

THE 2014 MUSCAT REGATTA
DINGHY AND INSHORE KEELBOAT
RACING REGATTA

17-18 January 2014

Notice of Regatta

All times are local

1. INTRODUCTION

Marina Bandar Al-Rowdha in association with The Ministry of Sports Affairs and Ministry of Tourism are pleased to announce the 2014 Muscat Regatta which will take place over the period 17-18 January. The Organising Authority will be The Ministry of Sports Affairs, Oman Sailing Committee. Regatta Headquarters will be at The Marina Office, Marina Bandar Al-Rowdha.

2. RULES.

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing as may be amended by class rules or in the Sailing Instructions
- 2.2 The following prescriptions will also apply to IRC rated keel boats.
 - The IRC Rules Parts A, B and C will apply to IRC classes.
 - IRC Designated One Design Boats shall comply with Class Rules. For all other boats Class Rules do not apply.
 - The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR, Category 4).
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 2.4 This Notice of Regatta may be changed by a published amendment and by the Sailing Instructions, and in case of conflict, RRS 63.7 will apply.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The Regatta is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. In addition to IRC Rule 16.1, the following additional requirements will apply:
- 3.2 Boats intending to carry advertising should indicate this on their entry form along with the names of companies and/or products to be advertised. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject the entry, at any time, of a boat that, in the Race Committee's opinion, is carrying advertising for a company or product in conflict with the laws of Oman, or is deemed inappropriate to the event. As a guide, sponsorship of alcoholic products is illegal and only under exceptional cases would sponsorship of tobacco products be accepted. Any sponsorship deemed contrary to Islamic principles would not be allowed. This changes RRS 76.1.

- 3.3 Competitors and crew members on the competing boats shall also grant, at no cost, Sponsors and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in their magazine and promotional tools. Competitors and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by Sponsors and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of Sponsors products by said Competitors and crew members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by The Sponsors or affiliated companies to endorse the sponsors products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.
- 3.4 Each boat shall carry an individually identifiable sail number see also NoR 3.5 below. However RRS 77, Appendix G of the RRS, Para 14.1 of the IRC Rules will not apply.
- 3.5 **All boats entered in the dinghy classes shall display a clearly identifiable sail number on each side of the mainsail or a bow number. Failure to do so may result in a boat being scored Did Not Finish.**

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats entered in the following classes are eligible..
- Optimists
 - Q'Ba's
 - Lasers
 - Hobie Cats
 - Weta Class Trimarans
 - Any other Dinghy Class with a minimum of 3 entries will be given a separate start

 - Farr 30's holding current 2013 Southern hemisphere IRC certificates. If other yachts holding current Southern hemisphere IRC 2013 certificates wish to enter, the Organising Authority reserve the right to hold an IRC class start for all IRC rated boats.
- 4.2 Boats shall be registered in accordance with Royal Oman Police Coastguard regulations.
- 4.3 The Organising Authority retains the right to refuse any entry.
- 4.4 All eligible boats may enter by completing the attached Entry Form and returning it to the address below.

4.5 Entry fees

For all boats entered in the Muscat Regatta there is no entry fee

4.6 Entries for keelboats close **at 2359 on 16 January 2014.**

4.7 Entries for dinghy classes including dinghy multihulls close **at 0930 on Friday 17 January 2014**

4.8 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Address for completed entry forms

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5. SCHEDULE

Thursday 16 January

1000-1600 Registration

Friday 17 January

Dinghy and keelboat racing

0930 Skipper's briefing

1120 First Warning signal

3 Races per day

Saturday 18 January

Dinghy and keelboat racing

1120 First warning signal

1800 Prize-giving at MBAR

NB On Saturday 18 January there will be no skipper's briefing unless requested by the Race Committee

5.1 Registration will take place at Regatta Headquarters at the Marina Office, Marina Bandar al-Rhowdha

5.2 The skippers' briefing, which is compulsory for all competitors, will be held in the submarine room at Marina Bandar al-Rhowdha

6. KEEL BOAT MEASUREMENT AND SCRUTINEERING

6.1 Each keel boat shall produce a valid IRC certificate

6.2 Skippers are required to declare that their boat complies fully with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2013 for Category 4.

6.3 Boats may also be subject to inspections before and after racing. It is mandatory that the skipper or an authorised representative be present at the time of the inspection.

6.4 Boats may also be inspected for conformity with their rating certificates.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta website www.muscatregatta.com in early January, and hard copies will be available at Registration and Skipper's Briefings.

8. RACE AREAS AND COURSES

8.1 The courses for the dinghy classes, which will be windward leeward or triangular type, will start from a line laid off Marina Bandar Al-Rowdha and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8.2 The courses for keelboats, which will be based on windward leeward type courses with additional marks as required, will start from a line laid off Marina Bandar Al-Rowdha and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

- 8.3 The Race Committee may use existing navigation marks in addition to laid racing marks.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Scoring for dinghies and one design keelboats will be in accordance with the low-point scoring system as defined in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing .
- 9.2 Handicap classes for keel boats shall be scored under corrected time by TCC.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1 Competitors' attention is particularly drawn to the following;

The safety of any competing boat and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who must do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spares, rigging, sails, and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used (OSR 1.02.1)

- 10.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone (RRS Fundamental Rule 4)

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 Media – there is no restriction on broadcasting from a boat to the media during racing provided that RRS 41 is always observed.
- 11.2 On Board Cameras – The organizing authority reserves the right to place a camera on board each boat for media purposes.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will be subject to final entry numbers and division of classes.

13. DISCLAIMER

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race and 10.1 above. The Organizing Authority, their agents, and sponsors and their agents accepts no responsibility or liability for loss

of life or injury to crew members or others, or for the loss of or damage to, any vessel or property sustained prior to, during, or after taking part in the race.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 The owner or charterer of a participating boat shall hold adequate marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing, and will ensure that all crewmembers are aware of the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

See also www.muscatregatta.com

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