

Dubai Offshore Sailing Club

Shorthanded Series Trophy

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS V1

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS)*.
- 1.2. Add to RRS 28.1: 'If the Race Committee observes a boat failing to sail the correct course, then she may be disqualified without a hearing.' This also changes RRS A5.
- 1.3. Add to RRS 32.1: '(f) for any reason considered appropriate by the Race Committee.'
- 1.4. Competitors and support persons shall comply promptly with any reasonable request by a Race Official.
- 1.5. RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.
- 1.6. Boats shall notify their intention to race on the sign on sheet posted on the day of racing. Failure to sign on prior to the first race of the day shall result in DPI, failure to sign off within the protest time limit shall result in DPI in the last race sailed by the competitor.
2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply
3. All boats are limited to maximum 2 persons on board.

4. Communications with Competitors

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club
- 4.2. There will be a briefing for competitors at 12pm on the day of racing in the Tentola.
- 4.3. The following communications may be made by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 08: whilst the Race Committee displays a yellow flag:
 - The race area and race schedule each day; any schedule changes
 - Any change of starting order for multiple Class starts
 - The approximate location of the Race Committee Boat
 - The use of alternate preparatory signals
 - The courses to be sailed and any changes or shortening
 - The approximate bearings and distances to moveable/first marks
 - The warning, preparatory and starting signals for all classes.
 - Between the warning and preparatory signal, any starting penalty flag to be displayed.
 - Sailing Instruction changes (confirmation of changes posted)

- Postponements and abandonments
- Individual and general recalls
- The intended time of the first start of a starting sequence
- The times of the first, second and last finishers

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 12pm or no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals made Ashore

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff on the upper balcony of the Club.
- 6.2. When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1. Races are scheduled each racing day as follows:

Race Format	Time of 1st Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled each Day
3 Races, back to back	2pm	3

- 7.2. For the first starting sequence each day, classes will normally start in the order described at the briefing or as posted on the official notice board. For subsequent starting sequences the class order will be as signalled by the Race Committee.
- 7.3. The Classes may be combined for any start, but no Class will start earlier than as published.
- 7.4. The second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical.
- 7.5. After a long postponement, or to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound, at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 7.6. No warning signal will be made after 1700hrs

8. Classes, Class and Event Flags. Rating or Handicap Limits

- 8.1. Class or event flags will be:

Class	Handicap / Rating Limits	Class Flag
Class A	IRC TCC 0.951 & above	Oscar
Class B	IRC TCC 0.950 & below	Delta
Class C	NHC	Juliet
Multihull Class	DOSC Multi Adjusted HCap	Foxtrot

- 8.2. When a visual signal is displayed under an event flag, the signal applies to all boats in that event. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 8.3. The Classes, handicap or rating limits may change the Notice of Race and may also be displayed on the official notice board as a change to this Sailing Instruction.

- 8.4. The Race Committee may adjust the definition, the numbers, and/or the handicap limits of Classes. Such decisions will be posted as a notice to competitors.
- 8.5. The Race Committee may at its sole discretion move boats between Classes.
- 8.6. Boats racing under the DOSC Multi Adjusted Handicap (DAH) system will be allocated a Club Number if they have raced under the system before, or, where they have no Club Number, they will be allocated a Base Number by the Race Committee. A boat's handicap may be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.
- 8.7. For boats racing under the DAH system, any changes to the boat, rigging, sails or equipment that could materially affect the performance of the boat during the series shall be notified in writing to the Race Committee before the start of the next race entered.

9. Racing Areas

- 9.1. The locations of the racing areas will be described at the briefing.

10. Courses

- 10.1. The courses shall be provided as a notice to competitors separately no later than the time of the briefing.

11. Marks

- 11.1. The marks will be as described in the course information provided as per SI 10.1 above.

12. Areas that are Obstructions

- 12.1. Areas designated as obstructions will be described at the briefing.

13. The Start

- 13.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.
- 13.2. In exceptional circumstances Visual Signals for the warning, preparatory and starting signals may not be displayed. This changes RRS 26. Times shall be taken from the sound signals which may be available on VHF.
- 13.3. The starting line and its location is described in Attachment A.
- 13.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall, if possible, avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats. Boats breaking this Sailing Instruction may be penalised by the Race Committee with a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

14. Change of Course

- 14.1. The system for changing the course will be as per RRS 33 for adjustments of more than 10m. The race committee may adjust any racing mark by up to 10m without signal.

15. The Finish and Shortening the Course

- 15.1. The finishing line is described in Attachment A.
- 15.2. If a finish boat is not on station competitors must self-declare their GPS finish time when signing off.
- 15.3. Shortening the course will be per RRS 32

16. Penalty System

- 16.1. Exoneration Penalty.

A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a Post Race Penalty - a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is three and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty is to retire.

16.2. When a Post Race Penalty is accepted:

- (a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

14.3 RRS Appendix P (On water Judging of RRS 42) will apply. or: RRS Appendix P will apply with the following changes. The penalty under RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. RRS P2.3 will not apply.

14.4 Penalties when injury or damage is caused, the penalty for a boat found to have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 in an incident that causes injury or damage shall be:

- (a) For the first incident in a series, disqualification, but this may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be not excludable for damage that is more than minor.
- (b) For the second incident in a series, disqualification that is not excludable.
- (c) For the third and subsequent incidents in a series, the protest committee shall act under RRS 69, Misconduct taking the facts of the incidents to be 'information from any source' as in RRS 69.2(c).
- (d) When the race is part of more than one series, the penalty shall apply to all those series.

For the purpose of this rule, minor damage is damage that does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.

15. Time Limits and Target Times

15.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Target Finish Time First Boat	Time Limit (1) For 1st boat to finish as RRS 35.	Time limit (2) Latest time to finish after first boat in class
A	40 to 60 minutes	1.5 hours	2 hours
B	40 to 60 minutes	1.5 hours	2 hours
C	40 to 60 minutes	1.5 hours	2 hours
Multi	40 to 60 minutes	1.5 hours	2 hours

15.2. Boats that do not finish within time limit (2) will be scored DNF without a hearing.

15.3. This Sailing Instruction 15 changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2. For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. However, for protests alleging a breach of the IRPCAS based on a report from a source external to the Club, the protest time limit is 7 days after the alleged breach.

16.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the final protest time limit of the day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5. Breaches of Sailing Instructions: 4, 5, 7, 12, 20, 21, 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.6. Penalties for breaches of rules, except RRS Part 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

16.7. RYA Rules Dispute Advisory and Mediation Hearings are available.

16.8. In RRS 66, delete: On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

16.9. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.10. Protest hearings will be scheduled as soon as possible but unless notified otherwise.

16.11. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall declare so on the sign off sheet.

16.12. Competitors are requested to advise the finishing boat if intending to lodge a protest or request redress.

17. Scoring

17.1. The number of races required to award the DH Trophy shall be 1 race.

17.2. All races sailed shall count.

17.3. A boat that is racing when her time limit expires or a boat that retires before her time limit expires and informs the Race Committee promptly and provided her retirement is not caused by her breach of a rule, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A9.

17.4. The Race Committee will allocate Base Handicaps to each boat, which shall be used to determine its placing in the NHC and Multihull Handicap Series.

17.5. Boats shall only be entered in the series results after they have started a race.

18. Safety Regulations and Risk Statement

18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Boats may call 043941669 to report their retirement.

18.2. The Race Committee may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider the boat, its equipment, helm or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions.

- 18.3. All boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by any DOSC official Committee Boat or patrol boat.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. Advertising

- 20.1. Boats shall display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority if requested.

21. Official Boats

- 21.1. Official boats will be indicated at the Briefing.

22. Support Boats

- 22.1. Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing.

Support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first Class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23. Prizes

- 23.1. Daily Prizes will be awarded following racing.
- 23.2. Event Trophies shall be awarded at the annual prize giving.

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