

RS VENTURE CONNECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
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Welcome

THE SULTANATE WELCOMES YOU TO BE A PART OF **THE BIGGEST EVENT FOR SAILORS WITH**

The 2022 RS venture Connect World Championship from 20-27 November 2022 will be the first time an exclusively para sailing championship has been held in Oman and the first time the RS Venture Connect Class has held an event in Asia. Hosted at the Barcelo Mussanah Resort, 39 teams from 19 nations will compete in the RS Venture Connect, a type of sailboat designed specifically for persons with a wide range of disabilities, including members of Oman Sails SailFree team.

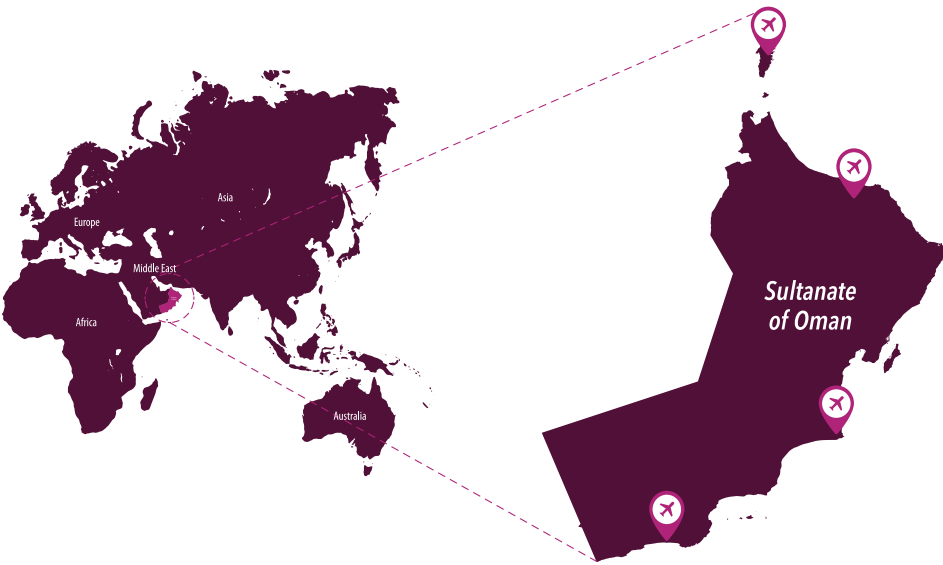
The event will also feature a two-day RS Venture Connect Class Coaching Clinic.

Oman At A Glance



Perched on the southeast coast of the Arabian Peninsula and located within a 7-hour flight of 50% of the world, the Sultanate of Oman is easily accessible.

All international participants will need to fly to Muscat International Airport, which is located in the north west of the city and approximately 100 km from the event venue.





Language

Arabic is the national language of Oman and typically what you will hear spoken most often. However, **English** is the unofficial second language of Oman and if you are staying in any of the major cities or even venturing out into rural areas, you are likely to encounter many English-speaking locals.



Communication

Free Wi-Fi will be available for sailors, families and supporters at the event hotel and at the marina/boat park. **International roaming** is available and **VPN** is required to be installed for using applications such as Skype or WhatsApp video

OMR

Currency

Omani Rials and Omani Baisas (1000 baisas equals 1 Omani Rial) **1 OMR = \$2.6 USD**. The currency is pegged to the USD, offering a stable exchange rate. Currency exchange services are available at the Muscat International Airport and currency exchange bureaus are present in most shopping malls and hotels.



Attire

Internationally accepted sailing attire can be worn around the venue and event hotel. When exploring the beauty of Oman outside the hotel, men and women are advised to dress in conservative western clothing. Loose clothing, with arms and shoulders covered, is recommended for women. Skirts, if worn, should reach at least beneath the knee.



Safety

In 2022, Oman was ranked the **4th safest country** in the world for visitors. Known for the incredible hospitality of the Omani people, all visitors are welcomed with open arms for an experience you will never forget.



Weather

Oman is known for its tropical climate whilst still subject to seasonal changes. From October through to April, the Sultanate offers a lovely climate, with an average temperature of **23°C**.

Travelling to Oman

Muscat International Airport is easily accessible from all corners of the world with most major airlines servicing the Sultanate each year. Oman has now granted visa exemptions to over 100 countries, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable arrival to the country.



The national carrier, Oman Air, offers direct flights from many cities in Europe, India, Africa and the Middle East. For discounted fares for all competitors, coaches & supporters use the below link:
https://www.omanair.com/gbl/en/SpecialOffers/oman-sail-offer?utm_source=CUG&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=Oman-sail-offer

In addition to Oman's national flag carrier, the Sultanate is easily accessed through short connections from Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Qatar, with over 15 flights operating daily to Muscat from our gulf neighbors.



Visa Requirements



- Citizens of over 100 nations may now travel to Oman without obtaining a visa.
- Nationals of other countries must secure visas prior to travel to Oman
<https://www.rop.gov.om/english/countrylist1.html>
- Detailed information on Oman's visa process can be seen here:
https://www.rop.gov.om/english/visaservices_mainpage.html

Passport Validity

Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Oman.

For more information: http://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg_pr_visas_tourist.asp

The Oman Sail team look forward to warmly welcoming you and your team, upon arrival to Muscat International Airport. We will visible and will support you with your luggage and locating the transfer to your hotel.
Any concerns please call or WhatsApp Moayed Al Busaidi on 9494 6940.



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Event Programme

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

09:00 - 18:30 RS Venture Connect Class Coaching Clinic Day 1 & Classification

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

09:00 - 18:30 RS Venture Connect Class Coaching Clinic Day 2 & Classification/
Registration

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

08:00 - 16:00 Discover Muscat Tour

10:00 - 17:00 Practice Races

09:00 - 18:30 Classification/Registration

19:30 Competitor Briefing

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

10:00 - 17:00 Flight-based 'Round Robin' racing day 1

18:00 - 19:00 Class Discussion Forum 'Pathway, People and Progress' (Team
Leaders and Competitors) – Briefing Room

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER

10:00 - 17:00 Flight-based 'Round Robin' racing day 2

10:00 - 17:00 Oman Sailing Festival. Available for FREE for you, family & friends.
Includes: Try Sailing, Kite Surfing, Windsurfing, SMEs Race Village
and Beach clean up at 4pm (NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR WHEELCHAIR
USERS).

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

10:00 - 17:00 Flight-based 'Round Robin' racing day 3

10:00 - 17:00 Oman Sailing Festival. Available for FREE for you, family &
friends. Includes: Try Sailing, Kite Surfing, Windsurfing, SMEs
Race Village and Beach clean up at 4pm (NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR
WHEELCHAIR USERS).

18:00 - 21:00 Arabian Night & SailFree National Day Celebration

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

10:00 - 17:00 Flight-based 'Round Robin' racing day 4

10:00 - 17:00 Oman Sailing Festival. Available for FREE for you, family &
friends. Includes: Try Sailing, Kite Surfing, Windsurfing, SMEs
Race Village and Beach clean up at 4pm (NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR
WHEELCHAIR USERS).

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

12:00 Grand Final (Medal Race)

18:30 Awards Ceremony (Closing) – please be prompt

19:00+ Departures



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Event Information



Barceló
Mussanah
Resort

[barcelo.com](https://www.barcelo.com)

Al Mussanah Sports City is approximately 100km north of Muscat International Airport.

Oman Sail manages all the marina facilities, offering 54 quality berths, dockside support and first-class facilities including boat cleaning, assistance upon arrival, and a fuel

The Venue



One of Oman Sail's four sailing schools operates from Al Mussanah Sports City and is the base for our National Sailing Teams.

The site has the infrastructure and facilities required to expand the country's existing tourism industry and the capability of hosting world-class events on an environmentally friendly basis.

Barceló Mussanah Resort

Plan your beachside getaway to enjoy the lifestyle resort and ultimate dining experience.

Barceló
HOTELS & RESORTS



Enjoy the best of lifestyle resort and leisure by crystal-blue waters at Barceló Mussanah Resort. Experience perfect relaxation, with panoramic views over the Hajar Mountains and the Gulf of Oman.

Facilities in our resort:

- The resort's private beach
- 308 spacious rooms, ranging from Deluxe, Superior Sea view, Junior suites and Executive suite sea view.
- Venues for corporate seminars, board meetings, and other business functions.
- 2 restaurants: MYDAN RESTAURANT and AZURE RESTAURANT .
- 3 bars: THE DECK ,COMPASS BAR and POOL BAR
- Zayna Spa and Health & Fitness Club
- 4 swimming pools and 1 kids splash pool
- Private 54-berth marina allows for water sports, sailing, snorkelling and yacht charter options

Contact us for reservations: 2687 1555
mussanahresort.res@barcelo.com

Live up to **more**



Food &

Breakfast and dinner will be served at the Al Maydan restaurant in the Barceló Mussanah Resort.

Buffet Lunch in the hotel will be available at **15.6 EUR** and a packed lunch box also available upon request for **10 EUR** for competitors and coaches. The food for the event shall have enough variety to appeal to different tastes and cultures and will be served in sufficient quantity and quality to provide the necessary nutrition for the athletes spending long days on the water.

Fruits & nutrition snacks will be provided by **Oman Sail** and are available before and after races.

Water and soft drinks shall be provided with every meal. Water will also be provided at the venue during the day.



Google Map Link

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Barcel%C3%B3+Mussanah+Resort/@23.8047204,57.5654616,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m3!7l1s0x3e91f70652ab5a1b:0x6868d581dd102700!5m2!4m1!1i2!8m2!3d23.8046823!4d57.5676946>



Transportation

Oman Sail will provide transport to and from the Muscat International Airport for all competitors, supporters and coaches staying at the onsite hotel during following dates:

Arrivals on 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th November

Departures on 27th, 28th & 29th November

Note: Please arrange your drop off for ALL departures post 29th November.

More information about shuttle schedule, Contact:

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Venue Map



Explore



Day or Overnight Trips Available

If you are planning to extend your stay & wish to explore the Sultanate of Oman, please email **Shaima Al Asmi**, Athlete Manager (shaima.alasmi@omansail.com) who will work with you & Visit Oman to tailor your experience.

To provide a flavor of what you can see and do, see please below:

Nizwa Souq & Fort



Ad Dakhiliyah



The impressive Souq complex has been designed using Omani fort architecture and elegant Islamic arches. The air-conditioned halls of this souq are full of fresh fruit and vegetables, herbs and spices, huge stacks of dates and freshly caught fish. This is the best place to buy traditional silver "Khanjars" (hand-carved Omani daggers) and Bedouin jewellery, where silver is still sold by the weight. Also, visit Nizwa Fort with its massive Circular Cannon Tower, making it one of the most impressive forts in Oman. Built on a solid base of rock, the huge tower was designed to withstand the vibrations of 24 cannons.

Birkat Al Mouz & Jebel Akhdar (recommend overnight stay)



Ad Dakhiliyah



An old village that is famous for its ruins, large banana plantation and is also home to the old Falaj irrigation system. At the top of Jebel Akhdar view remote villages the Wadi Bani Habib and plantations.

Please note: Visiting Jebel Akhdar requires a 4-wheel drive.
We can arrange for wheelchair users to be safely lifted in and out of the vehicle.

Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque



Muscat



The most exquisite Mosque in Oman, covering 40,000 square metres. It can accommodate up to 20,000 worshippers and consists of a main prayer hall, ladies prayer hall, covered passageways, a meeting hall, and a library which contains around 20,000 books. A major feature of the main prayer hall is the hand-made Persian carpet consisting of 1,700 million knots, weighing 21 tones and was made in a single piece measuring 70 x 60 metres.

Please note: Ladies visiting the mosque are required to be fully covered including wearing a headscarf (no shorts, beachwear or sleeveless outfits).

Royal Opera House



Muscat



You can enjoy a show or just the beautiful architecture. The Royal Opera House Muscat is Oman's premier venue for musical arts and culture. It reflects unique contemporary Omani architecture, and has a capacity to accommodate maximum of 1,100 people. The opera house complex consists of a concert theatre, auditorium, formal landscaped gardens, cultural market with retail, luxury restaurants and an art centre for musical, theatrical and operatic productions.

Muttrah Souq



Muscat



Enjoy its labyrinth of alleyways beckoning with a myriad of merchandise, from imported fabrics to exotic Oriental spices, perfumes and richly handcrafted artifacts. Scents of exotic Arabian perfumes and spices float through the air. Other shops specialise in famous Omani Khanjars (daggers), antiques, traditional silver jewellery, and handicrafts in copper, camel bone, wood, leather and hand-made Omani costumes.

The National Museum



Muscat



The National Museum is the Oman's flagship cultural institution, showcasing the Sultanate's cultural heritage from the earliest evidence of human settlement in the Oman Peninsula through to the present day. A display experience is distributed across 14 halls and includes more than 7000 distinctive, carefully selected finds, with 33 digital interactive display systems.

Al Alam Palace



Muscat



Photo stop opportunity at Al Alam Palace, the official residence of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq the ruler of Oman. The palace is an architectural marvel for both its design & its location between the twin Portuguese forts Mirani and Jalali.

Amouage Perfume Factory



Muscat



Amouage's first unique fragrance is "the most valuable perfume in the world" created with the richest and finest ingredients from over one hundred natural oils and essences. The tour will explain the tradition & culture of Oman in relationship to perfume making and visit to the production area to see the making of their products.

Overnight at Wahiba



Al Sharqiyah



Visit an ocean of regular dunes that seem to stretch out endlessly! Pale gold at noon, the towering piles of sand shift between rich yellow & coppery orange when the sun is at lower angles. Activities include dune bashing and watching the sunset and sunrise.

Please note: Visiting the desert requires a 4-wheel drive.

We can arrange for wheelchair users to be safely lifted in and out of the vehicle.

Rustaq Day



Al Batinah South



On the way explore Al-Hazm Castle, that was built around the beginning of the 18th century by the Al-Yarubi tribe, the most famously known tribe for removing the Portuguese from Oman. The construction of the castle is unique among other Omani forts & castles in the fact that no wood was used in the construction of its ceilings.

Within Rustaq, explore the Fort, old ruins and visit the hot water spring. Followed by a visit to Bait Ghasham Museum house that is more than 200 years old.

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Snorkelling or Dive trips to the Daymaniyat Islands (departing at Barceló Mussanah Resort or Al Mouj, Muscat) Departing approx. 8:30am - Return 1pm

"Unbelievably beautiful sea life, like on the Discovery channel."

Voyage to the diving paradise that is the Daymaniyat Islands. Home to a rich variety of marine life, including sea turtles and indigenous birds.

Social Activities



Daily PT Sessions

20 - 27 November, 07:00 - 08:00

📍 Outside the gym



Recreation Centre

20 - 27 November, all day. Includes tennis table & board games.

📍 Ballroom & Ballroom Gardens



Movie Nights

21 - 23 November, 19:00 - 21:00

📍 Ballroom



Discover Muscat approx. timings:

22 November, 08:00 - 16:00

08:00 – 08:30 Meet in reception of hotel & depart

08:30 – 10:00 Travel

10:00 - 11:00 The National Museum Oman

11:00 – 11:30 Al Alam Palace (photo opportunity outside only)

11:30 – 12:00 Travel

12:00 - 13:00 Explore Souq Muttrah & Corniche

13:00 – 13:30 Travel

13:30 – 15:00 Traditional Lunch

15:00 – 16:00 Travel - Return to the Hotel



Event Opening & RS Venture Class Open Forum

22 November, 18:00 - 19:00

📍 Top Event Corridor



Oman Sailing Festival

24 - 27 November, 10:00 – 17:00

📍 Mussanah Public Beach



Arabian Night & SailFree National Day Celebration

25 November, 18:00 – 21:00

📍 Top Event Corridor



SMEs Engagement

25 - 27 November, 12:00 – 17:00

📍 Bottom Event Corridor



Closing Ceremony

27 November, 18:30

📍 Event Plaza

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Oman Sail fully supports #BacktheBid #SailtoLA Campaign

We encourage all sailors during the event to share YOUR story. Use your social media platforms to **#BacktheBid**

Together let's create a great momentum & raise awareness of the bid.





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SailFree

#SailFree is the first para sailing programme in the GCC & MENA regions for persons with disabilities.

Sustainability



Vision 2040 – Environmental Focus

The Sultanate of Oman's beautiful natural landscape is the foundation on which all Oman Sail activities take place. Oman Sail works closely with stakeholders in order to minimise its carbon footprint and ensure the environmental health of the nation is embedded in every event we deliver. For the delivery of the Arab Sailing Championship, Oman Sail can showcase how it is contributing to:

- **World Sailing Sustainability Agenda 2030**
- **International Olympic Committee's Sustainability Strategy**
- **United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- **Oman's Vision 2040 - environmental national priority**

Sailors - Call to Action

As guardians of the oceans, it is your responsibility to act green throughout the event & beyond;



UN #cleanseas pledge, if you haven't already, sign up to the pledge ***click here*** and make a life-long commitment to reduce or eliminate single use plastic within your daily lives.



Refill your reusable drinking bottle. There are multiple refilling stations across the venue & we want you to stay hydrated.



Recycle, use the multiple recycling facilities around the resort.



Turn off lights, air condition, TVs when not in your room. Towels on floor will only be washed.



If you can access the beach:

Beach Cleans 4pm (approx. 30 minutes):

During the Sailing Festival 24th – 27th of November, join us in cleaning the Mussanah public beach – ***together let's make a difference!***



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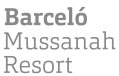
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