

The 2011 Muscat Regatta

Dinghy and Inshore Racing Regatta

23-25 November 2011

and

The Muscat to Khasab Offshore Race
For the Bank of Beirut
Chairman's Cup

26 November – 29 November 2011

Notice of Regatta

All times are local

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Marina Bandar Al-Rowdha in association with The Ministry of Sports Affairs and Ministry of Tourism are pleased to announce the 2011 Muscat to Khasab Offshore Race Regatta which will take place over the period 23 November – 1 December. The Organising Authority will be The Ministry of Sports Affairs. Regatta Headquarters will be at The Marina Office, Marina Al-Rowdha, until the start of the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race after which it will relocate to Khasab.
- 1.2 In line with the Chairman's statement at the 2009 Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race prize giving the Organising Authority is pleased to confirm that skippers/owners of boats who completed the 2009 Muscat to Khasab without retiring and who enter the same boat for the 2011 Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race will receive US\$1000 as a contribution towards entry costs provided they submit a valid entry form and start the race in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

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 boats entered in the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race;
- The IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 will apply to IRC classes.
 - The MOCRA 2011 Rating Rule will apply to MOCRA classes.
 - IRC or MOCRA 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 3 with Life Raft).
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 2.4 This Notice of Race may be changed by a published amendment and by the Sailing Instructions, and in case of conflict, RRS 63.7 will apply.
- 2.5 Except when otherwise stated in Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea).
- 2.6 Boats competing in all Races shall keep clear of all International Marine Exclusion Zones or other Restricted Areas. A penalty for an

infringement of this rule will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification (Amends RRS 64.1(a).

2.7 Boats competing in the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race shall at all times keep clear of Iranian territorial waters.

2.8 Use of engines

2.8.1 Competitors are reminded of RRS 42.1 'a boat shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain, or decrease her speed'.

2.8.2 When a boat uses its engine to avoid collision or in a grave emergency, the facts (including exact time of engine start and finish, and exact distance and track covered whilst under power) shall be reported to the race committee at the finish. The Race Committee will apply a penalty of 10% (minimum 1 place) except when the boat at a hearing shows that the circumstances which led to her use of the engine were entirely outside her control (when the penalty may be waived). However, the protest committee after a hearing will disqualify the boat when it judges significant advantage was gained.

2.8.3 Notwithstanding the above, a boat's elapsed time will be counted from the starting signal until she finishes.

2.9 Use of lifejackets

It is strongly recommended that lifejackets shall be worn when on deck:

- a. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- b. When alone on deck
- c. When reefed
- d. When the true wind speed is 25 kts or above
- e. when the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 The Regatta is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. In addition to IRC Rule 18.1, 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. However RRS 77, Appendix G of the RRS, Para 13.1 of the IRC Rules and Para 16.1.2 of the MOCRA Rating Rule will not apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats entered in the following classes are eligible for the Dinghy and Inshore Racing Regatta.
- Q'Ba's
 - Lasers
 - Hobie Cats
 - Weta Class Trimarans
 - F-18 NACRA catamarans
 - Any other Dinghy Class with a minimum of 3 entries will be given a separate start

 - Keel Boats holding current 2011-2012 southern hemisphere IRC certificates.
- 4.2 Class splits will be decided after entries close
- 4.3 Boats entered in the following classes are eligible for the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race
- IRC Class. Boats holding current 2011-2012 southern hemisphere IRC certificates
 - Rally Boats not holding current 2011-12 IRC certificates but ruled as suitable for entry by the Race Committee. Such boats will be issued with a local Rally Class handicap
 - Multihulls with current MOCRA certificates (minimum 3 entries)
- 4.4 Boats shall be registered in accordance with Royal Oman Police Coastguard regulations.
- 4.5 The Organising Authority retains the right to refuse any entry.

- 4.6 Any boat with an SSS number below 15 will not be eligible for entry.
- 4.7 All eligible boats may enter by completing the attached Entry Form and returning it to the address below with the following;
- A copy of the valid IRC/MOCRA Rating Certificate
 - Colour photograph of the boat under sail

4.8 Entry fees as follows

For dinghies and boats entered in the inshore series there is no entry fee

For boats entered in the inshore series and the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race OMR 30

For boats entered in the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race only OMR 30

- 4.9 Entries for inshore keelboats including MOCRA rated multihulls and the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race close on **20 November 2011**.
- 4.10 Entries for dinghy classes including dinghy multihulls close **at 0930 on Thursday 24 November**
- 4.11 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.12 Payment may be made by cash, bank transfer or cheque. The details for the bank transfer are as follow;
Name of Bank – Oman Arab Bank. Muscat Branch
Account Name - Marina Bandar Al-Rowdha (SAOC)
Account Number – 3102-039260-507
Swift ID – OMABOMRUxxx
- 4.13 Cheques should be made payable to Marina Bandar Al-Rhowdha.

Address for completed entry forms and cheques

Marina Bandar Al-Rhowdha,
PO Box 940,
Postal Code 100
Muscat
Sultanate of Oman
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Fax: +968 247 37285

5. IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 Departure from Sultanate of Oman. Immigration and check out procedures will be advised.

6. SCHEDULE

Wednesday 23 November	1000-1600 Registration
Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November	Dinghy and keelboat racing <u>0930 Skipper's briefing</u> 1120 First Warning signal 3 Races per day
Friday 25 November	1000-1600 Registration and scrutineering for Muscat to Khasab entries 1830 Joint Dubai to Muscat and Inshore Regatta Prize-giving at MBAR
Saturday 26 November	Start Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup Muscat to Khasab Race Skipper's Briefing 0930 First warning signal 1120
Tuesday 29 November	1030 Time limit 1330 Prize giving lunch Khasab

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

6.2 Skipper's briefing's, which are compulsory for all competitors, will be held in the restaurant at Marina Bandar al-Rhowdha

7. MEASUREMENT AND SCRUTINEERING

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid IRC/MOCRA certificate
- 7.2 Skippers are required to declare that their boat complies fully with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2011/12 for Category 3 races with life-raft by completing and signing a checklist provided by the Organising Authority.

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

7.4 Boats may also be inspected for conformity with their rating certificates

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9. RACE AREAS AND COURSES

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

9.2 The courses for the inshore series, which will be based on windward leeward type courses with additional remarks as required, will start from a line laid off Marina Banda Al-Rowdha and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.3 The course for the Bank of Beirut Chairman's Cup will start from a line laid off Marina Banda Al-Rowdha to a finish line laid off the Golden Tulip Resort Khasab, distance approximately 230 nms. Details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the low-point scoring system as defined in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing, .

10.2 Boats shall be scored under corrected time by TCC.

11. SAFETY

11.1 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)

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

12. COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Radio VHF Channel 13 will be used by the race committee for the start sequence and race information.
- 12.2 Mobile (and satellite) telephones – one operational unit shall be on board when racing. RRS 41 shall be observed. Boats shall adhere to any position / safety reporting schedule set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.3 Media – there is no restriction on broadcasting from a boat to the media during racing provided that RRS 41 is always observed.
- 12.4 On Board Cameras – The organizing authority reserves the right to place a camera on board each boat for media purposes.
- 12.5 Tracking – The organizing authority reserves the right to place a stand alone offshore tracking unit aboard each boat.

13. PRIZES

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

14. DISCLAIMER

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race and 10.2 above.. The Organizing Authority 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.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

See also www.muscatregatta.com

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