

# **BILL NELSON MEMORIAL OFFSHORE RACE**

Sponsored by Aqua Diving Marine Services & Xtra-Link

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010  
Dubai Offshore Sailing Club, Dubai, UAE

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- a) The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the;
  - Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012. Between the hours of Sunset and Sunrise the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) replace the RRS.
  - The Notice of Race and any superseding amendments.
  - The Sailing Instructions and any superseding amendments.
- b) ISAF Special Offshore Regulations Category 3 (with liferaft) will apply. Life raft with a SOLAS B pack may be accepted at the prior written permission of the Organizing Authority.
- c) Boats in Corinthian Division may use their engines for propulsion but are requested to keep usage to a minimum.  
This changes RRS rule 42.



- d) Boats in other divisions may run their engines in neutral during the race for electrical power generation only and for a maximum of 2 hours per day.
- e) If there is a conflict in languages the English text will take precedence.
- f) All boats are required to carry a provided satellite tracking unit.
- g) All boats are required to keep and submit at sign off a copy of **Appendix B Ships Log**. Essential in this are GPS times for all mark roundings including virtual gates, race finish time and engine usage hours.

## **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- a) Notices to competitors shall be posted on the notice board in the entrance to the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club Clubhouse.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a) Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- a) Signals made ashore will be made from the clubs flag pole.

- b) When AP flag is displayed ashore, '1' minute is replaced with 'not less than '60' mins in race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE

- a) Skippers briefing shall be at **2000Hrs on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The scheduled time for the first warning signal for the race is

CORINTHIAN: **1400Hrs on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010**

IRC DIV 1, 2 & 3: **1500Hrs on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010**

- b) Prize giving following the race is scheduled for **2000Hrs on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010.**

## 6. CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

- a) Class flags will be;

IRC Division 1, 2 & 3                      "O" Signal Flag

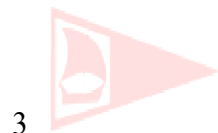
Corinthian Flag                              "J" Signal Flag

- b) Boats in IRC classes may at anytime transfer to the Corinthian fleet. The race committee must be notified immediately via sms (+971 50 451 3922). No allowances for boats reclassifying will be made with regards to differences in start times.

## 7. THE COURSES

- a) **Appendix A** illustrates the course although leg lengths and angles are not drawn to scale.

- b) The course shall not be shortened. This changes rule 32



- c) Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

## **8. MARKS**

- a) The marks are a combination of Inflatable race buoys, nautical navigation marks, islands and GPS positioned virtual gates.
- b) The start and finish mark shall be orange cylindrical racing buoys.

## **9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- a) The following areas are designated as obstructions, any boat found to have sailed into any of these areas shall be scored DSQ.
- All National Exclusion Zones
  - 1 Nautical Mile radial zone surrounding all Oil Rigs
  - 15 miles radial zone surround all Iranian Territories including Abu Musa Island, Siri Island.

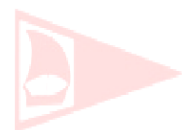
## **10. THE START**

- a) Races shall be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- b) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a starting mark.

- c) To alert boats that the first warning signal shall be made soon the Orange Start line flag shall be displayed from the Committee Boat with one sound signal at least 4 minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- d) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- e) The race committee shall attempt to broadcast recalls over VHF Channel 77. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress.
- f) A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.
- g) Time adjusted starts will be considered and will be granted solely at the discretion of the Race Committee. Requests should be made in writing at least 48 hours prior to the start.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- a) The finish shall be the 'Standard Transit Finish' (STF) of the transit extended from the flag pole on the watch tower at the end of the breakwater and the official club flag pole. The outer limit of the STF shall be marked by an ODM. Boats must sail between the outer breakwater of the harbor and the ODM, and cross the extended transit to finish.



- b) The race committee shall attempt to illuminate the ODM during the night. Failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress.
- c) Boats finishing in darkness are requested to illuminate their sail numbers on the port side on approach to and during their finish.
- d) Boats are requested to contact the race committee via SMS +971 50 451 3922, when passing the East Cardinal (1 EC), on approach to the finish.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- a) A boat that has taken a penalty under Rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Race Office within the protest time.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- a) There is no time limit for the race however, the finish line will not be manned after 1800Hrs on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010. Boats finishing after this time must ensure they record their GPS finish time in dd:hh:mm:ss 24hr format at sign off, in order to obtain a result.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- a) Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protest must be delivered there within the protest time limit.



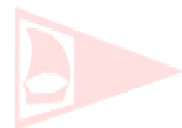
- a) All boats are required to Sign on, on the morning of the race and Sign off immediately on return. This is a safety requirement and compliance does not constitute outside assistance.
- b) Skippers must ensure their boats are compliant with at least Category 3 (with liferaft) of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.

## **17. MEASUREMENTS**

- a) All boats in IRC Divisions 1, 2 & 3 must submit a valid IRC certificate.
- b) Boats in the Corinthian division must submit an IRC certificate from the past 3 years or a trial number may be allocated, subject to modification at any time.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- a) A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, with the following exceptions;
  - i. Emergency or distress signals
  - ii. Text and voice communication with the Race Committee.



- b) All competitors are required to text the Race Committee  
**(Mobile: +971 50 451 3922)** as notification of their imminent arrival, as they pass the East Cardinal marker (1 EC) of the World Islands.

## **19. PRIZES**

- a) Prizes shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each division.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

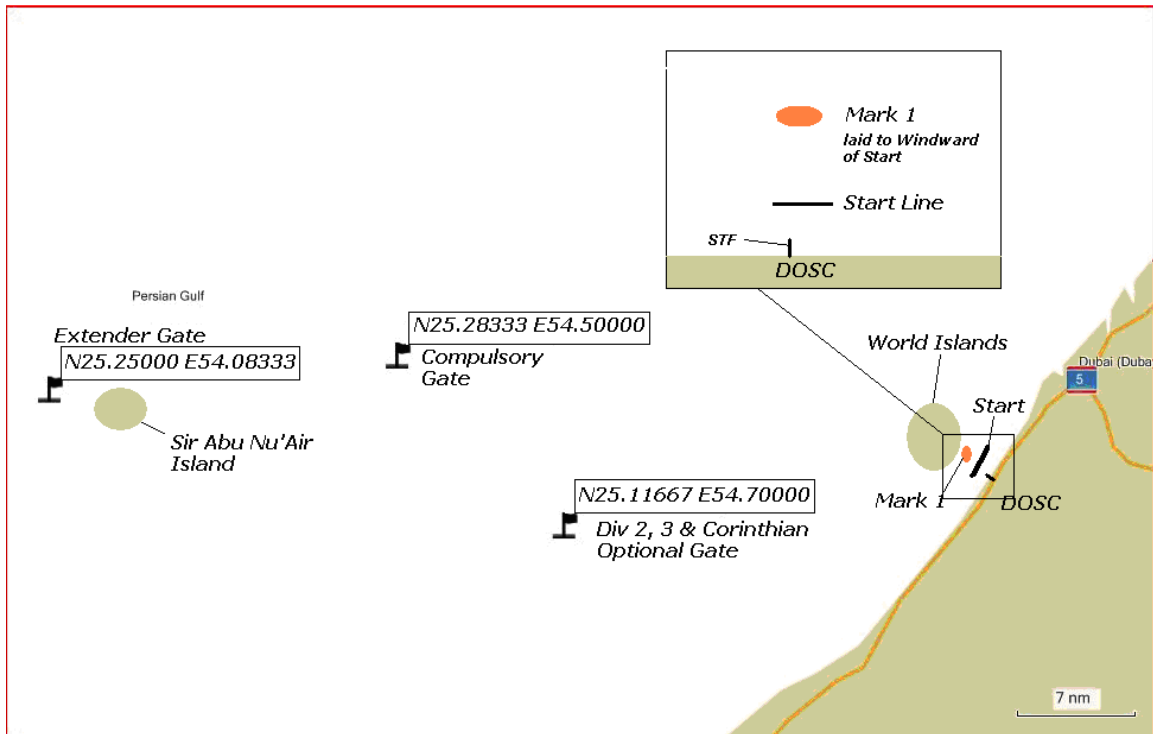
- a) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **21. INSURANCE**

- a) Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability and race comprehensive insurance.



# Appendix A ~ Course



## Division One

N/A

## Division 2 / 3 & Corinthian

**Start (DOSC) – Mark 1 (to Port) - Sir Abu Nu'Air Island (to Starboard)  
– World Islands (to Starboard) – Finish (STF @ DOSC)**

Mark 1 will be laid to **windward** of the Start Line. The orientation illustrated above is for reference only and should not necessarily be considered the orientation of the mark with the start line and or landmasses on the day.

All boats **MUST** hit the Compulsory Gate at some point in the race. This can be done on either the outward leg or the inward leg.

Boats may if they wish, obtain extra points by hitting the Extender Gate.

Boats may if they wish, obtain extra points by hitting the Div 2, 3 & Corinthian Optional Gate.

The Compulsory Gate, Extender Gate and Div 2, 3 & Corinthian Optional Gate are all 'Virtual Gates'. Therefore no physical marker will be present. To score at these gates, boats are required to hit the position of the gate, to within an undisclosed tolerance level, to trigger their tracking unit as to hitting that position.

Latitude and Longitude Positions above are given as a decimal.



