

We are pleased to announce the inaugural **Dubai to Khasab Race 2023 (D2K)**.



We have been working in the background with Oman Sail to establish Khasab as a destination for sailing events and as an access point into the Musandam sailing areas. Final planning is still underway for this year's event with Oman Sail, the Governor's office and other Khasab authorities and while we are confident plans will fall into place, we do expect a few wrinkles along the way, so if you are expecting a fully streamlined event please do not apply.

If, however you have a sense of adventure, a little bit of patience, and are happy to take the rough with the smooth, we will be happy to have you join what we hope will be the first of many bigger and better D2Ks in the years to come.

This event will also form part of the soft launch of the Offshore Triple Crown (OTC) series that will include 3 longer offshore races from Dubai to Khasab, from Dubai to Muscat and from Muscat to Khasab. More details on the OTC will follow later.

Schedule

The tentative schedule for the D2K 2023 will be:

We would like to invite you to the first information briefing, a 'Live Talk and Q&A' session for the Aramex Dubai to Muscat Race 2024

Sunday 22nd October 2023

1900hrs – Race Briefing

In Tentola

Friday 27th October 2023

1200hrs to 1300hrs – Departure Immigration at DOSC

1400hrs – Race Start

Saturday 28th October 2023

1200hrs – Khasab berthing open for first arrivals

1900hrs – Time Limit for Finish

2000hrs-2200hrs – Prize Giving in Khasab

Sunday 29th October 2023

1100hrs – Latest departure from Khasab Berthing

All yachts will be expected to depart Khasab by Sunday morning to return to Port Rashid for arrival immigration. This can be done following a few days cruising in the Musandam for those that wish.

Entry Information

For this inaugural test event, entries will be limited to 12 boats. Both racing and cruising boats are welcome, but due to limited numbers, all boats must be monohulls and hold an IRC certificate. For interested boats not already holding an IRC Certificate, DOSC can help in getting one.

There will be an entry fee of AED 1000/- per boat + AED 150/- per person.

Any boats wishing to enter, should apply by email to: sailingadmin@doscuae.com by 18/10/2023.

Please include your name, boat name, IRC TCC (if you have one), and expected number of crew.

If entries are oversubscribed, a lottery system will be used with initial preference going to boats already entered in D2M 2024, and then boats that have previously participated in the D2M, DOSC Offshore Series, and DOSC Cruising Rallies, and then all other boats. Successful applicants will be notified via email on 19/10/2023 and will then have 48 hours to pay their entry fee to secure their place, after which their place will be released to the next boat on the list.

The Race (& Cruise)

Whilst this event is a race, it is also to all including cruising boats. Part of the efforts being made with Oman Sail, the Governor's Office and other Khasab authorities is intended to benefit our wider sailing community and facilitate easier access for all to the Musandam sailing area.

Due to the limit on boat numbers this year, all boats will race in one IRC class.

The distance is approximately 90NM.

We look forward to seeing you on the start line and in Khasab,

David Worrall
D2M Race Director

Lee Brown
DOSC Director of Marina Activities

Alan Ruigrok
DOSC Racing and Events Manager

FAQs

Q: What is the berthing arrangement in Khasab?

A: For berthing, we will be rafting up, up to 6 deep against a tourist dhow that will be secured to the quay wall. DOSC will be providing some large fenders on the dhow for the first boat in the raft, but all boats will need to carry sufficient fenders and lines for mooring and this will be mandated equipment in the SIs. The dhows will also provide a shaded common area for socialising with other crews after arrival.



Q: Can we cross the finish line and sail back to Dubai?

A: No, all boats that make it to Khasab, must come ashore to stamp in/out and attend the prize giving. Boats may stay the night or leave directly after the prize giving if they wish.

Q: Can I get off the boat in Khasab and go back to Dubai by road?

A: Yes. Crews may stamp in at Khasab and then travel back to Dubai overland clearing the land border in the normal way. Return delivery crews may also travel to Khasab overland and stamp out in Khasab for the return trip to Dubai.

Q: Can I go cruising in Musandam after the race?

A: Yes, boats will be able to cruise in the Musandam for a few days after the race should they wish.

Q: Can I leave my boat in Musandam for the week and collect it the following weekend?

A: No. All boats will need to leave the organised berthing by 1100hrs on Sunday morning. This is something we hope to offer in future years.

Q: Where can I sleep?

A: For those not wishing to sleep on their boats, we have support from Antana Hotels who have offered a discounted rate of OMR 49/54 for a Deluxe Superior Room for Single/Double occupancy respectively. This includes all taxes and a buffet breakfast. The Antana Musandam Resort is conveniently located in the port.



Q: How long will it take me to get back?

A: It is approximately 90NM from Khasab to Dubai- you can do your own maths.

Q: Wait, I have more questions...

A: We do to and we are quickly trying to finalise arrangements and hope to provide more information soon.