

An aerial photograph of a white sailboat with its sails up, sailing on a dark blue ocean. The boat is viewed from a high angle, showing its deck and the crew members on board. The background is a dark blue gradient with a white diagonal line separating the header from the main content area.

DUBAI TO MUSCAT 2024 SKIPPERS BRIEFING 20th Feb 2024

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The Event – Updates

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

- Classes: IRC Class(es), Modern Classic, Double Handed, Multihulls
- Inspections: (Cat3+Liferaft): Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd - 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 after start at Marina Bandar Al Rowdha



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



Races & Race Course

Main Race

- 360 miles from Dubai to Muscat within 5 days
- New Virtual Gate Lines
- New On-line Notice-board system

Sprint to the Corner

- Finish line at the Gap (and projected)

Restart Race

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

Return Race

- Return Event will be discussed separately.



2022 YB tracker & courses sailed

Official Notice Board

New On-line Official Notice-Board

- Notices to competitors will be posted online on the official notice board at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8084/event>
- QR Codes are listed in the SI.

In addition, notices and amendments may be promulgated via the following ways:

- On the notice board and at Marina Bandar Al Rowdha from 26 February until 20:00 on 29 February.
- Posted on the official website. <https://dubaitomuscatrace.com>
- Posted to the official WhatsApp Group for registered skippers.



Dubai To Muscat Race 2024
Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.*

Notice: This electronic notice board is the Official Notice Board (ONB) for this regatta.



Submit Request for Hearing



Submit Scoring Inquiry

NOTICE: When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.



Official Notice Board



Hearing Schedule



Hearing Decisions



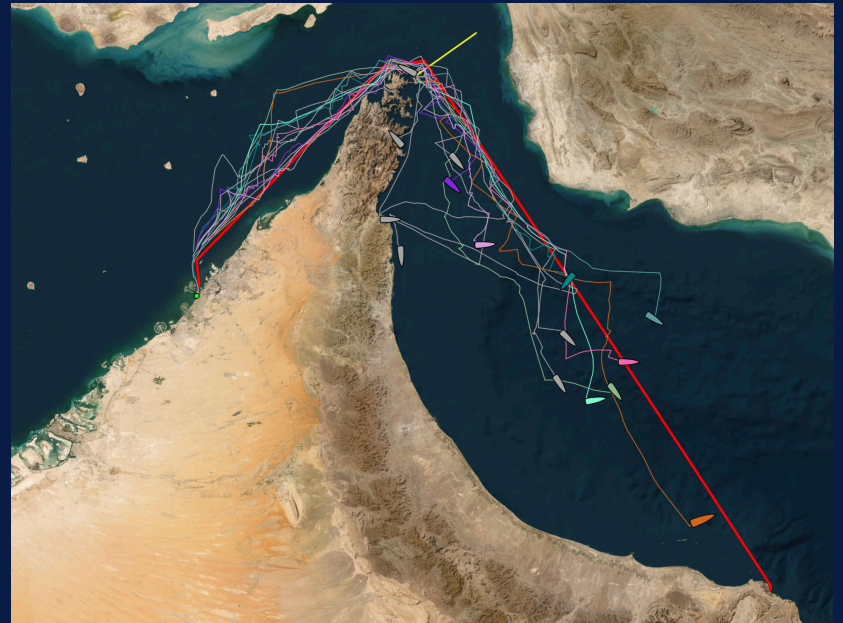
Scoring Inquiries

The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.*

Position Reporting

Where possible and at the discretion of the Skipper, the Race Committee requests that boats attempt to report their GPS position by SMS to **+971 521640014** between **12:00 and 13:00** commencing Sunday 25 February.

- Boats are advised to contact **UKMTO** Dubai at their discretion on a daily basis with an update on progress, UKMTO watch keeper on: **+442392 222060** (preferred number) or watchkeepers@ukmto.org, manned 24 hours daily.
- Boats are also advised to call the Royal Navy of Oman (Callsign: Alpha 4 November) at Goat's Island on Channel 16 when within 5 nautical miles of Goat Island.
- For emergency purposes boats may contact the Race Officer local number +971 521640014 or DOSC on +9714 394 1669.



Obstructions & Exclusion Zones

Obstructions

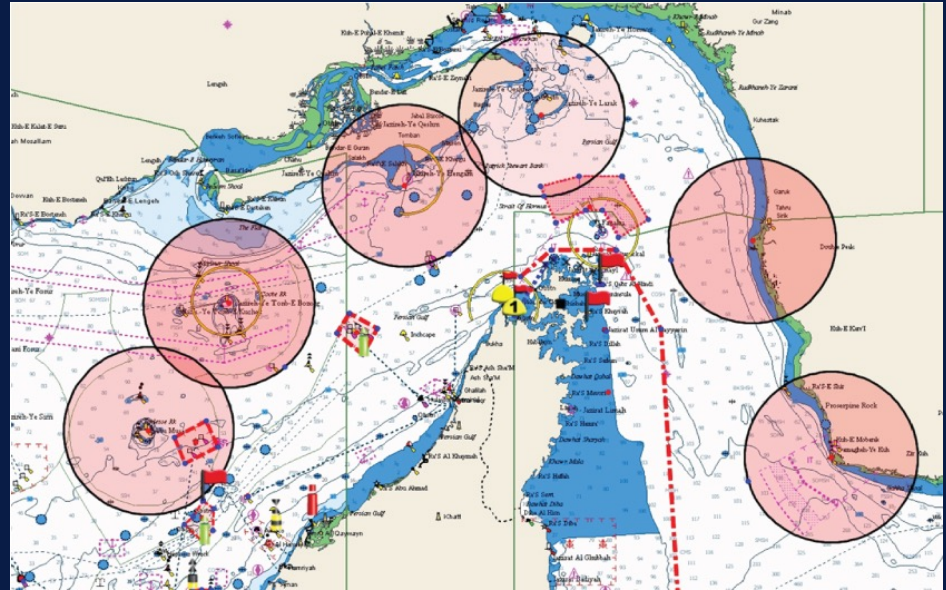
- All charted National Exclusion Zones are obstructions. Exclusion zones shall include all cardinal and lateral navigation marks identifying the exclusion zone, or in their obvious absence, their charted position, and includes the area inside the rhumb line between these marks.

Oil Rigs

- Restricted areas surrounding drilling platforms and any oil rigs.

Iranian Territory

- Any area within 15 nautical miles of Iranian Territory including disputed islands, mainlands and any other Territories.

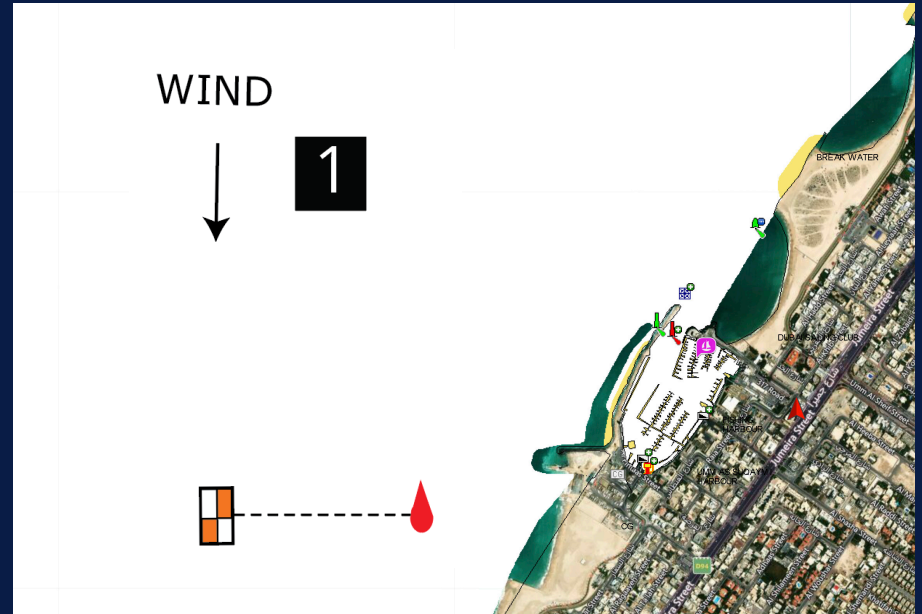


This picture shows areas out of bounds and is for Illustration only and NOT for Navigation

The Start/Inshore Course

Inshore Course.

- A short inshore course may be organized after the start offshore DOSC. Final inshore course details will be presented in the Final Skippers Briefing on Saturday.



Course to be announced at final briefing

Palm Deira Marks

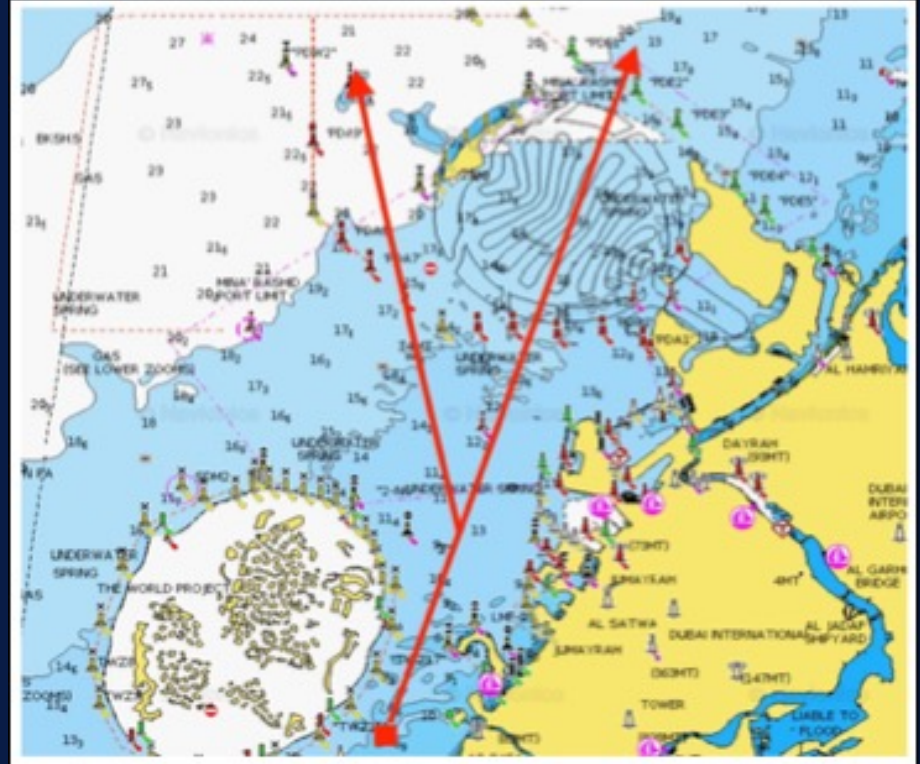
Palm Deira Marks

- These marks may be out of date or labelled incorrectly on some charts.
- PDZ 2, PDW3 and PDN5 have recently been surveyed and should be in the published locations.
For the purposes of the race there is no exclusion zone and you may obviously either side of PDN5.

Isolated Danger Zone

- Please be aware of the isolated danger/shallow area shown. This mark may be missing.

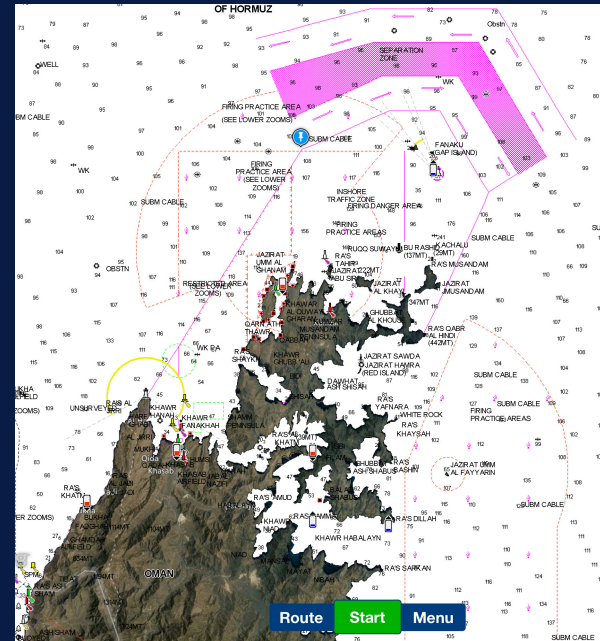
Palm Deira Island should be regarded as an obstruction



TSS – Straits of Hormuz

Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
Appendix TS, Version 2, Section B applies to the TSS
Strait of Hormuz . Also see SI 2.5

- Rules applies to traffic separation schemes and does not relieve any vessel of her obligation under any other rule.
- Includes: Rules for direction of travel, how to cross, keeping clear of separation zones, caution when approaching zones etc.....
- A vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a traffic lane.



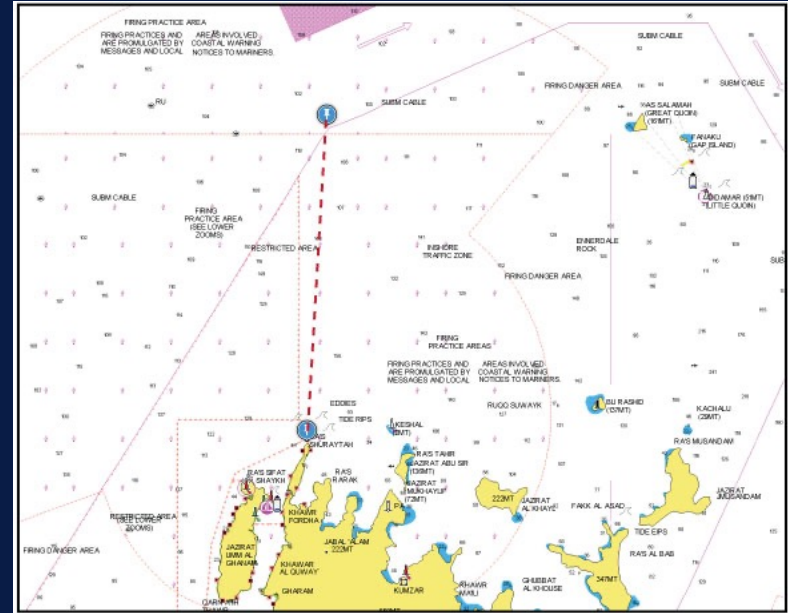
Location of gates

Gate at the top.

- Now relocated between Ra's Shuraytah and the Western entrance to Straits of Hormuz TSS

Sprint to the Corner

- Finish line at the Gap (and projected)
- **Prize awarded for 1st Boat**



Tier Scoring System

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- 3. In the event that a boat becalmed starts its engine in order to make progress, the time and position of that event shall be noted for possible future declaration. A boat that uses its engine to make progress shall be deemed as having finished at the last gate she passed through under sail, even if she then continues to sail the rest of the course.



Shortening Course

Shortening Course

- The Race Committee may shorten a course at any virtual gate line specified in the course description. Boats shall finish by crossing the virtual gate line as described in course diagrams, from the direction of the previous gate, last mark or island. Where possible, the Race Committee may announce this to all competitors by issuing a SMS/WhatsApp broadcast group message to all competitors on their registered numbers.
- The shortened course may be signaled after the first boat has crossed the finish line. This changes rule 32.2.



Reduced Visibility)

Appendix RV (Reduced Visibility)

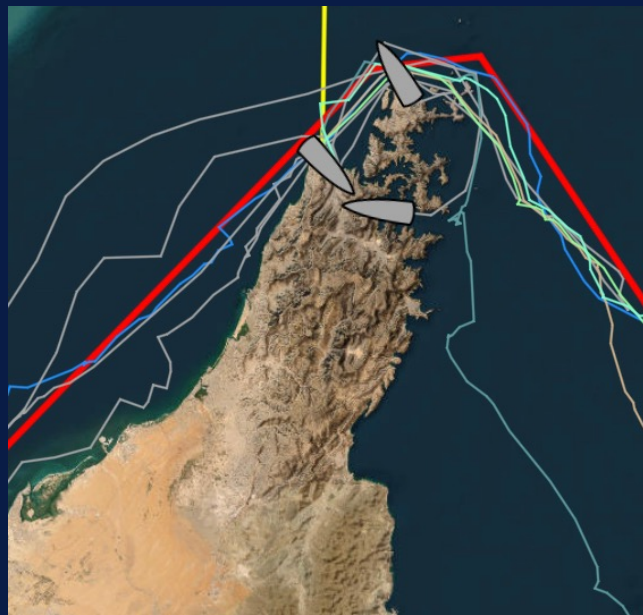
- Except when otherwise stated in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of sunset and sunrise as stated in the Sailing Instructions and shall be replaced with RRS Appendix RV or by Government right-of-way rules.
- For the purposes of this event the time of sunset shall be considered 18:30 and the time of sunrise 06:30.
- A boat may take a time penalty as specified in the Sailing Instructions when she may have broken this rule while racing. (See NoR 13.1)
- **A scoring penalty of one hour added to the boats elapsed time applies**



What if we temporarily stop

TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING

- If a boat temporarily stops racing, they shall immediately inform the Race Committee explaining the circumstances and their plan by telephone (+971 521640014), text message (+971 521640014) or email (d2m@doscuae.com).
- If a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency, the crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings. If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on rejoining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and continue to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form.
- A boat that is secured in harbour may receive any assistance necessary to effect repairs. This changes RRS 41.



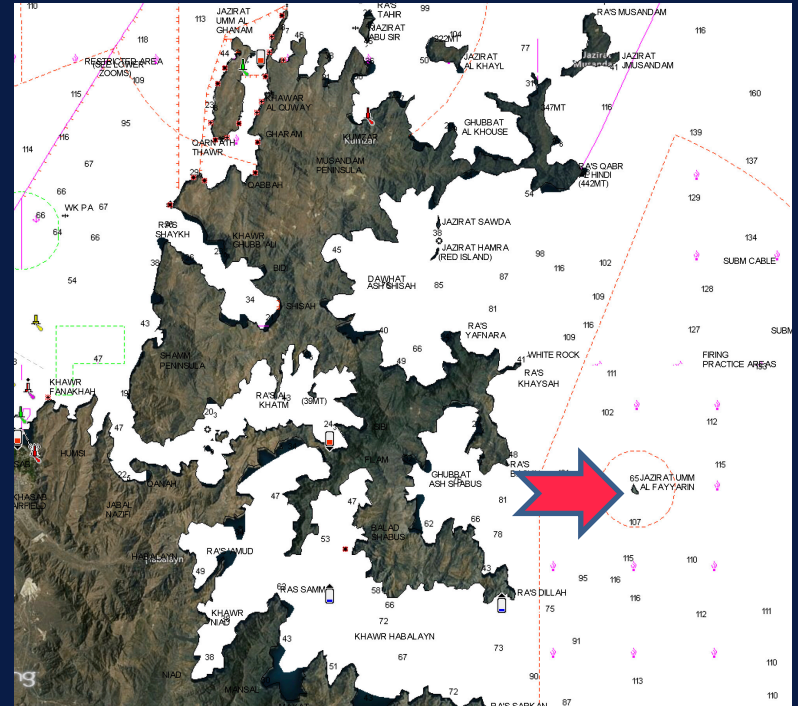


Dangers - Jazirat Umum

Unlit Island

Located Offshore

26° 10.7'N & 056° 32.8' E

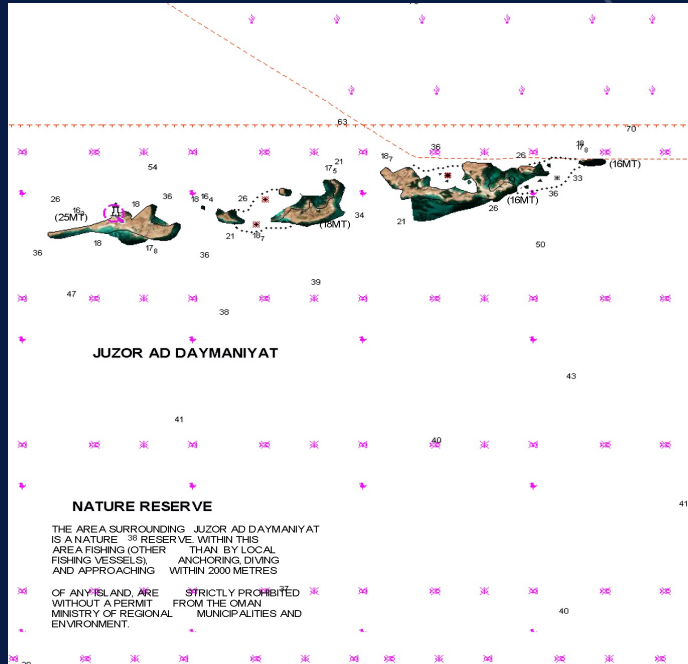


Destination in Muscat



- 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

JUZOR AD DAYMANYAT

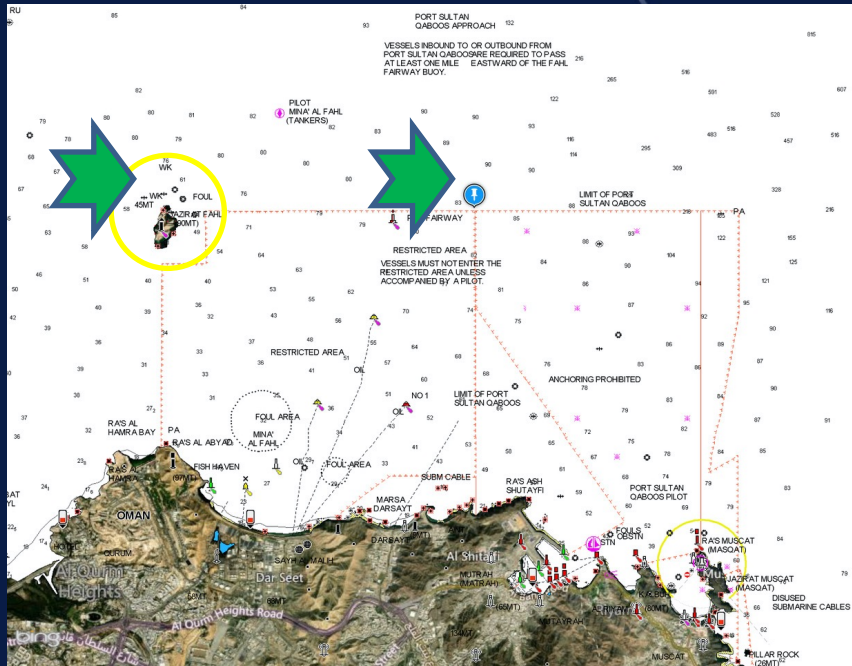


➤ The Area Surrounding these Islands is a **Nature Reserve**.

Vessels are strictly prohibited without a permit.

They should not be approached withing **2000m**

Qaboos Port Restrictions

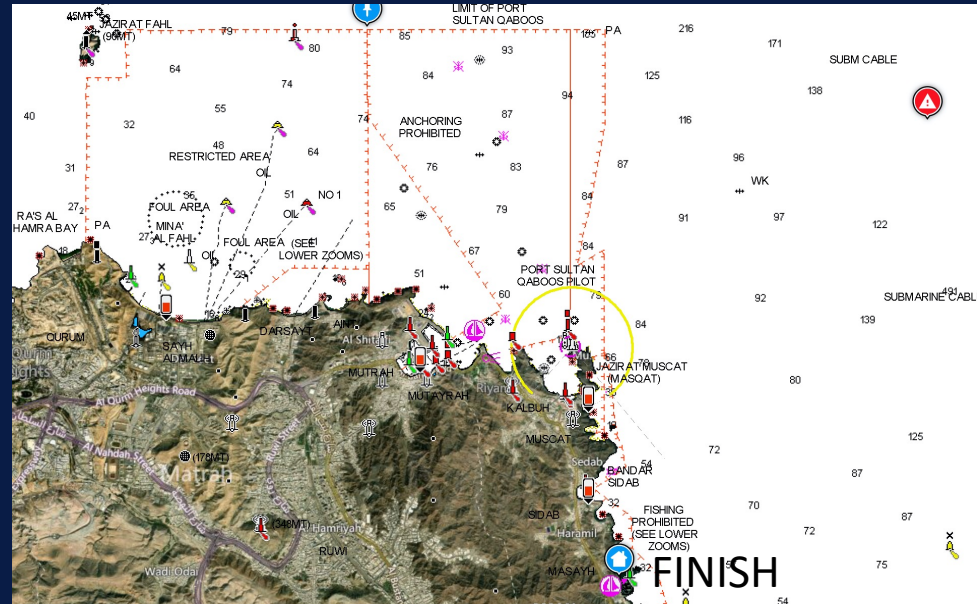


- Jazirat Fahl
23 40.89N 58 30.05E - Pass to **Starboard**
- Port Sultan Qaboos Waypoint
23 41.01N 58 33.37 - Pass to **Starboard**
- Watch out for Pilot large vessels

Significant Change to Positions

Announcements

- In the event of any significant change to these approximate positions or any other issues, including mark descriptions affecting the finish they may be reported to all competitors on the on-line noticeboard and by SMS message/WhatsApp.



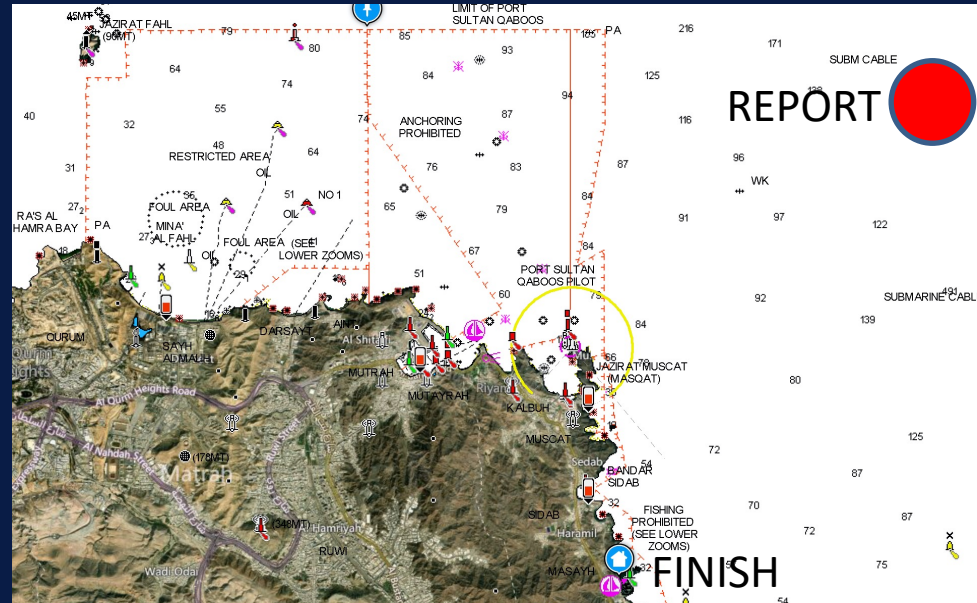
Coming to Finish – Reporting

Reporting

- Boats are requested to report to the race team to check the finishing line position and berthing arrangements **by mobile phone** or **VHF channel 08** at least one hour before arriving at the finish and before passing position **23° 40' N & 058° 40' E**

AND to keep their mobile turned on from then until they have berthed.

- **This position is not a mark of the course and may be left on either side.**

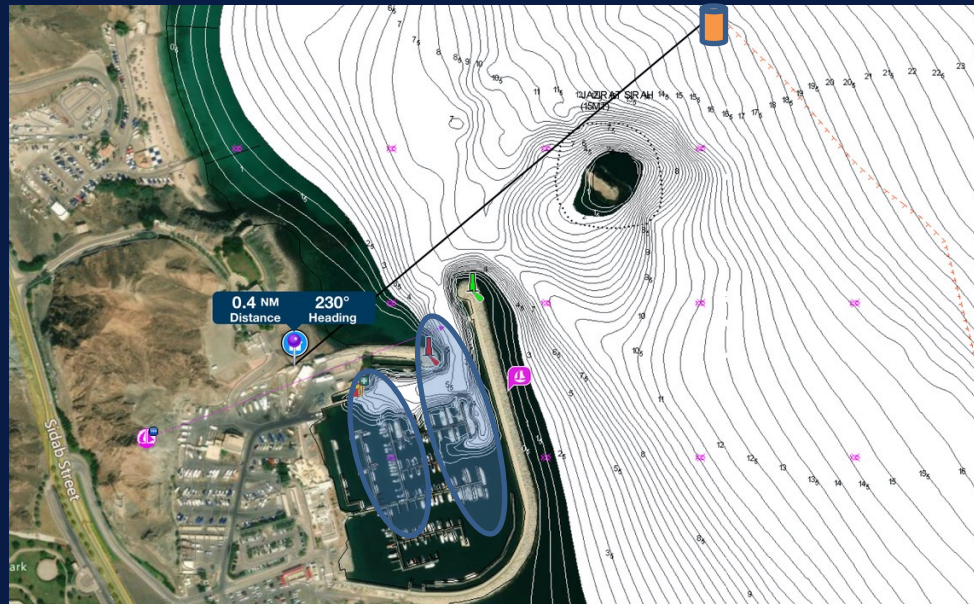


Finish Line – Transit Line

Finish Outside the island

Finish Line

- Bearing of 050° From Blue Flag Displayed
Outside the Race Office
23 35.019N 58 36.348E
- ODM will be an Orange Inflatable buoy
Showing QFL approximated 0.4nm from
Race Office.
 - If the ODM is missing, boats shall cross
the line within 0.4nm of the Race
Office.



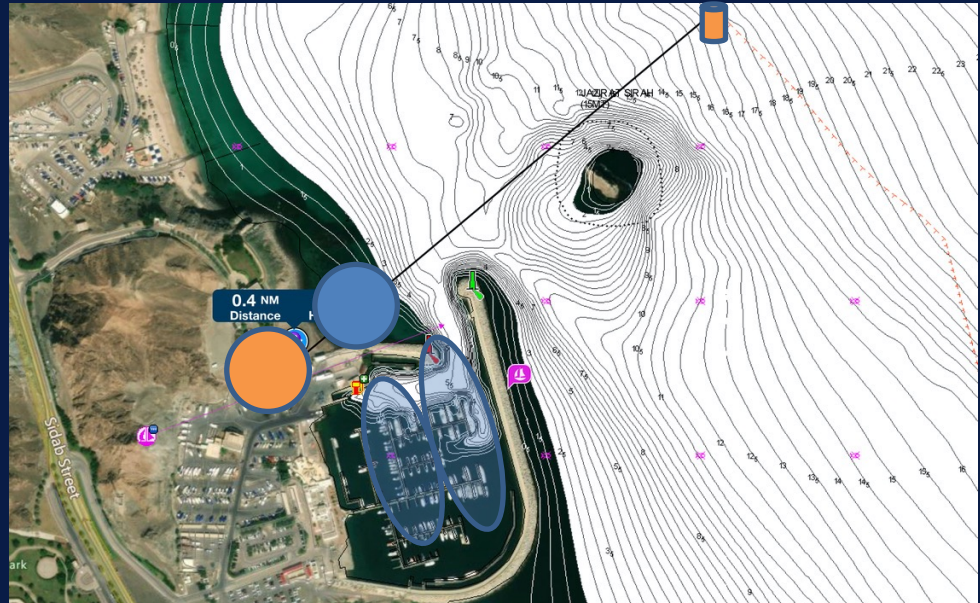
Finish Line – Night Lights

Finish Line

- At night the line should be indicated by orange (high) and blue (low) flashing lights.



- This will be confirmed when boats report to the race team as required by SI 12.2.
- Boats shall take care to avoid Cat Island located close to and slightly inshore of the finish line and the shallow rocks surrounding the base of the island.



Arriving in Oman

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



Finishing and Signing off

When you finish

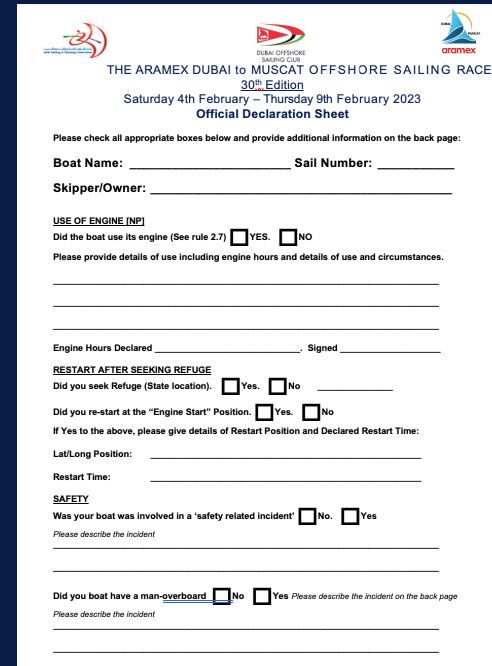
- Boats finishing at night are requested to illuminate their sail number as they finish.
- All skippers shall, as soon as practicable after finishing, signal the race committee by SMS text on +971 521640014 with their boat name and finishing date and time to the nearest second.
 - The text message shall read as follows:
[Boat Name] [date] [hour] [minute] [second]
(e.g. Silver Spray 11 March 02 23 48).






Finish Declaration

When you finish

- Boats shall complete a Race Finish Declaration within 2 hours of finishing or by 8am if it finishes between 4pm and 6am.



THE ARAMEX DUBAI to MUSCAT OFFSHORE SAILING RACE
30th Edition
Saturday 4th February – Thursday 9th February 2023
Official Declaration Sheet

Please check all appropriate boxes below and provide additional information on the back page:

Boat Name: _____ Sail Number: _____
Skipper/Owner: _____

USE OF ENGINE [NP]
Did the boat use its engine (See rule 2.7) YES NO
Please provide details of use including engine hours and details of use and circumstances.

Engine Hours Declared _____ Signed _____

RESTART AFTER SEEKING REFUGE
Did you seek Refuge (State location). Yes No _____
Did you re-start at the "Engine Start" Position. Yes No
If Yes to the above, please give details of Restart Position and Declared Restart Time:
Lat/Long Position: _____
Restart Time: _____

SAFETY
Was your boat involved in a 'safety related incident' No Yes
Please describe the incident

Did you boat have a man-overboard No Yes Please describe the incident on the back page
Please describe the incident

Conflict Resolution

Requests for Hearings & Arbitration – Appendix T

- Arbitration adds an extra step to the protest resolution process but can eliminate the need for some protest hearings, thus speeding up the process for events in which many protests are expected.
- The post-race penalty for each infringement shall be determined by the Rules Advisor, however rule 44.1(a) applies.
- Requests for hearings shall be lodged no later than 2 hours after berthing at Marina Bandar al Rowdha or or by 8am if it finishes between 4pm and 6am.

HEARING REQUEST - also Request for Arbitration						
This section for race office use	Form issued	hrs	mins	Protest time limit	hrs	mins
	Form received	hrs	mins	by		Ref
Copied to all parties at						
	hrs	mins				

Section 1 - Essential Information

⚠ You must provide the following within the time limit.

THE INCIDENT. Give a brief description of what happened and why you think a rule was broken by a boat or a support person and/or how your score has been made worse through no fault of your own.

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.....

If you are running out of time, you can submit the form now, but you must provide the information in Section 2 before the hearing.

Section 2 - Important Information

If you have time, try to provide this information now

⚠ You must provide the following before the hearing begins, otherwise your hearing request will be invalid.

YOUR BOAT. (The class and the name or sail number of your boat.)

OTHER BOAT(S). If you are claiming that a boat or boats broke a rule and/or made your score worse, you must identify them: (The class and the name or sail number of each boat OR some other identification)

.....

OTHER PARTIES. If you are claiming that your score was made worse by the action of a race official:
Tick one of Race Committee, Technical Committee, Protest Committee, Organising Authority

⚠ You must provide the following information before or during the hearing but doing so during the hearing may cause the hearing to be delayed.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE INCIDENT. Describe where and when the incident occurred (if e.g. date, time or race number, leg of the course, etc.)

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Section 3 - Additional Information

⚠ If you are claiming that a boat or boats broke a rule, the rules say that you must inform them that you intend to protest, otherwise your hearing request will be invalid. It is not sufficient just to fill in this form.

If you have time, try to provide the information below. You will be asked to provide this information during the hearing

INFORMING OTHER BOATS. If you are claiming that a boat or boats broke a rule, have you informed them that you intend to protest? If 'yes', describe how and when.

.....

The organizing authority will use the information provided on this form for the purposes of administering a hearing or report under the Racing Rules of Sailing to which the person completing this form has agreed to be bound by entering the event. The legal basis for processing information relating to these boats by the Racing Rules of Sailing is correct, and the grounds for processing information relating to any person are based on the hearing or protest or dispute hearing, in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, personal information contained on this form may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The decision of the protest committee or any subsequent appeal may be made public.

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

