



DUBAI TO KHASAB 2023 DUBAI TO MUSCAT 2024 INFORMATION BRIEFING

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Agenda

- A word from our sponsors
- Intro to Offshore Triple Crown: D2K/D2M/M2K David
- Briefing for the D2K David
- D2M information briefing Alan/Matt
 - NoR issued July 2023, <https://dubaitomuscatrace.com/race-documents-2/>
 - Upgraded Online Race Entry Portal: <https://dubaitomuscatrace.com/login/>
 - Races and Race Course + Alternate Courses
 - Arriving in Muscat & Finish Line
 - M2K and Returning to Dubai
 - Weather, Unexpected Challenges, Safety at Sea, S&R
- Changes for this edition David

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Introduction to the 'OTC'

3 races in the new 'Offshore Triple Crown' – 'soft launch' with test events this year

Objective: to access to the Musandam sailing area for racing/cruising and to support Oman Sail adventure sports in Khasab

Notice of Series on the D2M website: <https://dubaitomuscatrace.com/race-documents-3/>

Dubai to Khasab:

October 27-29th

Dubai to Muscat:

February 24-29th

Muscat to Khasab:

February 29th – March 3rd



Briefing for the D2K

'DOSC' event. No involvement of UAE SARF or UAE GaS

Supported by Oman Sail and Governor of Musandam ([official support letter](#)).

Important that you get to Khasab & attend prize giving

Entry fee will be refunded if organisation doesn't come through

You need an [Omani E-visa](#) before starting ([multi-entry](#) if doing the D2M)

Sailing Instructions issued mid week (Wednesday evening)

Exit immigration at [DOSC 11:00-12:00](#) on Friday 27th

Group Coastguard sailing permit organised by DOSC 'as normal'



Briefing for the D2K

NoR is on the D2M website: <https://dubaitomuscatrace.com/race-documents-4/>

D2M standards and procedures, OSR Cat3+ life raft but no scrutineering

NoR flexible for this years 'test' event

IRC class for mono-hulls only (future years will be D2M classes)

Documentation to complete and **submit on paper/PDF** to DOSC reception of DOSC sailingadmin@doscuae.com by Friday:

- Entry form in NoR Appendix A
- Race declaration signed by skipper
- Copy of boat registration card and photo image of the boat
- Signed crew form
- One page for skipper and each crew member containing a scan of: passport, visa and EID

Briefing for the D2K

Mooring by the Coastguard station in NW corner



You will need extra fenders and some warps & springs

Khasab Immigration - maybe

1. Handover passport on arrival

DON'T LEAVE THE BOAT

2. Stamp in or in/out

3. If cruising a few more days we will try in/out and straight to Dubai

Briefing for the D2K



Atana Khasab

(not Atana Musandam)

Approx 1km walk from berthing

Special room rate for the race:

Deluxe / Superior

- Room Single: OMR 49
- Double: OMR 54

inclusive of all taxes & buffet breakfast

Prize giving 8-10pm with finger
buffet & bar

Briefing for the D2K

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	12:00 19:00 20:00 – 22:00
Sunday 29 th October	Berthing Ends in Khasab Harbour Immigration and Entry Procedures at Port Rashid	11:00 Sunday evening

Return
immigration
same as D2M



Briefing for the D2M



Notice of Race

<https://dubaitomuscatrace.com/race-documents/>

- Event Schedule: Check NoR Section 8
- Classes: IRC Class(es), Modern Classic, Double Handed, Multihulls
- Eligibility: Qualifying requirements, crew training, shoreside contact (NoR Section 7)
- Inspections: (Cat3+Liferaft): Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd Feb - booking system online
- Start Saturday 24th Feb: Customs & Immigration and final race briefing, Starting Ceremony
- Start Line: Saturday 24th Feb 2023 13:00 off DOSC. 'In-Port' circuit. Spectator boats welcome
- Race Time Limit: **116 hours on Thursday 29th**
- Muscat to Khasab: Race starts 13:00 on Thursday 29th – crews commit to both races



Principal Race Officer: Simon James

3 times D2M race officer
World Sailing IRO, NJ, IRC Rule Authority
Asian Games, Phuket Kings Cup, China Cup
Royal Langkawi Regatta
World Sailing Offshore and Oceanic Committee
World Sailing Regional Games Sub Committee

Rules Officer: Roger Wilson

IRO and RYA NJ and RORC RO from 2006-13
Field of Play Manager for UK Olympic test event
RO for Blind, Cadet, IFDS and 2 Laser World Champs
Experienced IJ Member and PC Chair





Online Entry & Documents

<https://dubaitomuscatrace.com/register-2/>

1. Register first and receive Account Login details
2. Online payment (or at DOSC reception). Closing date 17th February 2024
3. Part 1: Upload documents for Skipper and Boat (contacts, boat detail, photo, license, IRC cert, insurance, crew list, proof of payment)
4. Part 2: Crew Registration (upload personal details, passport, visa). Deadline of Thursday 22nd February 2024

Races & Race Course

Main Race

- 360 miles from Dubai to Muscat within 5 days
- Escorted to Khasab by UAE Coastguard
- Escorted from Khasab by Oman Navy and RoP
- Same finish line. **Virtual timing gates introduced**

Sprint to the Corner

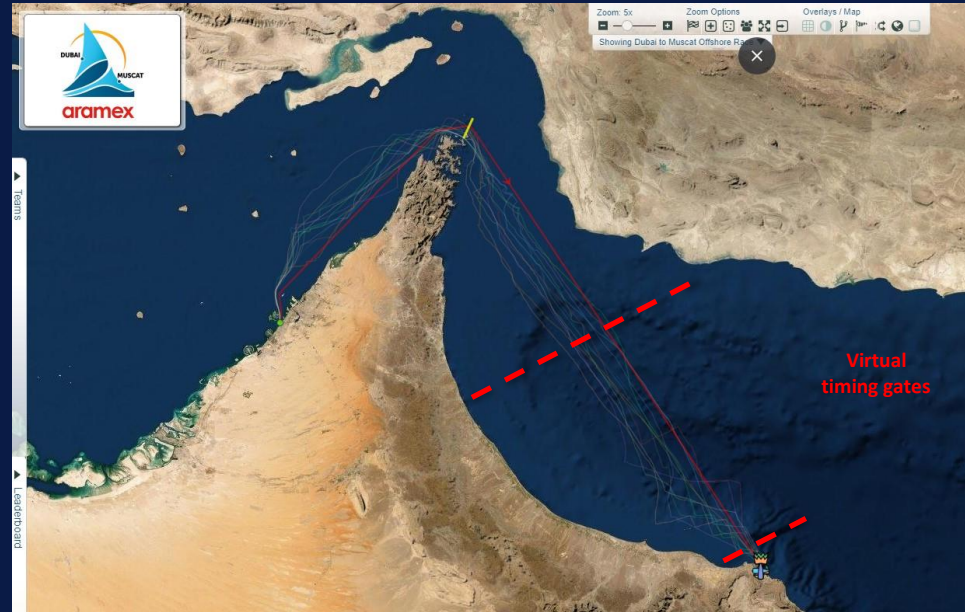
- Finish line at the Gap (and projected)

Restart Race

- If retired at the corner, restart on Monday morning for the 'indefatigable' prize
- We want boats to make it to Muscat

Return Passage/Race

- Stopover in Fujairah (FIMC)
- Muscat to Khasab race (OTC 3)





Security Update

Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN, OiC UKMTO
British Embassy, Dubai

UKMTO send their apologies, will attend in January, and have the following current advice:

- Generally little change to previous advice
- Marine drones the same, but little chance of seeing them north of Muscat
- Significant attempted seizure incident by 'Iran' 14nm off Muscat in July
- Be aware of increased tension from Israel/Gaza situation
- Significant illicit smuggling activity out of Khasab

Destination in Muscat



- Approach can be from any direction
- Watch out for islands
- Watch out for large vessels
- Watch out for pots and nets
- Be prepared for light, fickle winds and a wait

Finish Line – Outside the Island

Oman Immigration

- Oman E-Visa is required **prior** to race start
- Immigration will take passports away to Port Sultan Qaboos for 6-12 hours
 - Can stamp 'in' or 'in&out' for immediate departure
 - Can stamp out in later process
- You **CANNOT** stop&go without stamping passport
- Customs may inspect boat
- MBaR Redevelopment in April 2023



Arrival Back in Dubai

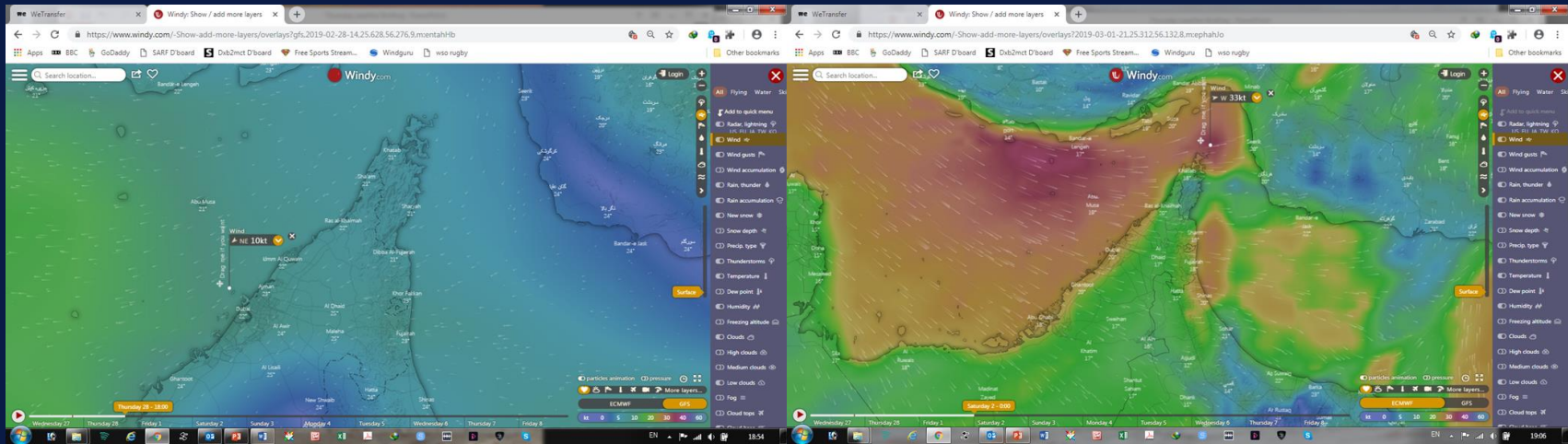
When arriving back in Dubai, boats **MUST** dock first at Port Rashid marina who will escort you to the cruise liner terminal outside Mina Rashid for passport immigration



What About the Weather?

Expect Anything & Everything
5-15kts is the 'normal'

plus: calms, 40 kts, water spouts, huge lightening, torrential rain, cold at night, big tides, large confused waves



Unexpected Challenges

'Muscat Mishaps' over 30 years

Mast failure (twice)	Collision avoidance from Tankers & Tow cables, Smugglers	Battery failure – cannot start engine	Spinnaker wrapped around forestay & cut away
Fishing net wraps / wire nets	Broken rudder (spinnaker pole and cool box lid)	Genoa racing foil shattered	PR helicopter crash
Engine seawater pump failure & jellyfish blockage	Ran out of water bottles and water tank leak / rationing	Instrument failure (compass light)	Windows/top hatches open in rough weather
Broken spinnaker pole(s)	Broken rigging, shrouds and stays	Crew mutiny (waterproofs & food)	Rudder quadrant failure
Cracked engine sump	Mast track failure	Katabatic/Anabatic wind surprise	Navigation light failure
Ran out of food after 4 days	Leaking front hatch	Run out of gas (cold food)	Broken halyards
Broken sail heads and clews	Water spouts and lightening squalls – chain in the water	Broken/plugged toilet	Safe harbour from severe weather
Fending off rocks	Gas explosions	Petrol in the diesel tank	Anchoring in 70m in fast tides



DOSC D2M Offshore Courses

SN	Course	Date	Time	Max Students	Total Booked
1	Offshore Sea Survival	January 20-21, 2024	09:00-18:00	16	5
2	Offshore Sea Survival	January 27-28, 2024	09:00-18:00	16	8
3	First Aid Course (Evening)	December 5-6, 2023	17:30 - 21:30	12	3
4	First Aid Course (Evening)	December 12-13, 2023	17:30 - 21:30	12	0
5	Diesel Engine (Evening)	December 18-19, 2023	18:00-21:00	6	0
6	Diesel Engine	December 30, 2023	10:00-16:00	6	0



Changes for this Edition

- Soft launch of the OTC (3 race NoS)
- Encourage crews to stay on board for M2K (parties and activities in Muscat)
- Virtual timing gates in the D2M SI's
- New online D2M registration, document upload, payment (D2K, M2K next year)
- D2M Improved baggage handling for crew kit delivery to Muscat