



Aramex Dubai To Muscat Offshore Sailing Race 30th Edition

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Q1. Is the Charted Exclusion zone around “Palm Deira” an Obstruction?

No, Amendment 1 to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) excludes this area and its associated marks from the list of Obstructions. Local Notices to Mariners has removed the restricted area around this area although there are still navigational hazards in this area. The charts have not yet been updated.

Q2. Can I sail through the area of the Chart shown as the restricted area “Palm Deira?”

Yes, you are allowed to sail through the area on the Chart marked as Palm Deira, but please note there are shallow areas in the area and the Island is a hazard to navigation.

Q3. Do I have to pass offshore of Cat Island to the Finish?

SI 12 defines the finish as a line 0.4nm long bearing 050 degrees magnetic from the Blue Flag/light outside the Race Office. The Race Committee will do its best to ensure there is a lit Outer distance mark, but this can't be guaranteed. There is no need to pass outside Cat Island but it is probably safer to do so.

Q4. Will the Finish Line be manned?

It is planned that it will be manned but the race team will not be in Oman until Monday lunchtime and there may be other periods when the finish line is not manned. If there is no answer on the VHF when you are approaching the line we would recommend that you take a picture of your chart plotter as you cross the line which shows your position and the time. We would recommend you make the position of the Blue Flag a waypoint (lat/long in the SIs) and display the bearing and distance to the waypoint on your chart plotter.

Q5. Do I have to report in when I cross the Gate?

No, there is no requirement to report in but we would recommend that you take a picture of your chart plotter when you cross the Gate.