



DUBAI OFFSHORE
SAILING CLUB



Dubai To Khasab Offshore Sailing Race

1st Edition

Friday 27th October – Saturday 28th October 2023

Sailing Instructions

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All times are local (UAE / GMT+4)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority for the 2023 Dubai to Khasab Offshore Sailing Race (the “D2K” Race) is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (“DOSC”). The D2K Race is held with the assistance and support of the Oman Authorities, Oman Sailing Committee, Oman Sail, Waterfront & Marina Services (WAMS) and OMRAN.
- 1.2 The race headquarters will be hosted at DOSC, ‘Regatta Headquarters’.
- 1.3 In order to comply with UAE Immigration Regulations, all boats shall submit the necessary information including their signed Entry Form and completed 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 or by hand to DOSC reception

The initial Form shall be returned at the latest by 12:00 on Friday 27th October 2023. The Race Organiser may either refuse the entry or protest the boat as a result.

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

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Race 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.
- 2.4 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).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at DOSC from 09:00 on 27th October

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
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8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The intended course will be from Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (U.A.E) to Khasab (Sultanate of Oman). Details in Appendix 3. "COURSE". Approximate distance: 100 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 marks and finish marks are described in SIs 11 and 12.
- 9.2 A mixture of fixed and virtual marks may be used.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions.
- 10.1.1 All charted National Exclusion Zones are obstructions. Exclusion zones 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 016 degrees Magnetic from the starboard harbour light of Khasab Port observation area at the end of the harbour breakwater **[26 12.646N and 56 15.010E]** and the Safe Water Mark approximately 0.7nm at approximate position **(26 13.300N and 56 15.230E).**

12.2 Boats are requested to report to the race team and berthing arrangements by mobile phone or VHF channel 08 at least one hour before arriving at the finish and shortly after passing Khasab point at position **26 15.405N and 56 13.071E (3 nm from finish line)** 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 545093232** 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 1 hour or by 20:00 including details of any penalties taken and use of engine and deliver it to the Race Office at Muscat within the Protest Time Limit.

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 19:00 pm Saturday 28th October.
- 14.3 In addition to RRS 32, when the race committee believe that boats are unlikely to finish within the time limit or boats do not finish with the time limit, the race committee may score boats in the order, corrected on handicap if appropriate, that they passed through the last gate or mark at which the race committee are able to establish a finishing order. Such a line becomes the finishing line for those boats. However, no boat shall be scored better than any boat that completed the course before S over N has been displayed. The race committee may signal this by the display of S over N. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4.2 and RRS A9.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Hearing Request forms will be available at the Atana Khasab hotel. 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 20:00 on 28th October 2023.
- 15.2 Hearings will be heard as soon as practicable. Times and location of hearings will be communicated directly to the 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 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 Regatta Headquarters by 12:00 on Friday 27th October (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 545093232 at 18:00, 24:00, 06:00 and 12:00** commencing Friday 27th October at 18:00.

16.4 For emergency purposes boats may contact the Race Officer local number **+971 545093232** 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. 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 Khasab will be available from 10:00 28th October to 10:00 on 29th October. By entering the race, skippers and crew accept the Berthing Terms and Conditions and Rules of the Port of Khasab.

Please note that berthing at Khasab Port is not provided by the race organizer after 10:00 on the morning of 29th October.

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.
- 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 Boats may be required to carry a tracking unit so that race information can be displayed on the 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.



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 545093232), text message (+971 545093232) 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 re-joining 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 the Atana Khasab hotel from 20:00 on Saturday 28th October

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 D2M 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 2 – Event Schedule

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 18 th October 2023	Closing Deadline for Entry & Entry Fee	21:30
Friday 19 th October	Confirmation of successful entries Refund of entry fees in oversubscribed	17:00
Sunday 22 nd October 2023	Live Talk and Q&A: ‘Advice for Taking Part’	19:00
Friday 27 th October	Immigration & Exit Procedures Deadline to submit crew list and declaration Race Team Briefing with Skippers First Warning Signal	11:00 -12:00 12:00 13:00 – 13:15 Not before 13:55
Saturday 28 th October	Berthing Opens in Khasab Harbour Race Time Limit Prize Giving Reception	10:00 19:00 20:00 – 22:00
Sunday 29 th October	Berthing Ends in Khasab Harbour Immigration and Entry Procedure at Port Rashid	10:00 Sunday evening

Appendix 3 – Course

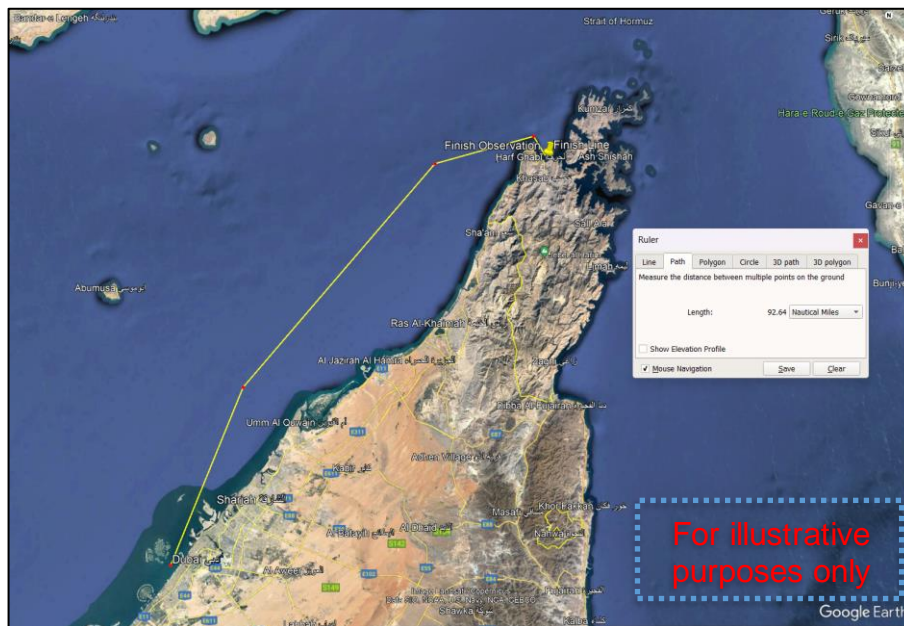
Start: 1nm outside DOSC



Gate: Timing gates will be described in the Final Skippers Briefing

Waypoint: No waypoints will be utilised for D2K 1st Edition

Overall Course Illustration



Finish: Khasab harbour breakwater to Safe Water Buoy



For illustrative purposes only

Course Restrictions and other hazards showing approximate 15nm boundary. **Not to be used for navigation**

