



**ASIA-PACIFIC 2024  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

DUBAI, 2-4 FEB 2024

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

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

# Notice of Race

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Amendment 1	28/11/2023	Amended registration deadlines.
Amendment 2	03/01/2023	Amended registration deadlines.
Amendment 3	15/01/2024	Amended the prizes
Amendment 4	24/01/2024	Added point 18.2
Amendment 5	30/01/2024	Amended 17.1 – launching time limit
Amendment 6	31/01/2024	Amended registration timelines

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1.1. Dubai Offshore Sailing Club invites entries for SB20 World Championships 2024.

**2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

2.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is:

Dubai Offshore Sailing Club  
Jumeirah Beach Road, Umm  
Suqeim 1, Dubai, UAE Phone:  
+971 4 3941669

2.2. Questions shall be directed to [sailingadmin@doscuae.com](mailto:sailingadmin@doscuae.com).

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

3.1. Regatta is open to all boats which are active member of SB20 class in their respective countries / districts.

**4. RULES**

- 4.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 4.2. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 4.3. The SB20 class rules will apply with changes under RRS 87 described in Attachment B.
- 4.4. RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 4.5. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 4.6. English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages, the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.
- 4.7. The World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian prize.

**5. ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]**

- 5.1. Boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 5.2. Boats will be required to display bow numbers as supplied by the OA.
- 5.3. Teams may be required to wear coloured bibs for event leaders (rank 1, 2, 3)
- 5.4. Boats may be required to carry branded spinnaker provided by the OA.

**6. VENUE AND DATES**

- 6.1. The event will be held at the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 2 – 4 February 2024.
- 6.2. Location of the venue and race areas is detailed in the Attachment A.

**7. SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
February 1	1500 - 1900	Registration and Measurement
February 2	0900 - 1200	Registration and Measurement
	1230	Skippers Briefing
	1400	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal - Asia Pacific Races
	1830	Opening Ceremony
February 3	1130	Skippers Briefing
	1300	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal – Asia Pacific Races
February 4	1130	Skippers briefing
	1300	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal – Asia Pacific Races
	1830	Closing ceremony
	1900	Prize Giving

- 7.1. Nine (9) races are scheduled for the SB20 Asia Pacific Championships 2024.
- 7.2. The RC may race as many as three (3) races each day.
- 7.3. Racing shall be planned based on more reliable afternoon sea breeze. If conditions allow the race committee shall endeavour to schedule racing starting at noon.
- 7.4. If in the opinion of RC the Event is behind schedule or likely to fall behind schedule, four (4) races may be raced on one day.
- 7.5. The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other reasons. The proper communication will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 7.6. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 16:30.

**8. ENTRY, FEES & REFUNDS**

- 8.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form available on the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club website <https://scm.dosc.ae/event/879941>.
- 8.2. Entries will be confirmed when payment is received in full.
- 8.3. The number of entries is limited to 80 boats. OA may extend the number at their discretion.
- 8.4. The entry deadline is on 25th January 2024. Entries may be taken after this date at the discretion of the OA.
- 8.5. Entry fees apply as per the table below. Youth team fee applies to teams meeting requirements of NOR 15.

CATEGORY	UNTIL 15/01/2024	FROM 16/01/2024
DOSC Members	AED 700	AED 1,000
Visiting teams (non-members)	AED 1,000	AED 1,500
DOSC Members – Youth	AED 250	AED 500
Visiting teams - Youth	AED 500	AED 700

- 8.6. The entry fee includes:
  - a) Regatta entry
  - b) Launching at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC) after February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - c) In-water berthing at DOSC from February 1<sup>st</sup> until February 5<sup>th</sup>
  - d) Haul out at DOSC on February 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - e) Social tickets for each crew member at the following events - Opening ceremony & closing ceremony.
- 8.7. The entry fee is 50% refundable until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- 8.8. The entry fee is non-refundable from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

- 8.9. The entry fee and only the entry fee is fully refundable by the OA should the event not take place.
- 8.10. Support boat launching, berthing and retrieving fee of AED 1000 applies. Support boats can collect their official numbered support boat flag from the race office. A deposit of AED 200 applies.

## 9. COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 9.1. The Official Notice Board is located online at  
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6924/event?name=sb20-asia-pacific-championships-2024>
- 9.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions
- 9.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## 10. MEASUREMENT

- 10.1. All boats and equipment shall be presented for measurement where the following measurements will be taken:
- Crew weighing according to the SB20 Class Measurement Rules – all crew at the same time.
  - Safety and Equipment checks.
  - Boats should be prepared for full inspection.
- 10.2. [DP] A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.
- 10.3. Each boat shall produce at Registration evidence of insurance cover as per NOR Clause 20.
- 10.4. Random measurement checks may be made during the regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

## 11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the official event WhatsApp group before 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## 12. THE COURSES

- 12.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward – leeward with a spreader mark and a downwind gate if there is one fleet only.
- 12.2. Inner and outer loop trapezoid course (each with a downwind gate) will be used in the case of more than one fleet.

## 13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2. Appendix T – Arbitration will apply to this regatta.
- 13.3. Decisions of the race / protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 15. PRIZES

- 15.1. The following prizes will be presented:
  - a) Top (1) Junior team
  - b) Top three (3) Youth teams
  - c) Top three (3) Women's teams
  - d) Top three (3) Corinthian teams
  - e) Top three (3) boats of the overall results
- 15.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 15.3. A Junior team is composed of a minimum of 50% of crew including the helm being 17 years old or younger on the last day of the event (implies a minimum of two junior people on board)
- 15.4. A Youth team is composed of a minimum of 50% of crew including the helm being 25 years old or younger on the last day of the event (implies a minimum of two youth people on board)
- 15.5. A Women's team is composed of a minimum of 50% women, including one at the helm (implies a minimum of two women on board).
- 15.6. A Corinthian team is composed entirely of sailors holding a current World Sailing Group 1 categorization valid until after the final date of racing in the regatta. (implies all people on board holding WS Group 1 categorization)

## 16. SUPPORT PERSONS BOATS [DP] [NP]

- 16.1. Support persons boats shall be marked with a numbered flag available from registration following the payment of the support boat fee detailed in NOR 9.
- 16.2. Support persons boats will be marked with a country flag of minimum size 50cm x 70cm.
- 16.3. A boat shall receive no outside assistance from support persons boats or support persons or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing where the Race Committee has communicated to the fleet that all competitors may accept a tow.
- 16.4. For the avoidance of doubt, outside assistance includes verbal communication and the transfer of physical items.
- 16.5. At all times, support persons boats must be on call on VHF channel 68.
- 16.6. All occupants of a powered craft shall wear an approved PFD at all times when underway.

## 17. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP] [NP]

- 17.1. All boats participating in the Asia Pacific Championships shall be launched by 12:00 on Friday 2nd February 2024.
- 17.2. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.
- 17.3. Boats shall not be hauled-out during the regatta until the end of the last scheduled race of the series except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. While hauled-out, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted.

## 18. DIVING AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP] [NP]

- 18.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used by crew members or their support persons around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last scheduled race of the series.
- 18.2. Alternatively, the OA will provide with underwater cleaning service by its own divers, to those crews interested. Information on how to book this service and the correspondent fee will be available on the official notice board.

**19. VIDEO AND TRACKING [DP] [NP]**

- 19.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 19.2. All boats may be required to carry GPS trackers supplied by the organising authority. Instructions for use of trackers will be provided at Registration.

**20. INSURANCE**

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 1 million or equivalent in another currency per incident.
- 20.2. Each boat shall produce at Registration evidence of insurance cover. OA is not responsible for ensuring validity of the insurance certificates.

**21. DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1. At registration competitors and support persons will be required to confirm if they give permission to the Organising Authority to collect and use their personal data for the purpose of organising this Event.
- 21.2. The Organising Authority has adopted a Data Protection Policy for the Event which can be found on the event website.
- 21.3. By entering the Event competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) understands that the Organising Authority and its partners may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore for the purpose of promoting the event. Competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) will be required to confirm if they give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media without compensation, which may be in conjunction with the competitor's or support person's (or their parent or guardian) names or not.
- 21.4. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, of the Organising Authority or the SB20 class.

**22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1. All those participating in the regatta races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race.
- 22.1. Dubai Offshore Sailing Club, their executives, boards, servants, volunteers and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.

**23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

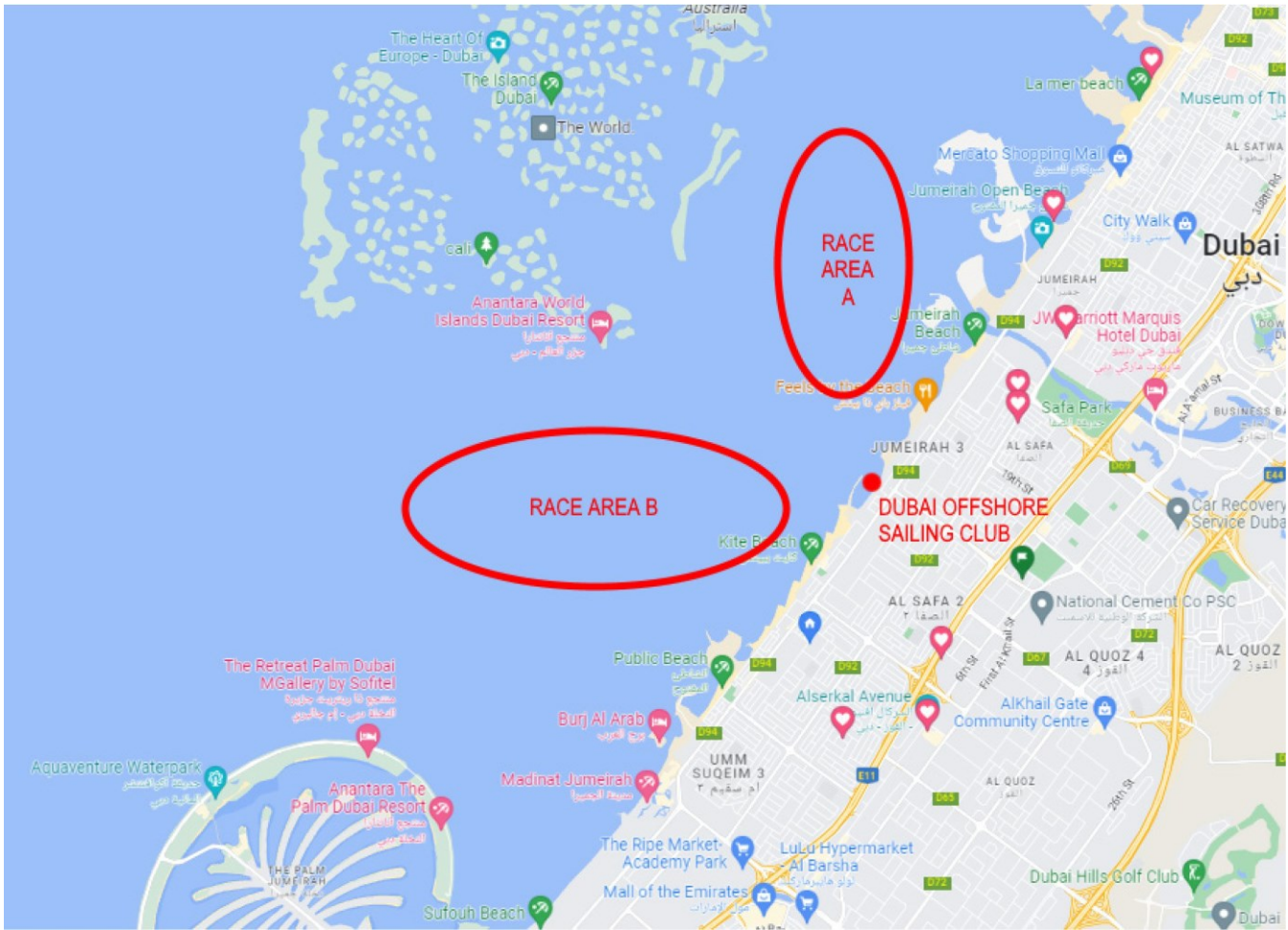
- 23.1. Further information will be available on the event website <https://worlds2024.sb20class.org>.
- 23.2. In case of any additional questions please contact [sailingadmin@doscuae.com](mailto:sailingadmin@doscuae.com).
- 23.3. Each participant shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Authority and provide an email address.

**24. KEY CONTACTS**

- 24.1. OA Event Chairman – Ed Shiffner
- 24.2. OA Event Director – Alan Ruigrok

## ATTACHMENT A Venue & Race Area

This section provides information about the venue and race areas.



## ATTACHMENT B SB20 Class Rule Changes

SB20 class rules apply as available <https://www.sb20class.org/class-rules/> with the following changes:

- B1.** In accordance with Class Rules C4.2, the following items are permitted:
- (1) *Mobile phones if they are not used for receiving or sending any information pertaining to racing. Taking photos between before and after racing is permitted.*
  - (2) *GPS trackers provided by the OA.*
- B2.** Article C.5.1 Mandatory Equipment is deleted entirely and replaced with the below wording:
- The following safety equipment shall be carried at all times:*
- a) *One floating throwing line, not less than 10m long and 6mm diameter.*
  - b) *Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1 kg.*
  - c) *A functioning VHF radio or a functioning mobile phone used for emergency purposes only while racing.*
  - d) *First aid kit in waterproof container*
  - e) *A knife or a multi-tool containing a knife.*