



**Dubai Duty Free
SB20
Middle East Championships**

1st – 3rd of December 2023

Notice of Race

Including Amendment 1

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The Organizing Authority is the Dubai Offshore
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Version 1	16/08/2023	Initial version of the document
Amendment 1	10/10/2023	Point 8 – amended entry fee milestones and fixed refund dates error

[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 Middle East Championship 2023.

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
 Web: <https://dosca.ae/>

2.2. Questions shall be directed to 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. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

4.3. No national authority prescriptions will apply.

4.4. The SB20 class rules will apply with changes under RRS 87 described in Attachment B.

4.5. RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.

4.6. 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.

4.7. 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.

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 1st – 3rd of December 2023.

6.2. Location of the venue and race areas is detailed in the Attachment A.

7. SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	
1 st December	09:00 – 10:30	Registration and Measurement
	1130	Skippers Briefing
	1300	1st warning signal
2 nd December	1130	Skippers Briefing
	1300	1st warning signal
3 rd December	1130	Skippers briefing
	1300	1st warning signal
	1830	Closing ceremony
	1900	Prize Giving

- 7.1. Nine (9) races are scheduled for the SB20 Middle East Championships 2023.
- 7.2. The RC may race as many as three (3) races each day.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. 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 at the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club registration portal: <https://scm.dosc.ae/event/873943>
- 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 15th November 2023. 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 only if a team meets requirements of NOR 15.

Entry Date	General Fee non-members of DOSC	Youth Teams non-members of DOSC
Before October 31 st	500 AED	300 AED
After October 31 st	800 AED	500 AED

- 8.6. The entry fee includes:
 - a) Regatta entry
 - b) Launching at Dubai Offshore Sailing Club (DOSC) after November 30th.
 - c) In-water berthing at DOSC from November 30th till December 4th
 - d) Haul out at DOSC on December 3rd or 4th.
 - e) Social tickets for each crew member at the following events - Opening ceremony, mid-week social event & closing ceremony.
- 8.7. The entry fee is 50% refundable until 31st of October 2023
- 8.8. The entry fee is non-refundable from 1st of November 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 the following link: [Racing Rules of Sailing](#)
- 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. INSPECTIONS

- 10.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat that does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 20th November 2023

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 international jury 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 three boats of the overall results
 - b) Top three Youth teams
 - c) Top three Womens teams
- 15.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 15.3. A Womens team is composed of a minimum of 50% women, including one at the helm (implies a minimum of two women 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).

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. 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.
- 16.3. For the avoidance of doubt, outside assistance includes verbal communication and the transfer of physical items.
- 16.4. At all times, support persons boats must be on call on VHF channel 68.
- 16.5. 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. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.
- 17.2. 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.

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 taking part in the event, all competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) give permission to be photographed at the event both on the water and onshore by official event photographer(s) and for such photographs or videos to be used for official purposes by the organizing committee. The OA must receive any retraction of consent at least 24 hours in advance of a race.
- 21.4. The images may be used for, the promotion of the event, the Organizing Authority and 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

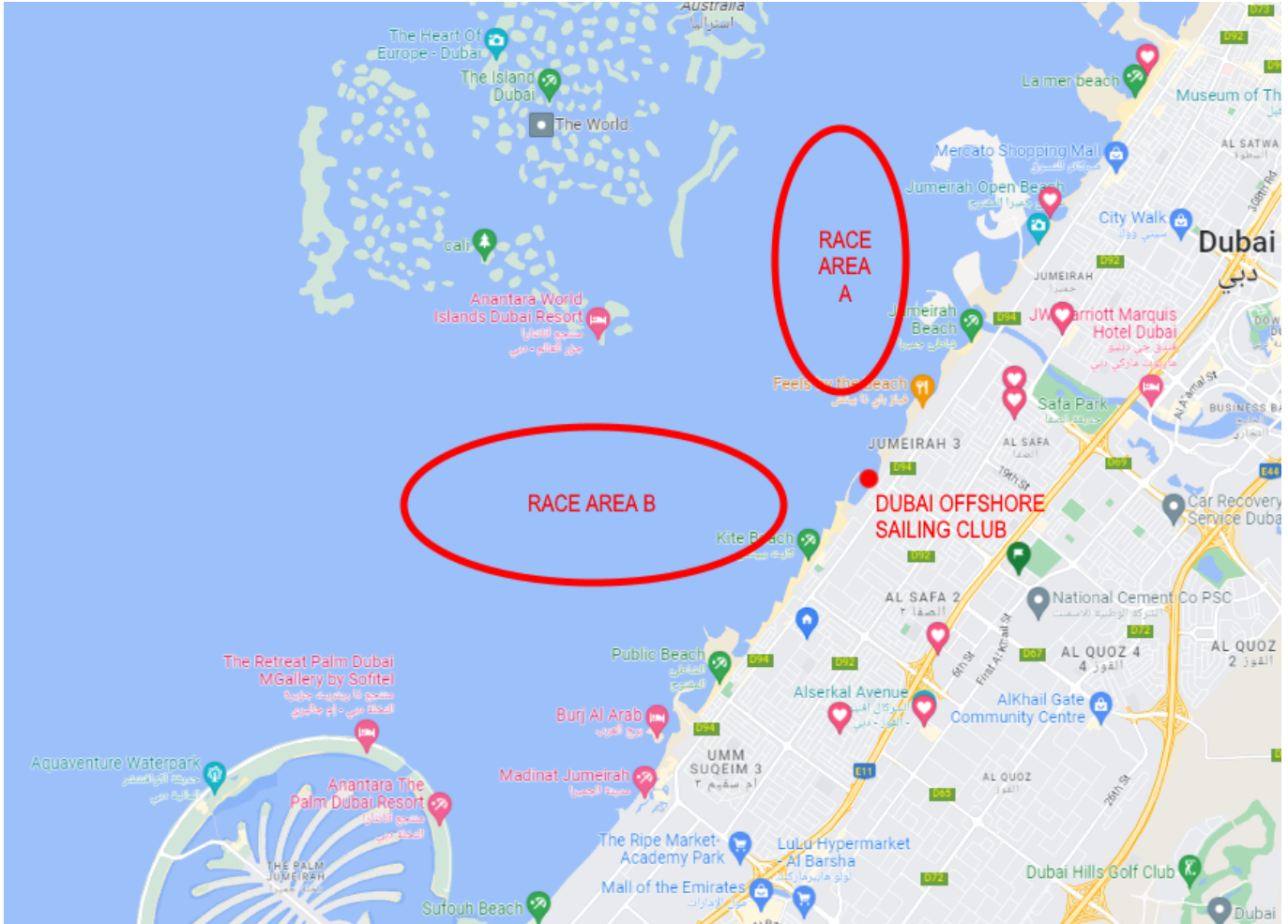
- 23.1. Further information will be available on the DOSC website <https://dosc.ae/sb20-class/>
- 23.2. In case of any additional questions please contact sailingadmin@doscuae.com.
- 23.3. Each participant shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Authority and provide an 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*