Number: 3707477277501
Bank Swift Code: MEBLAEADROS
Sort Code/Routing: 703420114
Country: UAE

- 4.5.4 **Cheque Payment** at DOSC reception (no credit cards or cash). Cheque should be made payable to "UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation"

- 4.5.5 **Cash payment for Crew entry ONLY** can be made on Friday February 28th, 2020 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 28th February 2020.

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: <https://government.ae/en/information-and-services/visa-and-emirates-id/do-you-need-an-entry-permit-or-a-visa-to-enter-the-uae>

5.1.2 Skippers and crew arriving in advance of the race **by sailing boat** must present follow the usual procedures for arriving in UAE. The main arrival point is Port Rashid. Boats arriving from Oman can go through immigration procedures at Fujairah International Marine Club or in Port Rashid, Dubai.

5.1.3 Visitors arriving by air may obtain their visa at the airport or road crossing.

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 so allow sufficient time for all pre-start preparations. 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 the emails in Claus 4.4 by Thursday 28th February 2020. 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.

5.3 Immigration into Oman

5.3.1 Tourist visas (typically of either type 26A, 26B or 29A) must be obtained from the online portal prior to departing from Dubai at: <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>. Participants can confirm 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>. 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 and its local customs agent in Oman 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

Tuesday 25 February

- 19:30 Skippers briefing at DOSC

Wednesday 26 February

- 08:00 to 17:00 Safety equipment & OSR (Cat. 3 + life raft) Scrutineering at DOSC

Thursday 27 February

- 08:00 to 17:00 Safety equipment & OSR (Cat. 3 + life raft) Scrutineering at DOSC
- 19:30 to 22:00 Official Race Reception and Social Function at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club
Team Photos, VIP & Sponsor Presentations

Friday 28 February

- 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 Final Skippers briefing & weather update at DOSC
- 12:00 Parade of boats out of the harbour to the starting area
- 13:00 not before Warning signal

Wednesday 4 March

- 18:00 Race time limit to be eligible for official time keeping

Boats that finish after the end of official time keeping shall record their own finishing time and will receive a finishing position. Boats finishing after the end of official time keeping will not normally be eligible for race prizes. Please note that berthing at the destination marina is not provided by the race organizer after the morning of March 5th.

Saturday 14th March

- Official Prize Giving at Dubai International Boat Show at the Dubai Harbour Site. Details to follow

7. HANDICAP RATING AND SCRUTINEERING

7.1 Each boat except those participating in the Club Class and Rally shall produce a

valid Southern Hemisphere 2019 IRC rating 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 Event Handicap rating. Only the Organising Authority may contest the allocated handicaps.
- 7.3 Boats may also be inspected by the technical committee for conformity with their rating certificates at any time, including on arrival at the final destination. (DP)
- 7.4 Boats will be subject to Safety Scrutineering before the race to assess compliance with 'OSR Category 3 with Life Raft'. For this purpose, skippers are required to book an appointment on the race website for a Scrutineering time from 08:00 on Wednesday 26th February through until 17:00 on Thursday 27th. Boats may also be Scrutineered after the finish of the race. It is mandatory that the skipper or an authorised representative be present at the time of the Scrutineering. A boat that does not pass the Scrutineering prior to the start will not be allowed to race.
- 7.5 Skippers of all boats are required to declare that their boat complies with the Offshore Special Regulations 2019 for Category 3 with Life Raft, with any exceptions noted during the Scrutineering accepted by the Skipper, by completing and signing a checklist provided by the Organising Authority. The Race Organiser shall review any exceptions and may decline any entry as a result.

Note: In the event that an updated OSR is issued dated January 2020, then the 2019 regulations will remain in effect for the Dubai to Muscat Race 2020.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the events page of the Organising Authority's websites at <http://dubaitomuscatrace.ae> by Friday 21st February 2020.

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.

Given the recent sabotage events and security incidents around the Straits of Hormuz and Fujairah, a course restriction may be imposed requiring yachts to stay within 12 miles of the UAE/Oman coast from Khasab to Dibba. As well as the usual course restrictions not to enter within 15 miles of any Iranian territory (mainland, island or oil installation).

In addition, an 'Alternative Course' provision may be introduced for an extended offshore race entirely within UAE waters. It is envisaged that a decision will be made on the course in January, subject to external events. But final decisions may be made up to within 3 hours of the race start subject to external events.

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 communications – At least one operational unit (mobile for or satellite phone) capable of operating in both UAE and Oman shall be registered and operating on board throughout the duration of the race. 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 ask 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 or DOSC as follows:

UAE SARF Tel: +971 4373 9826
UAE SARF email: YachtRacing@sarf.ae

Also please visit the websites: www.dubaitomuscatrace.com
www.dosc.ae

Appendix A – Entry Form

REGISTRATION FORM

DUBAI MUSCAT RACE 2020

Class Entered: IRC Double Handed Club Rally Multi

Boat name

Boat Type

Measurement Length Beam Draft

Sail number Flag or DP number

Handicap IRC (TCC) MULTI

Attach the 2019 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. Preferably as an EXCEL SHEET

Final crew list MUST be submitted by 9am on February 28th 2020

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:	Crew members	Passport No.	Date of Expiry	Nationality	Entry Type	Visa No.	Date	No	email	Next of Kin / relationship	Next of kin contact No
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Sample only. Please send the crew list sheet as an Excel spreadsheet that can be downloaded from the race website www.dubaitomuscatrace.com

* 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: _____

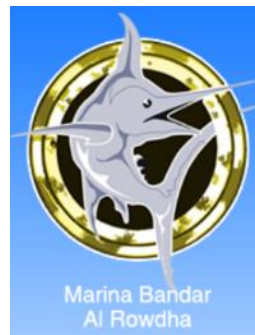
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