



**Dubai Duty Free
SB20
Asia-Pacific Championships**

2nd – 4th February 2024

Sailing Instructions

Including Amendment 1, 2, 3 & 4

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VERSION	DATE PUBLISHED	REMARKS
Version 1	2024/01/22	Initial version of the document
Amendment 1	2024/01/24	Corrected error in section 6 – Schedule of Races
Amendment 2	2024/02/02	Added 1.5 re support for Junior Team
Amendment 3	2024/02/02	Changed Race Schedule and briefing time on Sat 3 Feb
Amendment 4	2024/02/03	Changed Race Schedule and briefing time on Sun 4 Feb

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule or request redress. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and RRS62.1(a)

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Notice of Race.
- 1.2. Add to RRS 32.1: '(e) for any reason considered appropriate by the race committee.
- 1.3. [DP] All boats shall display bow numbers that will be supplied by the OA and attached as described in Addendum C.
- 1.4. [DP] Provided two or more races have been completed, from Saturday 3rd February onwards, each day while racing, the sailors of the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall wear yellow, green, and red bibs respectively. These bibs will be available at the Race Office each day from two hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day and shall be returned by competitors as soon as possible after the day's racing.
- 1.5. There shall be no penalty for Junior team boats or their support persons for infringing NoR 16.3 & 16.4.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 hrs or no later than 60 minutes before the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at Racing Rules of Sailing portal under the below address. The QR to access the group is also available in Addendum B. <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6924/event>
- 3.2. The VHF Channel to be used for race committee broadcasts is channel 08. Competitors should monitor this channel from when they leave their moorings.
- 3.3. The Event Messaging System for this event will be a Telegram messaging group. The QR code to join the group is available in the Addendum B.
- 3.4. The Race Office is located at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club.
- 3.5. Competitors may communicate with the race committee as follows:
 - By the Event Messaging System to the specified group. These messaging groups shall only be used for official communications.
 - By VHF on Channel 08.
 - By letter through the Race Office.
- 3.6. [NP] The following communications will be made by the race committee on VHF and may be repeated on the Event Messaging System.
 - Time check(s) twenty minutes before the scheduled first warning signal of the day.
 - The race area and race schedule each day, any schedule changes.
 - The approximate location of the race committee vessel

- 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

3.7. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.8. **There will be a briefing for competitors at 1230 on 2 February and 0930 hrs on 3 February & 0930hrs on 4 February in the race village at DOSC.**

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club's flagpole.
- 5.2. When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than forty-five (45) minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	NUMBER OF RACES	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
February 2 nd	3	14:00
February 3 rd	3	11:00
February 4 th	3	11:00

- 6.1. Nine (9) races are scheduled for the SB20 Asia-Pacific Championships 2024.
- 6.2. Extra or fewer races may be sailed. If extra races are to be sailed, Flag F will be displayed on the race signal boat at the end of the last scheduled race.
- 6.3. When more than one race is scheduled in a day, second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practical.
- 6.4. 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 five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. CLASSES AND EVENT FLAGS

- 7.1. The Class Flag will be the SB20 Class logo on a white background.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. See Attachment A of the Notice of Race (NOR).

9. COURSES

9.1. The course is described in Addendum A.

10. MARKS

10.1. The marks are described in Addendum A.

10.2. Marks 1, 1a, 1s, 4s & 4p are autonomous; these marks will go back to their original positions if they are dragged or otherwise moved off station. Routine movement of autonomous marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments and marks returning to station after having been pushed or dragged away by a competitor. RRS 31 continues to apply.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Areas designated as obstructions are shown in Addendum A.

12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

13.1. The system for changing the course is described in Addendum A.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line is described in Addendum A.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. See NOR 13.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME (changing RRS 35 and RRS A5)

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

Time Limit (1) For 1 st boat to finish as RRS 35.	Time limit (2) Latest time to finish after 1 st boat sails the course and finishes.	Time limit (3) For 1 st boat to round Mark 1	Target Finish Time
90 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	60 minutes

16.2. [NP] Boats that do not finish within time limit (2) will be given a finishing position by the Race Officer.

16.3. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. A boat intending to protest for an incident during a race should inform the Race Committee finishing vessel immediately after finishing either by VHF or the Event Messaging System. If the protestor does not finish the race, they should promptly inform the Race Office immediately after coming ashore.

17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.3. Hearing requests shall be submitted using the request button on the Official Notice Board.

17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the Event Messaging System to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 17.5. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at DOSC.
- 17.6. Messages regarding hearings may be sent via the Event Messaging System.
- 17.7. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies. The time and location of arbitration meetings shall be posted on the official notice board or via the Event Messaging System.
- 17.8. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. Rule A5.2 applies.
- 18.2. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 18.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall lodge a scoring inquiry using the request button on the Official Notice Board.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. See the Notice of Race Attachment B for specific safety regulations.
- 19.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 19.3. 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.
- 19.4. All boats, whilst afloat, preparing to go afloat and on return to shore shall comply with instructions given by slipway marshals and any DOSC official committee vessel or patrol vessel.

20. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2. Boats requesting the substitution of a member of the crew shall have the proposed new crew weighted-in thirty (30) minutes before the briefing.
- 20.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. See Event NOR 10.
- 21.2. When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. GPS TRACKING DEVICES [NP] [DP]

- 22.1. All boats are required to carry a tracking device supplied by the OA whilst racing.
- 22.2. Each boat shall collect and return its tracker daily, during sign-out and sign-in at the SAILMON stand. The specific location and time will be communicated in advance.
- 22.3. On the initial day, it is required that you bring your phone to the pickup booth; however, this is not required on subsequent days.
- 22.4. Trackers must be placed in the front pocket of the spinnaker bag and securely fastened.
- 22.5. The Race Committee will impose the following standard penalties without the need for a hearing.
 - Failure to collect the tracker will result in a penalty of one (1) point in the first race of the day.
 - Neglecting to return the tracker will incur a penalty of one (1) point in the last race of the day.

- Improper mounting or placement of the tracker will result in a penalty of one (1) point for each race.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1. Official boats will be marked with flags reflecting the role of the vessel. Race Signals may be made from these boats.

24. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1. RRS 47 applies.

26. BERTHING [DP]

26.1. [DP] See Event NOR 17

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

27.1. [DP] See Event NOR 17.

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

28.1. [DP] See Event NOR 18

29. PRIZES

29.1. It is planned to present the prizes at 19:00hrs on 4 February 2024.

30. RISK STATEMENT

30.1. See Event NOR 22

31. INSURANCE

31.1. See Event NOR 20

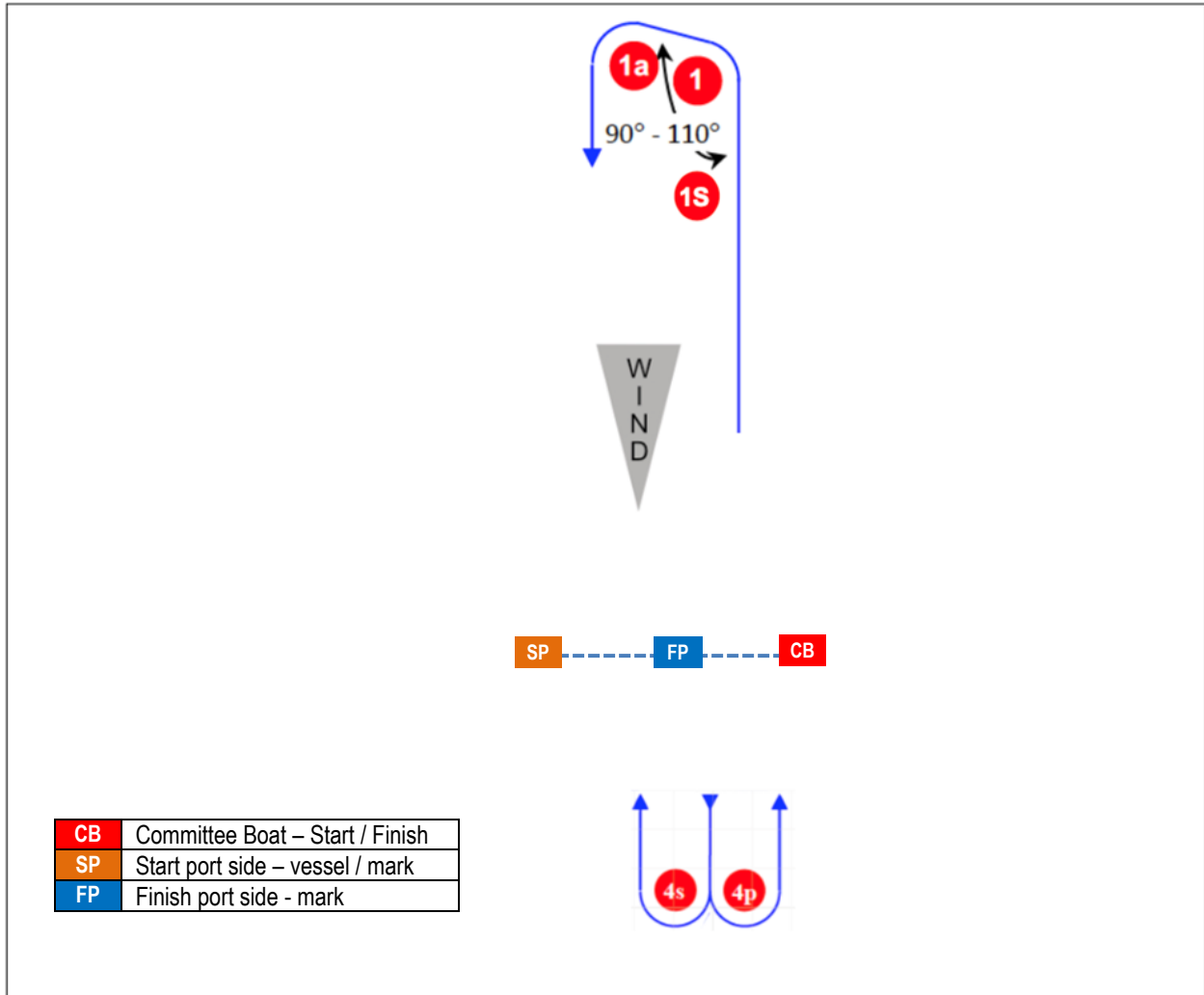
ADDENDUM A Race Area, Marks & Courses

A1. THE RACE AREA

A1.1. The race areas will be either Race Area A or B in Attachment A of the NoR.

A2. THE RACE COURSE

A2.1. The racecourse is depicted on the below diagram.



Signal	Order in which marks are to be passed
No signal displayed	Start - 1s - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1s - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - Finish

A2.2. The distance of legs, the colour of marks and the angle between marks may not be as shown.

A2.3. Any changes to the Marks between races will be announced by VHF and the EMS with the display of Flag L on the anchored Signal Boat and will be repeated as soon as possible after the display of the orange flag, but no later than the warning signal.

A3. STARTING MARKS AND STARTING LINE

A3.1. The starting line marks will be:

Inner Mark	Outer Mark (ODM)
Staff with orange flag on Committee Boat	Inflatable buoy or Orange Flag on a Committee Boat

- A3.2. The Starting Line will be between the course side of the inner and outer starting marks. The committee boat may be at either end of the line.
- A3.3. Before a boat's first start of each day, she shall pass the committee boat so that her sail number is clearly visible to the Race Committee.
- A3.4. The starting ODM shall be announced on VHF after the Orange Flag is displayed but before the Warning Signal.

A4. MARKS OF THE COURSE

A4.1. The following marks will be used:

Name	Description of Mark:	Mark Colour
Mark 1	Autonomous buoy	Orange
Mark 1A	Autonomous buoy	Orange
Mark 1S	Autonomous buoy	Green
Gate 4	Autonomous buoy x2	Orange

- A4.2. If only one of the Gate marks is laid, boats shall leave it to port.
- A4.3. All marks to be rounded to port with the exemption of the leeward gate 4S / 4P. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.

A5. FINISHING MARKS AND FINISHING LINE

A5.1. The starting line marks will be:

Inner Mark	Outer Mark (ODM)
Inflatable Buoy or Blue flag on a Committee Boat.	Staff with Blue flag on the Committee Boat.

- A5.2. The Finishing Line will be between the inner and outer finishing marks.
- A5.3. The finish ODM shall be announced on VHF after the Orange Flag is displayed but before the Warning Signal.

A6. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- A6.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may (a) lay a new mark, (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. When a new Mark is laid the description of the new mark will be broadcast repeatedly on VHF as the change of course is being signalled and the original marks will be removed as soon as possible.
- A6.2. The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling a change of course. If mark 1 is moved under this rule marks 1S and 1a will be laid. This changes RRS 33.
- A6.3. If a change of course is signalled and mark 1 is replaced, mark 1S may not be laid.
- A6.4. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

A7. OBSTRUCTIONS

- A7.1. [DP] The finish line is an obstruction for boats sailing on the downwind leg. Boats sailing to the leeward gate shall not cross the finish line from the direction of the windward mark.

ADDENDUM B Event Links

B1. EVENT NOTICE BOARD:

B1.1. Following link can be used to access the official Notice Board:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6924/event>

B1.2. Below QR code can be used to access the event Notice Board.



B2. EVENT MESSAGING SYSTEM

B2.1. Following link can be used to join Event Messaging System:

<https://t.me/+TcsPaw7hb8VjY2E8>

B2.2. Below QR code can be used to join the event messaging group.



ADDENDUM C Bow Number Positioning

C1. BOW NUMBER INSTRUCTIONS

- C1.1. Apply to both sides of the boat with the number pointed towards the bow.
- C1.2. The sticker should be positioned max 15 cm from the bow.
- C1.3. The sticker should be positioned max 5 cm under and parallel to the deck gunwale.
- C1.4. Please clean that part properly and ensure the sticker really sticks (remove bubbles).
- C1.5. No modifications to the sticker itself are allowed.

C2. BOW NUMBER EXAMPLE

- C2.1. Bow numbers should be installed according to the below example.

