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Dubai To Muscat Offshore Sailing Race

30th Edition

Saturday 4th February – Friday 10th February, 2023

Sailing Instructions

Including Amendment 1

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All times are local (UAE / GMT+4)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Organising Authority for the 2023 Dubai to Muscat Race is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC) in association with the United Arab Emirates Sailing and Rowing Federation (UAE SARF). The race is recognised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC). The Dubai to Muscat Race is held with the assistance and support of the Oman Authorities, Oman Marine Sports Committee, Oman Sail, Waterfront & Marina Services (WAMS) and OMRAN.
- 1.2 Regatta Headquarters will remain at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC) until 06:00 on Monday 06 February when it will relocate to Marina Bandar Al Rowdha in Muscat until Friday 10th February.
- 1.3 In order to comply with UAE Immigration Regulations, all boats shall submit the necessary information including their signed Entry Form and completed initial Crew List Entry Form (see SI Appendix 1) to the Organising Authority. Please ensure the forms are in the correct format and order as detailed in the NOR. Please return these forms to:

- To: DOSC d2m@doscuae.com

The initial Form shall be returned at the latest by 13:00 on Friday 3rd February 2023. The Race Organiser may either refuse the entry or protest the boat as a result. Any unplanned last minute changes must be submitted by the Race Team Briefing on Saturday 4th.

Skippers are responsible for the timely completion of all UAE Immigration requirements.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as published by World Sailing, the notice of race and any relevant documents.
- 2.2 RRS 62.1 shall be amended with the addition of 62.1(e) An action of governmental or other authority. This changes RRS 62.
- 2.3 Appendix TS, Version 2, Section B applies to the following: TSS Strait of Hormuz
- 2.4 Sailing instructions marked **[NP]** shall not be subject to protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 2.5 Rule 56.2 is changed to:
- 56.2** (a) A Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) shall be understood to mean an area shown on a nautical chart, or in the notice of race, as a TSS.
(b) A boat shall not enter a TSS and, while near a TSS, shall not impede, or present a threat of impeding, a vessel using a TSS traffic lane.
(c) Add to the definition *Obstruction*: 'A TSS is an *obstruction*.'

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at DOSC from 09:00 on 02 February until 06:00 on 06 February and at Marina Bandar Al Rowdha from 06 February until 20:00 on 09 February.
In addition, notices and amendments may be promulgated via the following ways:



- (a) As hard copy from the Regatta Office.
 - (b) Posted on the official website. <https://dubaitomuscatrace.com>
 - (c) Posted to the official WhatsApp Group for registered skippers.
- Discrepancy or omissions between information at these locations and the Official Notice Board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 **[NP]**

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that of any change to the schedule of races, which will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water and will be confirmed in writing as per SI 3.1 Failure to receive this information shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at DOSC underneath IC Flag J.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than thirty minutes in the race signal AP". This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

The event schedule is shown in Appendix 2

7. RACING DIVISIONS & CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Organising Authority shall determine the division splits once entry has closed and will announce divisions during the Final Skippers Briefing.
- 7.2 Class flags will be:

IRC Class	Numeral Pennant #1
Multihull Class	Numeral Pennant #2

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The intended course will be from Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (U.A.E) to Muscat (Sultanate of Oman), Marina Bandar Al Rowdha. Details in Appendix 3. "COURSE". Approximate distance: 360 nautical miles. The course may include a short in-port race at the start – see course diagram in appendix 3.

The use of virtual marks (waypoints) may be included in the interests of safety, and for the purpose of identification of local and national exclusion zones).



8.2 In the sole discretion of the Race Committee there may be course restrictions in response to extreme weather or events and activities occurring in the region. Such course restrictions will be included in an amendment to the Sailing Instructions and may be communicated by any means.
[NP]

8.3 The GPS details included in the course descriptions are provided using the WGS84 datum. These details are approximate and no request for redress will be considered for a minor deviation of position. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

9. MARKS

9.1 Laid inflatable start and finish marks are described in SIs 11 and 12.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions.

10.1.1 **All charted National Exclusion Zones are obstructions except “Palm Deira”. Each Obstruction Zone shall include all cardinal and lateral navigation marks identifying the exclusion zone, or in their obvious absence, their charted position, and includes the area inside the rhumb line between these marks.**

10.1.2 Restricted areas surrounding drilling platforms and any oil rigs.

10.1.3 **Any area within 15 nautical miles of Iranian Territory including disputed islands, main lands and any other Territories.**

11. THE START

11.1 The starting area will be within approximately 1.0NM offshore of DOSC.

11.2 To alert boats that the race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag shall be displayed for at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the inflatable port-end starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a pin end committee vessel. A description of the Port End starting Mark will be broadcast on VHF Channel 08 (USA) after the Orange Flag has been displayed.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull, is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 08 (USA). Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.6 The sail number of any boat on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal will be broadcast on VHF one minute after the start. Boats failing to return or acknowledge their error

within 5 minutes will be contacted by the Race Committee by any means possible.

- 11.7 All boats are required to report on VHF Channel 08(USA) that they have left the harbour to the Race Committee and to maintain a listening watch on channel 08 during the starting sequence and at least 10 minutes after their start.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be a line bearing 050 degrees Magnetic from the Blue Flag displayed outside the onshore Race Office inside the Marina Bandar Al Rowdha [**approx: 23 35.019N 58 36.348E**] and a laid orange inflatable mark showing flashing light (QFI) approximately 0.4nm from the Race Office. If the ODM is missing boats shall cross the line within 0.4nm of the Race Office. At night the line should be indicated by orange (high) and blue (low) flashing lights. This will be confirmed when boats report to the race team as required by SI 12.2. Boats shall take care to avoid Cat Island located close to and slightly inshore of the finish line and the shallow rocks surrounding the base of the island.

In the event of any significant change to these approximate positions or any other issues, including mark descriptions affecting the finish they may be reported to all competitors by SMS message prior to the first boat passing position **23° 40' N & 058° 40' E**. This position is not a mark of the course and may be left on either side.

- 12.2 Boats are requested to report to the race team to check the finishing line position and berthing arrangements by mobile phone or VHF channel 08 at least one hour before arriving at the finish and before passing position **23° 40' N & 058° 40' E** and to keep their mobile turned on from then until they have berthed.
- 12.3 Boats finishing at night are requested to illuminate their sail number as they finish.
- 12.4 All skippers shall, as soon as practicable after finishing, signal the race committee by SMS text on **+971 521640014** with their boat name and finishing date and time to the nearest second.

The text message shall read as follows: [Boat Name] [date] [hour] [minute] [second]
(e.g. Silver Spray 11 March 02 23 48).

The Race Committee will try to acknowledge receipt of this text message.

Failure to receive any SMS message from the race management or to contact the race management before passing this point shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

- 12.5 The finishing line may not be manned (refer to SIs 1.2 & 14.1).
- 12.6 **Boats shall complete a Race Finish Declaration within 2 hours of finishing or by 8am if it finishes between 4pm and 6am, including details of any penalties taken and use of engine and deliver it to the Race Office at Muscat.**

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 When Appendix RV applies (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty of one hour added to the boats elapsed time applies. This changes RRS 44.3. There is no requirement to display a yellow flag. Notwithstanding the provisions of SI 20.8 a boat taking a scoring penalty shall inform the protestor immediately after the incident by any means available at the time and advise the race committee as required by SI 12.4 giving the details required by RRS 44.3 (b). This changes RRS 44.3 (a) and (b).
- 13.2. RRS T1(b) is changed to: The post-race penalty for each infringement shall be determined by the arbitrator, however rule 44.1(a) applies.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for boats to finish will be 120 hours after that boat's class start.

Boats that finish after the time limit will receive a simulated placing to determine their relative performance. Their result will not count towards the race prizes.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Hearing Request forms will be available at Regatta Headquarters in DOSC and in Marina Bandar al Rowdha race office. Notice of intention to protest in respect of any incidents during the race shall be sent to the race committee by text when submitting their finishing text declaration stating the name of the boat protested. Protests shall be lodged no later than 2 hours after berthing at Marina Bandar al Rowdha or if finishing between 18:00 and 07:00, no later than 10:00 the next morning.
- 15.2 Hearings will be heard as soon as practicable. Times and location of hearings will be posted on the official notice board and advised to parties by text message. – Non receipt of a text message will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the race, technical and protest committees will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) and advised by text message.
- 15.4 Appeals against protest committee decisions shall be made to UAE SARF.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 All Skippers shall sign a final crew list at Dubai Regatta Headquarters immediately following the Skipper's briefing at 10:00 on Saturday 04 February (see SI 6 above) to confirm all crew details held by the Race Committee are up to date, accurate and complete. A boat not signing on will be scored DNS. This changes A5.
- 16.2 Where possible and at the discretion of the Skipper, the Race Committee requests that boats attempt to report their GPS position by SMS to **+971 521640014** between 12:00 and 13:00 commencing Sunday 05 February.



Boats are advised to contact UKMTO Dubai at their discretion on a daily basis with an update on progress, UKMTO watch keeper on: **+442392 222060** (preferred number) or watchkeepers@ukmto.org, manned 24 hours daily.

- 16.3 Boats are also advised to call the Royal Navy of Oman (Callsign: Alpha 4 November) at Goat's Island on Channel 16 when within 5 nautical miles of Goat Island.
- 16.4 For emergency purposes boats may contact the Race Officer local number **+971 521640014** or DOSC on **+9714 394 1669**.
- 16.5 The Organising Authority may arrange a support boat to sail in the vicinity of the majority of racing boats to assist if needed and to provide video and filming services to the OA. Further details will be provided in the Final Skippers' Briefing.
- 16.6 Retirements and non-starters must promptly inform the Race Committee or the Coastguard. It is imperative that boats that are no longer competing can be excluded from any Search and Rescue operation. **Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification or exclusion from future DOSC Offshore races.**

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the RRS and Sailing Instructions.
- 17.2 The Skipper or a nominated crew member shall be present at the time of inspection.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Berthing in UAE ahead of the race will be at DOSC for DOSC members and in the fishing harbour for non DOSC boats. Non DOSC boats shall inform the Organising Authority by emailing D2M@doscuae.com to arrange berthing in the fishing harbour. Boats unable to fit in the fishing harbour shall notify the Organising Authority of their chosen location.
- 18.2 Berthing in Oman will be available at Marina Bandar Al Rowdha from 00:00 6 February to 12:00 on 10 February. By entering the race, skippers and crew accept the Marina Terms and Conditions and Rules of Marina Bandar al Rowdha.

*Please note that berthing at Marina Bandar Al Rowdha is not provided by the race organizer after the morning of 10 February. Boats may contact the marina manager to make arrangements for an extended stay. Mr Saud Al Subhi, **+968 24737298** and saud.alsubhi@marinaoman.net*

19. SCORING

- 19.1 Boats will be ranked according to their corrected time by TCC in accordance with RRS Appendix A3. Corrected times will be rounded to the nearest second with 0.5 seconds rounded up.

20. COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 VHF 08 (USA) shall be used for race information.

The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals. This changes RRS 29, 33 and 41.

- (a) Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark.
- (b) Postponements and abandonments.
- (c) Boats identified as OCS & General recalls.
- (d) Changing courses or marks and identification of marks
- (e) Time limits
- (f) Safety

Failure to make or receive any communications listed above shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

- 20.3 Any radio communications by the Race Committee involving naming or misnaming of boats and/or their numbers, colours, designs, logos, or shapes cannot be used as evidence in any subsequent redress hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 20.4 Mobile (and satellite) telephones - One operational unit will be on board when racing and capable of operating in both UAE and Oman. RRS 41 shall be observed. Boats shall comply with any reporting schedule set out in the Sailing Instructions and if having lodged a protest shall ensure that text messages are receivable and responded to after finishing until the time of an arbitration or protest hearing is agreed. The Race Committee requests that boats keep their mobile phones turned on whilst in the vicinity of Musandam and after passing position **23° 40' N & 058° 40' E**.
- 20.5 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.
- 20.6 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 or radio presenter at the discretion of the skipper.
- 20.7 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.
- 20.8 Except in an emergency or in response to calls from Coastguard Vessels or the Race Committee or under SI 21 a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available for all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile and satellite telephones.
- 20.9 It is intended that all boats shall carry a tracking unit. Information will be displayed on the Dubai to Muscat Race website, on www.dosc.ae on the DOSC website and other websites at the discretion of the Organising Authority. A boat's track from her tracker unit will not be used as grounds for a protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.



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21. TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING

- 21.1 If a boat temporarily stops racing, they shall immediately inform the Race Committee explaining the circumstances and their plan by telephone (+971 521640014), text message (+971 521640014) or email (d2m@doscuae.com).
- 21.2 If a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency, the crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings. If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on rejoining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and continue to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form.
- 21.3 A boat that is secured in harbour may receive any assistance necessary to effect repairs. This changes RRS 41.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes are listed in the NOR.
- 22.4 Official Prize Giving will take place at DOSC on Sunday 26th February. Timing to be announced.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 The owner or charterer of a participating boat shall hold adequate marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing, and shall ensure that all crew members are aware of the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Dubai Offshore Sailing Club, the Organising Authority as follows:

Tel +971 4 394 1669
Email d2m@doscuae.com

Also please visit the DOSC website: www.dosc.ae and the race website at: <https://dubaitomuscatrace.com/>.

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:



Appendix 1 - CREW LIST

Crew list must be completed as an Excel spreadsheet (available to download at: <http://dubaitomuscatrace.com/race-documentation/>) and sent to the Organising Authority by 12:00 on Friday 3 February 2023. Missing information can be updated later. Final crew list MUST be submitted by 10:00 on Saturday 04 February.

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 (time) on (date)

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 of Expiry	Contact No	email	Next of Kin / relationship	Next of kin contact No
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* 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.

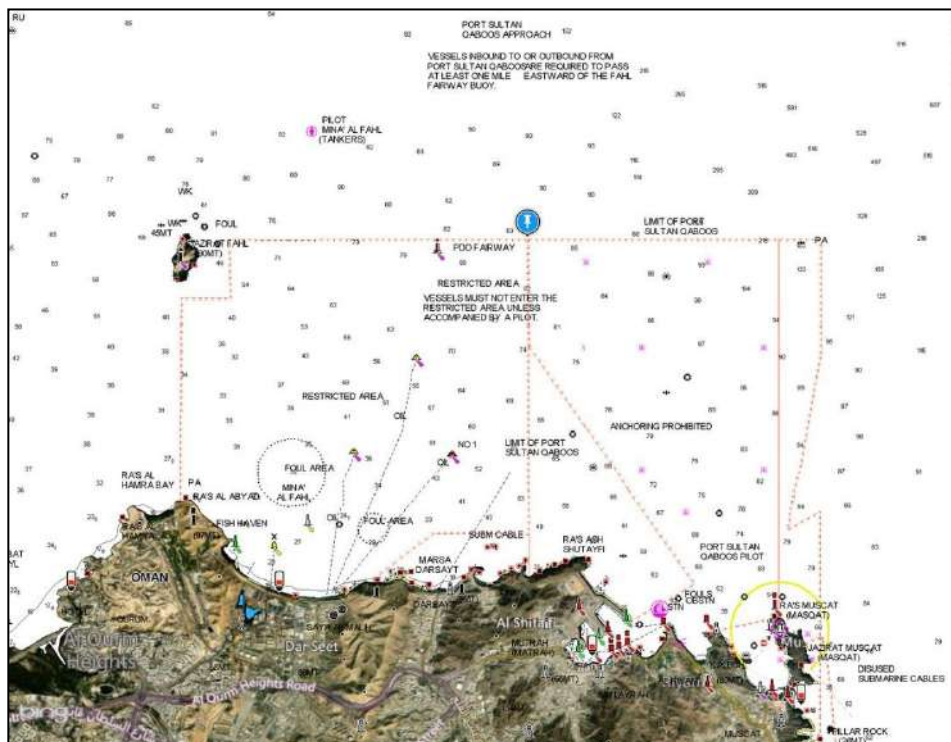
I confirm full details of all crew members now included, Signed: _____ Skipper Name:
Date: _____

Appendix 2 – Event Schedule

Date	Event	Time
Monday 3 rd October 2022	Live Talk and Q&A: 'Advice For Taking Part' Deadline for Super Early Bird entry	19:00 21:30
Tuesday 3 rd January	End of Early Bird Discount Pre-Event Skippers Briefing	18:00 19:00 – 21:00
Tuesday 31 st January	Closing Date and Entry Deadline IRC Certificate Final Submission Deadline Skippers Briefing	17:00 17:00 19:00
Wednesday 1 st February	Scrutineering at DOSC	09:30-16:00
Thursday 2 nd February	Scrutineering at DOSC	09:30 – 16:00
	Official Race Reception and Social Function at DOSC Team Photos, VIP and Sponsor Presentations	19:30 – 22:00
Friday 3 rd February	Deadline to submit boat and crew documents	13:00
Saturday 4 th February	Immigration: Skipper's and crew shall be present at DOSC with passports for exit procedures, plus 40 AED exit fee per person for clearance out of UAE	08:00 – 09:30
	Race Team Briefing with Skippers	10:00
	First Warning Signal	Not before 12:55
Sunday 5 th February	Dubai to Muscat Race 2023	
Monday 6 th February		
Tuesday 7 th February		
Wednesday 8 th February	Social Event (Muscat) for early arrivals	TBC
Thursday 9 th February	Race time limit to be eligible for official time keeping. Official Race Reception	13:00 (or 120 hours after Start).
Friday 10 th February	Muscat Berthing Ends	12.00
Sunday 26 th February	Official Prize Giving. – Location TBC	TBC

Appendix 3 – Course

- Start: Inshore course (if set);
- Gate: Between Keshal Light [FL(2) 5S 5M] and Eastern entrance to Straits of Hormuz TSS [26 30.108N 56 23.192E];
- Jazirat Fahl: Offshore Muscat, Approx: 23 40.89N 58 30.05E – Pass to Starboard;
- Waypoint: Offshore Muscat, at North East corner of exclusion zone off Port Sultan Qaboos 23 41.01N 58 33.37 – Pass to Starboard;



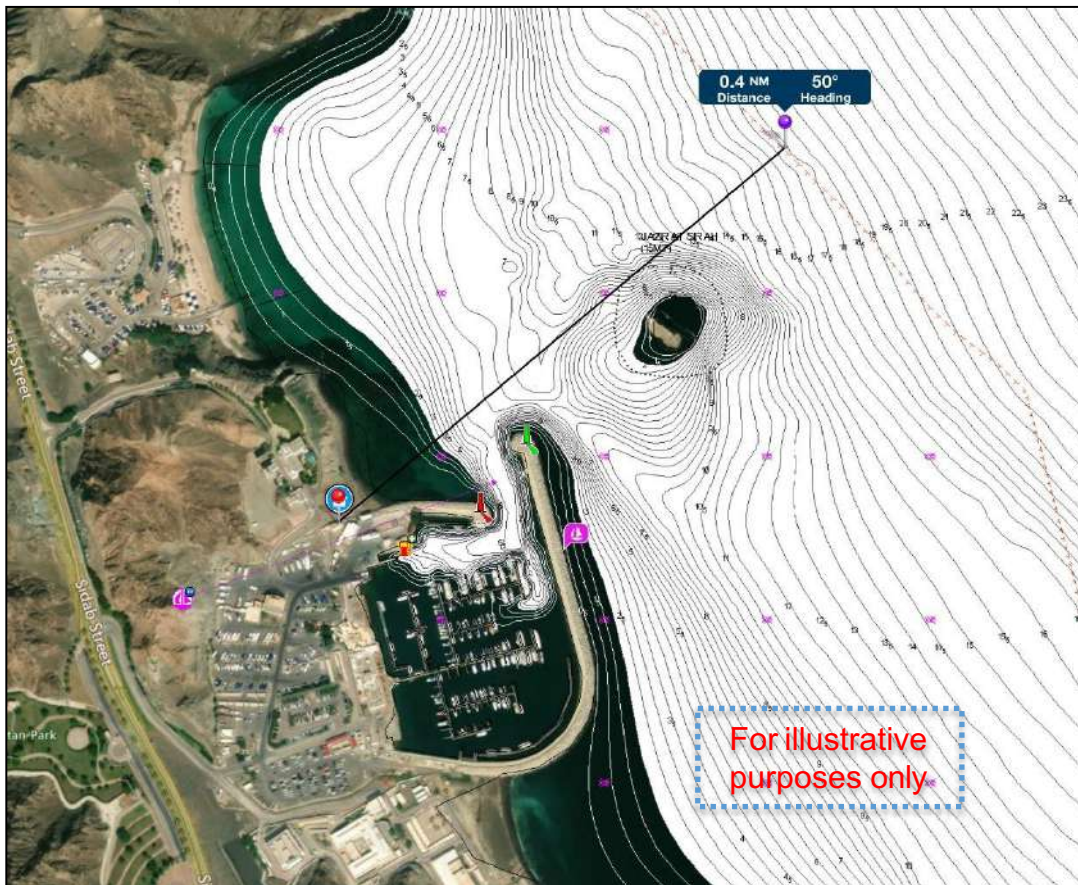
Finish: At Marina Bandar Al Rowdha



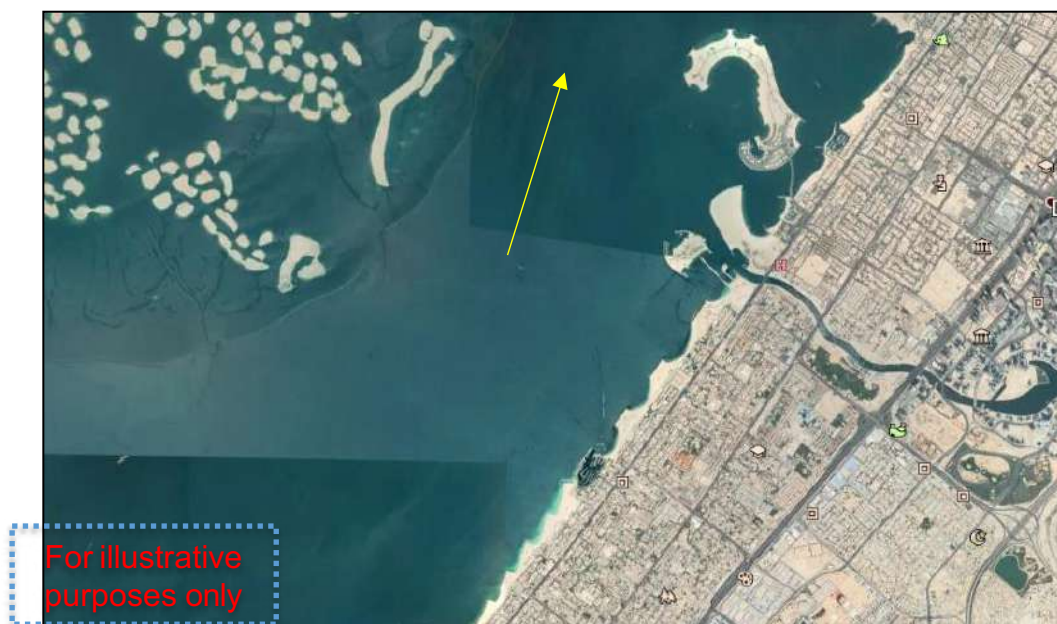
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Note: A short inshore course **may** be organized after the start offshore DOSC. Final inshore course details will be presented in the Final Skippers Briefing. The diagram below is for illustrative purposes only and is **Not to be used for navigation**





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Overall Course Illustration

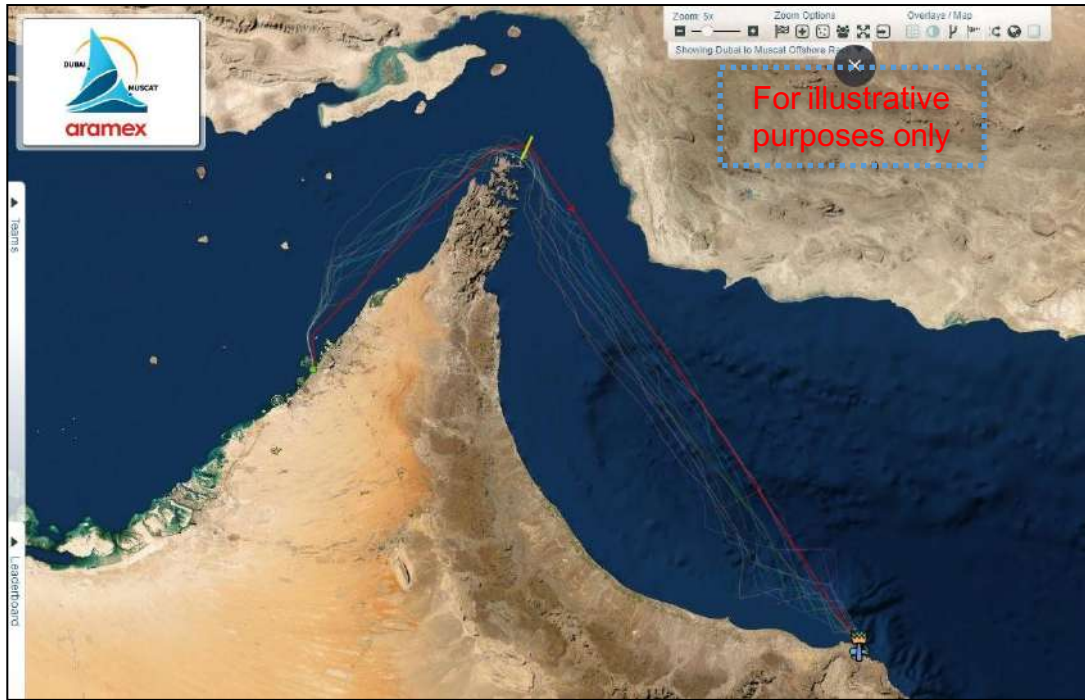
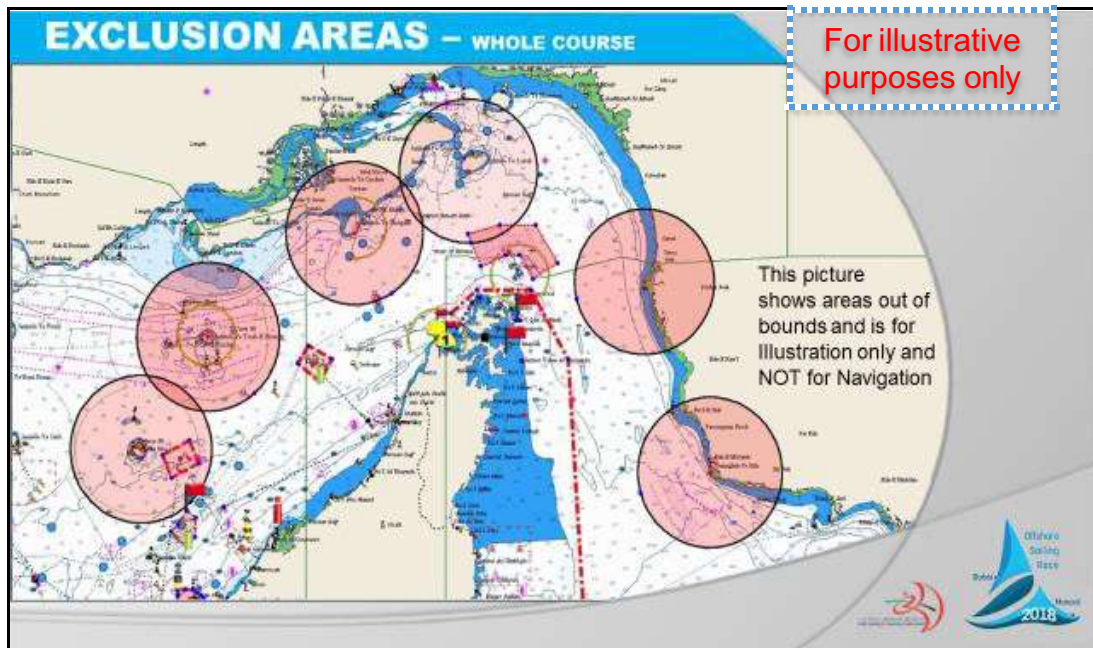


Illustration of restrictions and other hazards. **Not to be used for navigation**



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*Palm Deira Navigational Zone to be updated at the Skippers Briefing

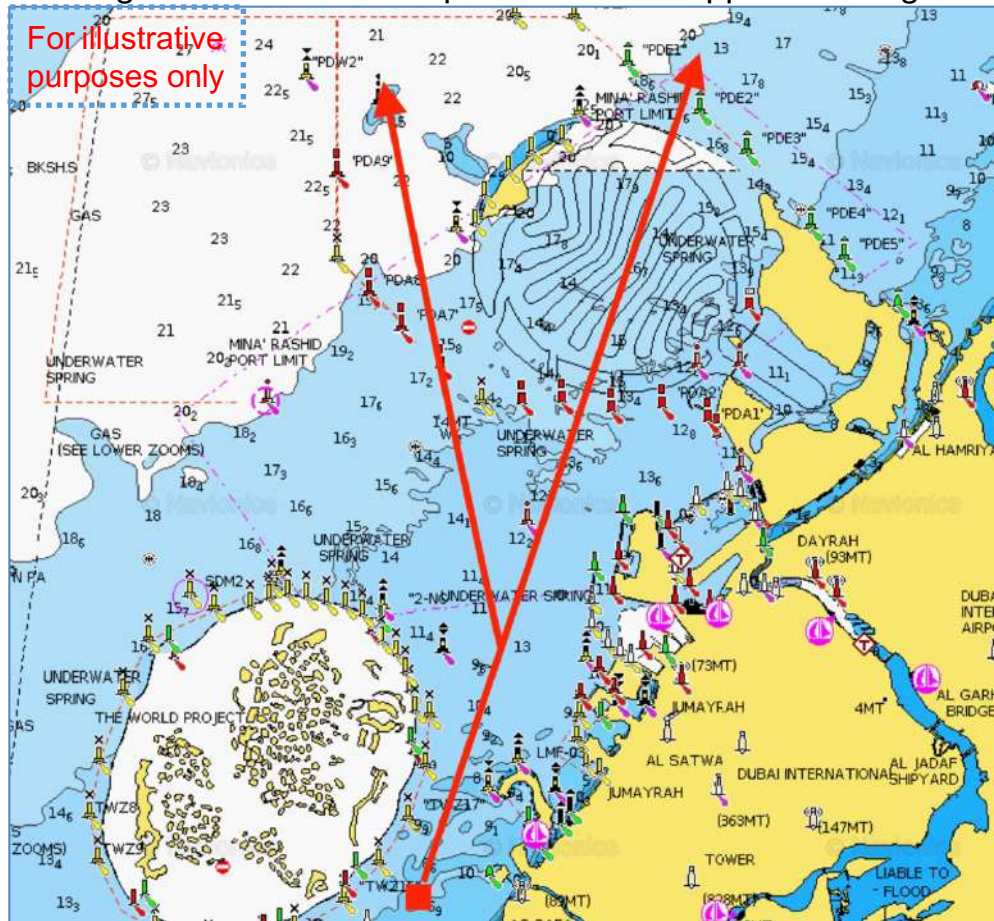
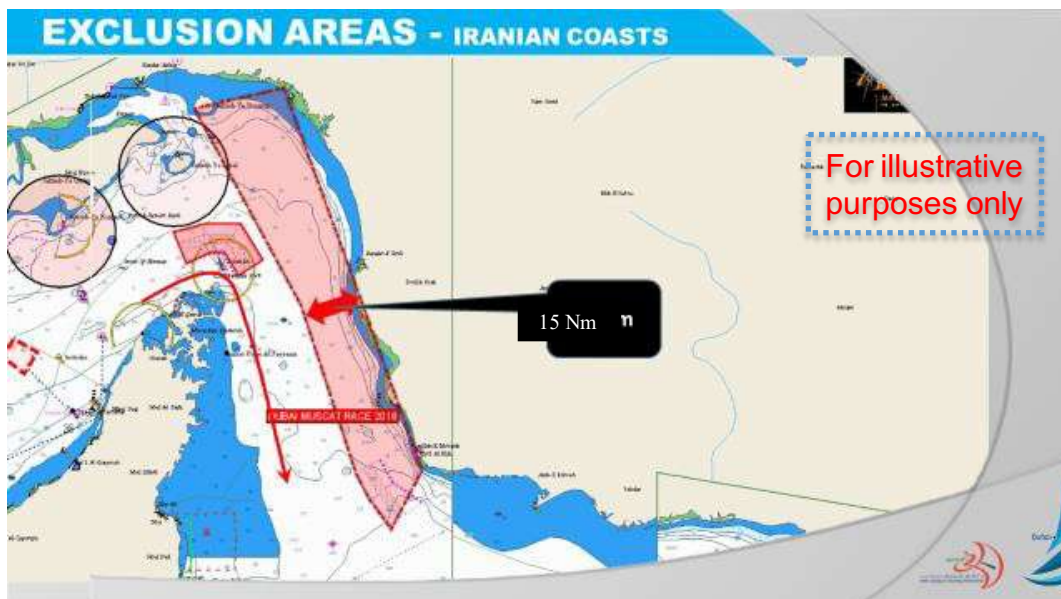


Illustration of restrictions close to Iranian Coastline. **Not to be used for navigation**



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Illustration of Gate off Musandam





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Illustration of approaches to Muscat Point and Marina Bandar AL Rowdha. **Not to be used for navigation**



Illustration of the Finish line arrangement. **Not to be used for navigation.**





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