



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

EFG Sailing Arabia The Tour 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019

POWERED BY



## 1 RULES

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1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- Racing Rules modified as detailed in Appendix 4 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing,
- DIAM 24 class rules.

1.2 Official language

In case of translation of the texts governing the event, English text shall prevail.

1.3 Official time

All Times given shall be in Omani Local Time: **UTC+4**

1.4 For the rules of Sailing Arabia The Tour,

“Umpire” means a judge afloat in charge with direct judgement of the races.

“Competitor” and “captain” mean a person taking part in the competition of Sailing Arabia The Tour,

“Act” means all races organized in a same city.

[DP] denotes any rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[SP] denotes any rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the jury without a hearing

[NP] denotes any rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat (this changes RRS 60.1(a)).

1.5 Complementary rules

Competitors are reminded that they

1.5.1 shall not, in accordance with IRPCAS 10.j, hinder other vessels when sailing in the channels

1.5.2 shall strictly respect all areas forbidden to sailing and/or subject to regulations, as well as all support/coach boats of the competitors, VIP, spectators, media

1.5.3 shall respect the rules applying in the harbors/beaches and respect instructions of the race direction.

1.5.4 shall not sail between a rib of the organization showing an orange flag or a switched-on orange flashing light and a commercial vessel.

## 2 RACE OFFICE

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### 2.1 Location

During checks, entry confirmation and racing days in Marina Bandhar Al Rowda, from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of February 09:30 am till Monday 4th of February 16:00 am the race office will be located at the following address:

Sailing School Office  
Marina Bandar Al Rowdha  
Sultanate of Oman

For all other venues, a notice to competitors will be published to define the location of the Race office in every stopover.

### 2.2 Mail and phone number

Teams' mail service and Race office is as follows: [directioncourse@gmail.com](mailto:directioncourse@gmail.com)

The phone number of the Race office will be given during general briefing in Marina Bandar Al Rowdha.

## 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in front on the Race office and repeated on the online notice board.

Moreover, the organizing authority (OA) may organize a system of alert notification through a mobile phone App (WhatsApp).

The lack of transmission or reception of these notifications will not be ground for redress (this changes RRS 60.1).

## 4 CHANGES TO THE RACE DOCUMENTS

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**4.1** Any change to the race documents, including any change given during skippers' briefings, will be posted if possible on the official notice board and repeated on the online notice board, at the latest 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the day mentioned in the Book Teams, except any change in the race schedule which will be posted by 8.00PM on the day before it will take effect.

**4.2** Oral changes may be given on the water. The race committee will inform each boat by VHF who shall acknowledge receipt.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast located close to the competitor's boat storage / berthing.

5.2 When the red and white pennant (AP signal) is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be given in a reasonable time after removing this pennant. This changes Race Signals.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACING

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- 6.1 Schedule of racing (launching operations, briefings, leaving pontoon or beach, starts of races, prize giving's, etc.) are mentioned in the Book Teams.
- 6.2 On last day of Sailing Arabia The Tour, no warning signal will be made after 14:30
- 6.3 The Race Direction, in agreement with the OA, may change or cancel the schedule of an Act.

## 7 IDENTIFICATION

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During all the event, a boat shall display in her starboard side shroud the flag of the event "EFG Bank" provided by the OA. The bottom of this flag will have to be set at 2m high above the boat platform (trampoline)

## 8 CLASS FLAG

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- 8.1 Coastal raid courses: the class flag will be a red feather written "5".
- 8.2 Nautical stadium courses: the class flag will be a red feather written "3".

## 9 RACING AREAS

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The location of the racing areas is given in the Book Teams.

## 10 COURSES

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10.1 For all courses:

"R" flag displayed before the warning signal means: "It is mandatory to sail with a reef".

10.2 Coastal raid courses:

For each Act, provisional course(s) is(are) described in the Book Teams. The final course will be given at the latest during the briefing.

No later than the warning signal the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark and the approximate length of the first leg of the course.

### 10.2.1 Offset mark (Flag D)

No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display a D flag if the course includes an offset mark. He will display a green flag to signal that the mark is to be rounded on starboard. Absence of green flag means that the offset mark is to be rounded on port (this changes Race Signals).

### 10.2.2 Shortening the course (flag S)

The race committee may shorten the course after the start according to RRS 32.1 or because of the imperatives of the OA.

### 10.2.3 Ending a race with an official scoring at a mark

If a race committee boat is displaying a “O”, located near one of the marks listed in the description of the course with an asterisk (\*), mark and boat constitute a gate, where an official scoring of boats is made. Boats shall sail through the gate and continue racing. [NP] This scoring will be announced as soon as possible by VHF on the race channel.

The race committee may interrupt a race under one of the reasons listed in RRS 32.1 or because of the imperatives of the organizing authority and validate it by taking the last official scoring at a mark listed with an asterisk in the description of the courses (this changes RRS 32).

If the Race Committee decides to interrupt the race, he will display flags S over H with 2 sound signals (this change Race Signals) meaning “the race is interrupted and the last official scoring will constitute the finishing order”. The race committee will confirm, if possible, this information by VHF and boats shall sail back to the harbor, as fast as possible.

Boats will be considered as non-racing since the last mark where the official scoring was made. Any event possibly leading to protest after the last official scoring will not be taken into account, and no boat will be penalized, except as a consequence of an action under a fundamental rule or under RRS 69, or breach to RRS 14 resulting in injury or serious damage, or breach to SI 1.4 or 19.

## 10.3 Nautical stadium courses

The nautical stadium courses are described in Appendix 2 – Nautical stadium courses of SI.

The race course will be displayed on the race committee boat and whenever possible broadcasted by VHF as well.

## 11 MARKS

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**11.1** The starting mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy, shape “pencil”

**11.2** The finishing mark will be a inflatable yellow buoy, shape “pencil”

**11.3** Coastal raid courses:

Approximate geographic locations of the course mark are indicated in the Book Teams. The offset mark(s) will be inflatable yellow buoy(s) with a “EFG Bank – Sailing Arabia The Tour” branding.

#### 11.4 Nautical Stadium courses:

Course marks are described in Appendix 2 – Nautical stadium courses.

## 12 THE START

### 12.1 Races will be started as follows (this changes RRS 26):

#### 12.1.1 For coastal raid courses

Minutes before the starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Meaning
5'	Red feather "5" displayed	One	Warning signal
4'	Yellow or black feather "4" displayed	One	Preparatory signal
3'	Red feather "3" displayed	One	
2'	Yellow feather "2" displayed	One	
1'	Green feather "1" displayed	One long	One minute
0	Green feather "1" removed	one	Starting signal

[NP] Feathers will be removed when following feather is displayed.

Yellow feather marked "4" has the same meaning as flag P in the RRS.

Black feather marked "4" means RRS 30.4 applies. This changes Race Signals.

To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the race committee boat with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.

#### 12.1.2 For Nautical Stadium courses

Minutes before the starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Meaning
3	Red feather "3" displayed	One	Warning signal
2	Yellow feather "2" displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	Green feather "1" displayed	One long	One minute
0	Green feather "1" removed	one	Starting signal

[NP] Feathers will be removed when following feather is displayed.

Yellow feather marked "2" has the same meaning as Black Flag in RRS 30.4. This changes Race Signals.

To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the race committee boat with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

### 12.2 Starting line

The starting line will be between an inflatable yellow buoy, shape "matchstick", and a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat.

For nautical stadium races only: An “Inner” mark (small inflatable orange buoy) may be laid near line axis. This mark ranks then as a course mark and shall be left on the same side as the race committee boat. It is forbidden to sail between this mark and the committee boat.

A boat sailing between this mark and the committee boat shall correct by rounding the race committee boat before starting again. If she does not so, she will be disqualified by umpires under SI 15.2.2(c).

### 12.3 Recalls

**12.3.1** If possible, the race committee will announce sail numbers and/or names of the boats OCS or BFD after the starting signal by VHF on the channel of the race. Failure to announce or receive this information will not be ground for request of redress (this changes RRS 60.1(b)). BFD boats shall leave the racing area as soon as reasonably possible.

#### 12.3.2 Individual recall

For coastal raids only flag X will be displayed on the Race Committee boat.

#### 12.3.3 General recall

First substitute will be displayed on the Race Committee boat

Third sentence of RRS 30.4 is changed to: “If a general recall is signaled or if the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her sail number or her name before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed, she shall not sail in it.”

### 12.4 Closing of starting line

**12.4.1** For coastal raid courses: a boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**12.4.2** For nautical stadium courses: a boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### 12.5 Crew list [SP]

**12.5.1** Crew list shall be delivered to the Race Office before the first day of race at 09:00 local time.

Any newly arrived crew member shall present to the race office the documents required. Competitors shall comply with a weight check in the race office, with ID papers, except if a copy of it has been provided to the OA during registration in Marina Bandar.

**12.5.2** Any change of crew can be made according to DIAM24 Class Rules and shall be notified to the Race Office at the latest 30 minutes before the briefing of the day. No change, addition or withdrawal crew intraday will be allowed, except in cases of exceptional authorization from the Jury.

## 13 [NP] ADJUSTING THE COURSE

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The race committee may adjust the course. If possible, he will announce this change by VHF.

## 14 THE FINISH

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**14.1** Except otherwise defined in the Book Teams, the finishing line will be between the mast of race committee boat displaying a blue flag and the course side of the finishing mark.

**14.2** For nautical stadium courses: After finish of the last boat having sailed the course and finished, an umpire boat will stay nearby the finish/race committee boat during 2 minutes.

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

### 15.1 Protests between boats

**15.1.1** When racing on Nautical Stadium and Coastal raid races, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 of RRS for an incident in which she was involved or under RRS 31 or 44 modified or 49. In this case, she shall hail "protest" and conspicuously display a red flag (minimum 30 x 30cm) at the first reasonable opportunity for each protest. She shall display this flag until:

- or the boat protested takes a penalty (this changes RRS 61.1)
- or after a decision from umpires
- or she is not racing anymore

A boat involved in an incident may answer by promptly taking the appropriate penalty.

A boat protesting under this SI will not be allowed to have a hearing in case of umpire decision under SI 15.1.2(a), (b) or (c). This changes RRS 60.

**15.1.2** An umpire may signal a decision as follows:

- (a) a green flag with one sound: "no penalty".
- (b) a red flag with one sound: "A penalty is given". The umpire will hail or point to each boat penalized.
- (c) a black flag with one sound: "A boat is disqualified". The umpire will hail or point to the boat disqualified.

**15.1.3** Penalties initiated by umpires:

An umpire may penalize a boat without a protest from another boat when this boat

- (a) infringed RRS 31, 44 modified or 49 and takes no penalty,
- (b) infringed SI 1.4 or 12.2
- (c) gained an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately infringed a rule,
- (e) commits a breach to sportsmanship,
- (f) failed to take a penalty when required by an umpire,
- (g) infringed Class Rule C 3.2 (crew position).



The umpire may impose one or more penalties, to be taken under RRS 44.2 modified or disqualify her. If the boat is disqualified, she shall conform to indications given by the race direction.

**15.1.4** If the boat doesn't take any penalty, she will be disqualified under to SI 15.1.2(c).

**15.1.5** A boat shall neither round nor pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her mistake in accordance with SI 28.2 only if she does so before rounding or passing the following mark or before finishing. If this boat does not correct her mistake before rounding or passing the following mark or before finishing, an umpire may disqualify this boat in accordance with SI 15.2.2(c).

**15.1.6** [NP] A decision, action or lack of action of umpires will not be ground for request of redress or reopening from a boat.

**15.1.7** [NP] Umpires boats may station anywhere in the racing area.

**15.1.8** Protest procedure for a boat, the race committee or the jury remains applicable for incidents not decided by umpires.

**15.1.8** RRS 64.1(a) is changed so as the possibility to exonerate a boat may be used by umpires without hearing.

**15.2** The jury may protest a boat under RRS 60.3(a)(1) when this boat is involved in an incident decided by umpires on the water, if the jury believes that this incident may have resulted in an injury or serious damage.

**15.3** [DP] Penalties table: This table shows the minimum penalty which shall be imposed by the jury during the whole event. The jury may also increase the penalty up to DSQ.

For a breach to a SI noted [DP] not included in the table below, the penalty may be less than DSQ.

In the table below, the "ranking of the day" means the ranking calculated from all the races sailed in a day of race.

	Breaches	Minimum penalties
15.3.1	Except umpires decision on the water or race direction authorization, breach to SI 1.4	1 point to DSQ on the race nearest to the breach.
15.3.2	Breaches to class rules(other than C3.2 and those mentioned in this table)	1 point to DSQ on each race sailed with this breach or on the race nearest to the breach in case of breach found when not racing
15.3.3	Paddock/pontoon left without race direction authorization (SI 20.3 and 25), times of the Book Teams not respected	1 point on the ranking of the day
15.3.4	Except previous authorization from race direction, failure to sail in the factor 0 or DEMO races (SI 6.4)	10 points on the overall ranking
15.3.5	Non-compliance of crew composition as defined in the DIAM24 Class Rules except if authorization granted by the jury in case of force majeure situation	5 points on the ranking of the day
15.3.6	Non-compliance with 7, 22 and 27 (class flags, stickers, advertising,	2 points on the ranking of the

	onboard camera) except race direction authorization	day
15.3.7	Crew list not delivered within time limit	1 point on the ranking of the day
15.3.8	Temporary loan of a gennaker or mainsail or headsail temporarily replaced (SI 21.2.3)	1 point per race sailed with the replacement sail onboard
15.3.9	New sail (SI 21.2.1)	5 points on the overall ranking
15.3.10	Non-compliance with articles C.4, C.5 and C.6.1 of the class rules (Equipments)	5 points on the ranking of the day
15.3.11	Failure to attend official ceremonies (SI 28) except dispensation granted by the race direction.	1 point on the overall ranking

**15.4** The score of a boat penalized with a points' penalty is the score she would have received without this penalty, less the corresponding number of points. However, she shall not receive less points than DSQ (except DNE).

A boat breaking a rule in an incident shall receive a penalty for each incident; however, a boat cannot receive less points than DSQ (except DNE). This changes RRS 44.3(c).

#### 15.5 Breaches during races

The jury may protest a boat and penalize her on the previous validate race, counted in the overall ranking of the Sailing Arabia The Tour, in case of breach of SI 15.5 (a) and (b):

(a) When racing, a boat shall sail at the minimum with the mainsail and headsail, except in case of race direction authorization.

(b) When a boat is penalized when racing by umpires, she shall either take the corresponding penalty for a red flag « PENALITE », or leave the racing area for a black flag.

**15.6** [DP] The following actions by skippers and/or crew members when racing may be considered as a breach of sportsmanship under SI 15.1.3(e) or SI 15.2.3(e) and may result in an umpire initiated penalty:

- Excessive attempts to verbally coerce, coach or influence umpires decisions.
- Repetitive or on-going objection to an umpire decision (verbal or otherwise).
- Abuse of umpires before or after a decision (See also MR Call M4).

Breaches of this SI may also be referred to the jury. Any penalty will be at the discretion of the jury and may include exclusion from further participation in the event. Gross breaches of this SI may be referred to the jury by the Organizing Authority for action under RRS 69.

## 16 TIME LIMIT

**16.1** Time limit to finish for the first boat having sailed the course

**16.1.1** The limit hour is 18:00 for coastal raid courses.

**16.1.2** The time limit is 40 minutes for nautical stadium courses.

**16.2** Time limit to finish after the first boat having sailed the course and finished:

**16.2.1** [NP] For coastal raid courses: 1 hour minimum or the time of the first boat having sailed the course and finished, increased of 2 minutes per mile, calculated by the race direction from the reference length of the course sailed on a direct course.

**16.2.2** For nautical stadium courses, the time limit is 5 minutes.

**16.2.3** Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **17 PROTESTS**

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**17.1** For coastal raid courses, any boat intending to protest another boat for an infringement to an area forbidden to sailing and/or submitted to regulation shall conspicuously display a red flag (minimum 30x30cm), alert her by VHF at the time of the infringement and inform the race committee. The flag shall remain displayed until the boat protested and the race committee acknowledge receipt.

**17.2** For nautical stadium courses, any boat intending to protest another boat for a rule other than those mentioned in SI 15.1.1 shall conspicuously display a red flag (minimum 30x30cm) and inform the umpire boat stationed nearby the race committee boat at the finishing line, within the 2 minutes after the finish of the last boat of the race. The jury shall extend the time limit if there is a good reason to do so. Protests do not need to be made in writing. The jury may collect evidences and conduct hearing in any way he believes appropriate and may communicate his decision verbally.

**17.3** Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests or requests for reopening shall be delivered there at the latest one hour after the finish of the last boat ranked in the last race of the day or one hour after the closing time of the finishing line, whichever is later.

**17.4** [NP] [DP] Protests on following articles can be lodged only by the race committee, or the jury: location in harbor/paddock, Use of VHF – other means of geo- location (SI 19.4), schedules describes in Book Teams.

**17.5** Only RRS 1.1 and 62.1(c) can be ground for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.

**17.6** Notices will be posted on the official notice board and repeated if possible on the online board, at the latest 1 hour after protest time limit, to inform competitors of place and time of hearings in which they are parties or called as witnesses.

## **18 SCORING**

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**18.1** Scoring applied for a boat.

A boat scored DNC, DNS, DNF or RET shall receive the scored points for the finishing place .

A boat scored OCS, BFD or DSQ shall receive the scored points for the finishing place plus 1.

In compliance with the low point system, the scored points for the finishing place corresponds to the number of boat registered.

A boat disqualified in an incident causing another boat to retire because of injury or serious damage will be scored

DSQ for the race in which the incident occurred, as well as for all races in which the boat having suffered the injury or damage will be ranked DNC, because of this injury or damage. If the jury believes it necessary, such decision will be taken after hearing on the water. If not, the decision will be taken without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

A boat retiring after having committed a breach scoring her OCS, BFD, DSQ will receive the number of points of those scores.

**18.2** Boats tied in a race will receive the number of points of the place for which these boats are tied. This changes RRS A7.

### **18.3 Rankings**

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#### **18.3.1 Overall ranking:**

It is obtained adding the points of all days of races.

There will be no discard.

#### **18.3.2 GCC ranking**

It is obtained by extracting from the points of the overall ranking.

## **19 SAFETY RULES**

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Race Management will be on watch 24hrs:

- Mobile phone +968 (*to be shared during final registration*) & +33 611 574 356 - Email : [directioncourse@gmail.com](mailto:directioncourse@gmail.com)

### **19.1 [DP] Retiring**

A boat retiring shall inform the race committee of her retirement as soon as reasonably possible.

### **19.2 [DP] Personal Flotation device and helmet**

Wearing Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is compulsory from going afloat to back ashore, in accordance with RRS 40. When racing, it is compulsory to wear a helmet of standard EN1385.

### **19.3 Personal protection Equipment**

It is recommended to wear protective gear or PFD against shocks

### **19.4 [NP] [DP] Use of VHF – Other means of geo-location**

**19.4.1** Boats are responsible for the good functioning of their VHF; they shall watch on the race channel from going afloat until back ashore.

**19.4.2** Locating beacons will be provided by the Organizing Authority during briefings and fixed according to the orders given by the race direction.

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT – CONTROL – CHECK – TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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**20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules. Afloat, a member of the race management may request a boat to sail immediately to a specified area to be checked. From this time, any outside help is forbidden before the checks.

**20.2** [DP] A boat shall comply with the rules from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 10:00 until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of February 16:00.

In case of an established infringement by the race management between races, the jury may penalize the boat on the last completed race counting for the general ranking of the Sailing Arabia The Tour.

**20.3** [NP] [SP] When they are not racing, boats shall remain at their allocated berth defined in the Book Teams, except after a prior written authorization from the race direction.

## 21 SAILS

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**21.1** [SP] Sails damages

**21.1.1** In case of loss or definitive damage of a sail, a detailed report written by the captain of the boat shall be given to the race management. And after authorization, the boat captain may, on his own expenses, replace the sail(s) damaged or lost.

**21.1.2** Gennaker: Only those provided by the OA are authorized when racing. In case of definitive damage of a gennaker, competitors may, after authorization from the race management, buy a new gennaker to the OA.

**21.1.3** If mainsail or front sail is torned during nautical stadium days, competitors may ask to race management an authorization to use temporarily one of their sails listed on the Diam24 certificate.

If the gennaker is torned during nautical stadium days, competitors may ask the race direction for a temporary loan.

The OA will have a maximum of 2 gennakers possibly loaned in the sequential order of requests. A boat wishing to benefit from this loan shall make the request to the race management. Back in the harbor or beach, she shall give back the gennaker in the same condition as received.

**21.1.4** Except in case of exceptional circumstances established by the jury, and no matter the sail used, this change will cause a penalty described in SI 15.4.10 or 15.4.11.

## 22 [NP] [SP] ADVERTISING

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Boats shall display the advertising provided by the Organizing authority according to NoR and DIAM24 Class Rules.

## 23 OFFICIAL BOATS

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Boats from the race committee or race management will display a black feather written “ RACE MANAGEMENT” or a grey feather written “ORGANIZATION”

Umpires boats will display a yellow feather "JURY".

Media boats will display a pink feather "MEDIA".

Support/safety boats will display a red feather written "SAFETY".

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## 24 [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

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A competitor shall not deliberately throw trashes in the water. Trashes shall be kept on board until back ashore.

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## 25 LIMITATIONS TO LEAVE THE PADDOCK/PONTON

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[SP] A boat may leave the paddock/pontoon/beach according to the instructions given by the race management.

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## 26 [DP] [NP] COMMUNICATIONS

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Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

Crews may have a smartphone and/or touchpad on board, to be used only to transmit information on social networks.

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## 27 [NP] [SP] ONBOARD CAMERAS

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**27.2.1** The OA may provide each boat with a camera to film onboard images.

**27.2.2** In case camera is provided by OA, during her races, each boat shall activate her camera 2 minutes before the display on the race committee boat of the orange flag.

At the latest one minute after having finished and cleared the finishing line, each boat shall switch off her camera.

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## 28 [SP] PRIZES

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**28.1** Crews presentation ceremony

A Teams presentation ceremony is organized in Marina Bandar on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February at 10:30. All teams shall attend, wearing seagears or team official ashore dress. The skipper and at least one crew of the boat shall attend.

**28.2** Prize giving

After the last race, a prize giving ceremony will be organized in Salalah on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of February at 17:30.

The winner of the overall ranking of the Sailing Arabia The Tour will be awarded the Cup from a representative of

Oman Sail. Winners of GCC ranking will be awarded and all other Teams will be individually presented on the stage.

All Teams shall attend, wearing official sea-gear or ashore dress of the Team. The skipper and the 2 crews of the boat shall attend.

## 29 DECISION TO RACE

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The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Consequently, when accepting to participate in a race or to continue racing, the boat releases the organizing authority from any responsibility in case of damage (material and/or injury).

### APPENDIX 1 - Organizing committee – Race Officials

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#### General Direction

Events Director	Salma Al Hashmi
Events Manager	James Greenhough
SATT 2019 Operations Manager	Nicolas Honor

#### Race Management

Race director	Gilles CHIORRI
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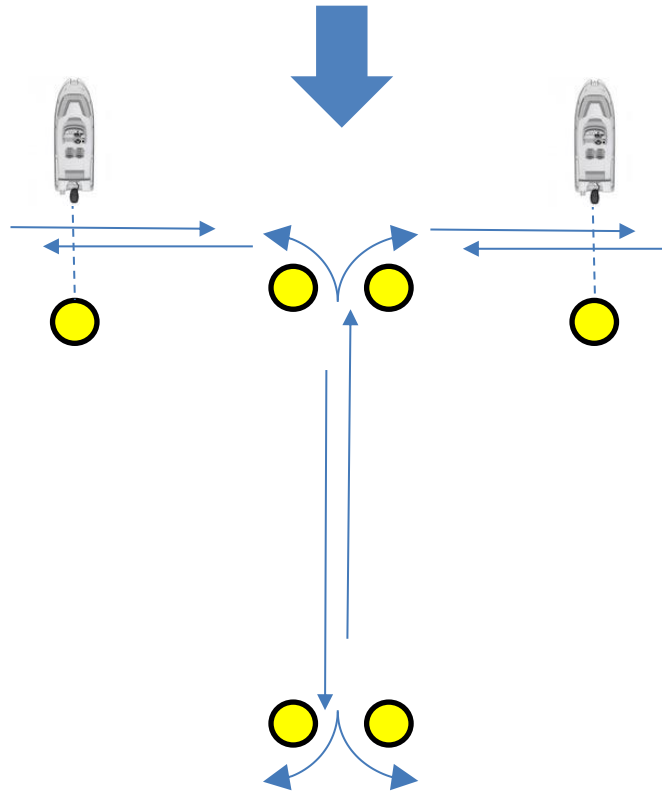
#### Race Officers

Race Officer	Adam Mohammed
Race Officer Deputy	Ghalib Mamari

#### Jury

Chairman of the Jury	Marc Bouet NJ/ IU
Jury member:	Elizabeth Procter IJ / NU
Jury member	Saleh Al Jabri NJ

## APPENDIX 2 - Stadium Race Course



### Description of marks:

- Starting mark is an inflatable yellow buoy (“Pencil” shape)
- Inner mark (if any) is a small inflatable orange buoy (spherical shape)
- Gate 1 is a gate with 2 inflatable yellow buoys 1P and 1S with “EFG bank” branding (cylindrical shape)
- Gate 2 is a gate with 2 inflatable yellow buoys 2P and 2S with “EFG bank” branding (cylindrical shape)
- Finishing mark is an inflatable yellow buoy (“Pencil” shape)



**Description of courses:**

● **Course 1A (1 lap)**

Start 1A (Starboard) – Gate 1 – Gate 2 – 1P (Port) – Finish 1A (Port)

● **Course 2A (2 laps)**

Start – Gate 1 – Gate 2 - Gate 1 – Gate 2 – 1P (Port) – Finish 1A (Port)

● **Course 1B (1 lap)**

Start 1B (Port) – Gate 1 – Gate 2 – 1S (Starboard) – Finish 1B (Starboard)

● **Course 2B (2 laps)**

Start 1B (Port) – Gate 1 – Gate 2 – Gate 1 – Gate 2 – 1S (Starboard) – Finish 1B (Starboard)

### APPENDIX 3 - Support Boats

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1. A support boat of one competitors' boat or more shall be accredited by the OA and shall display on the water the flag supplied "TEAM".

The RIB driver of such a boat shall fill the accreditation form, defining which team the rib is linked to.

2. This appendix applies at all time when the support boat is on Sailing Arabia The Tour 2019 venue.

3. Support boats shall respect the orders given by the race management representatives.

4. Support boats shall respect the orders of OA for launching, haul out and parking of their trailers

5. Support boats shall have onboard the safety gear required by the regulations.

6. It is mandatory to wear personal flotation devices, and to fix the kill cord (circuit breaker cord) at all time when the engine is running.

7. Watching race channel is mandatory for support boats which may ask to the race office to program their ICOM VHF on the private course channel.

8. Support boats shall respect the restricted races areas according to the instructions given by race management.

Support boats shall be at least under a 75m line, parallel to the starting line from the preparatory signal until all the racing boats left the starting area or until the race to be postponed, abandoned or that a general recall have been signaled.

Then, support boats shall stay behind at a minimum distance of 75m out of the most outer boat, except with a special permission of the race committee or race management.

Furthermore, support boats proceeding faster than 5 kts shall remain at least at 150m from any boat racing.

The race direction may define areas with denied access to support boats.

## APPENDIX 4 - Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

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A 1.1 In accordance with RRS 86.3, Sailing Arabia The Tour will use the Racing Rules of Sailing modified, further to the decision of the Oman Sailing Authority Executive Board.

**A 1.2 When a boat sailing under these rule meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing.**

### A 1.3 - Changes to the Rules

#### Definition Finish is replaced by:

**Finish** A boat *finishes* when any part of her hulls cross the finishing line from the course side after completing any penalties. However, she has not *finished* if after crossing the finishing line she

- (a) receives a penalty from an umpire,
- (b) takes a penalty under rule 44,
- (c) corrects an error under rule 28.2 made at the line, or
- (d) continues to sail the course.

#### Definition of Mark room replaced by:

Mark room: Room for a boat to sail on her proper course to round or pass a mark on the required side.

#### Add a new definition: OCS

A boat is *OCS* when at her starting signal any part of her hulls are on the course side of the starting line

#### Definition obstruction replaced by:

An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions*. However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to

- (a) keep clear of her and they are not approaching the starting line to *start* when the first leg is a reaching leg, or
- (b) avoid her under rule 23

#### Definition start is replaced by:

A boat *starts* when:

- (a) any part of her hulls cross the starting line in the direction of the first *mark* and she is not identified as *OCS*, or
- (b) having crossed the starting line in the direction of the first *mark* and been identified as *OCS*, she completes a penalty for *OCS*.

Definition zone is replaced by:

The area around *marks, obstructions* or the *boundary* within a distance of three hull lengths. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hulls are in the *zone*.

Change to definition Clear astern and clear ahead – overlap replaced by:

One boat is clear astern another boat when her hulls are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hulls. However, a boat with one of her hulls between the other boat's hulls is clear astern. The other boat is clear ahead. They overlap when neither is clear astern. However, they also overlap when a boat between them overlaps both.

**Add RRS 8, last point of certainty:**

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

**Rule 14 is deleted and replaced by:**

#### **AVOIDING CONTACT**

A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to *room* or *mark-room* need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not *keeping clear* or giving *room* or *mark-room*.

**Rule 16 Changing course is modified so as to delete rule 16.2**

**Rule 17 (on the same tack, proper course) is deleted**

**Rule 18, Mark room, is deleted and replaced by:**

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a mark and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When the first boat reaches the zone,

- (1) if boats are overlapped, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat mark-room.
- (2) if boats are not overlapped, the boat that has not reached the zone shall thereafter give mark-room.

(b) If the boat entitled to mark-room leaves the zone, the entitlement to mark room ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.

(c) If a boat obtained an inside overlap and, from the time the overlap began, the outside boat is unable to give mark-room, she is not required to give it.

### 18.3 Tacking or Gybing

(a) If mark room for a boat includes a change of tack, such tack or gybe shall be done no faster than a tack or gybe to sail her proper course.

(b) When an inside overlapped boat must change tack at a mark to sail her proper course, until she changes tack, she shall sail no farther from the mark than needed to sail that course. The rule 18.3(b) does not apply at a gate mark or a finishing mark and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

**Rule 19 is deleted and replaced by:**

#### Room to pass an obstruction

##### 19.1 When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between boats when at least one of them is in the *zone* of an *obstruction*, except when it is also a *mark* the boats are required to leave on the same side.  
However, rule 19 does not apply at a *boundary*.

##### 19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction

- (a) When rule 19 first applies, the right-of-way boat at that time may choose to pass an *obstruction* on either side.
- (b) When boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat shall give the inside boat *room* between her and the *obstruction*, unless
  - (1) she has been unable to do so from the time the *overlap* began.
  - (2) she has been unable to do so because she is giving or taking *mark-room* under rule 18.2(a), or
  - (3) she is unable to do so because she is taking *room* under rule 20.2.

However, *room* in rule 19.2 does not include *room* to tack unless it is the only option to pass the *obstruction*.

#### Rule 20, room to tack at an obstruction: add to rule 20

When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

**Rule 21 is deleted and replaced by:**

#### EXONERATION

When a boat is sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled and she is complying with rule 18.3(a) (if applicable), she shall be exonerated if, in an incident with a boat required to give her that *room* or *mark-room*,

- (a) she breaks a rule of Section A, rule 15 or rule 16, or
- (b) she is compelled to break rule 31.

**Rule 22 is deleted and replaced by:**

**STARTING ERRORS; TAKING PENALTIES; BACKING A SAIL**

- 22.1** A boat sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions after her starting signal to *start* or if *OCS* shall *keep clear* of a boat not doing so until she is completely on the pre-start side or is no longer sailing towards the pre-start side.
- 22.2** Deleted
- 22.3** Deleted

**Rule 24 is deleted and replaced by:**

**INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOAT**

- 24.1** If reasonably possible, a boat not *racing* shall not interfere with a boat that is *racing* or an umpire boat.
- 24.2** If reasonably possible, a boat shall not interfere with a boat that is sailing on another leg or subject to rule 22.1. However, after the starting signal this rule does not apply when the boat is sailing her *proper course*.
- 24.4** After she has *started* and except when sailing her *proper course*, a boat shall not interfere with a boat taking a penalty.

**Rule 41 is deleted and replaced by:**

**OUTSIDE HELP**

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except

- (a) help for a crew member who is ill, injured, in danger or to recover them from the water and return on board, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery;
- (b) after a collision, help from the crew of the other vessel to get clear;
- (c) help in the form of information freely available to all boats;
- (d) unsolicited information from a disinterested source, which may be another boat in the same race.
- (e) communication via race committee approved communications equipment with the race committee and umpires.

However, a boat that gains a significant advantage in the race from help received under rule 41(a) may be protested and penalized; any penalty may be less than disqualification.

## Rule 44 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

### 44.1 Penalties

As soon as possible, after the incident, or after being signalled by an umpire, a boat takes a penalty, within the limitations of rule 44.2 by completing one of the following:

- (1) Two consecutive gybes with the gennaker completely furled during the penalty (from gybe 1 to completion of gybe 2).
- (2) Two consecutive tacks.

### 44.2 Penalty Limitations

- (a) If a boat has multiple penalties, then the penalties shall be taken consecutively.
- (b) Unless the first leg of the course is identified by the race committee as a windward leg, a boat may not take a penalty after she has started while she is on the first leg.

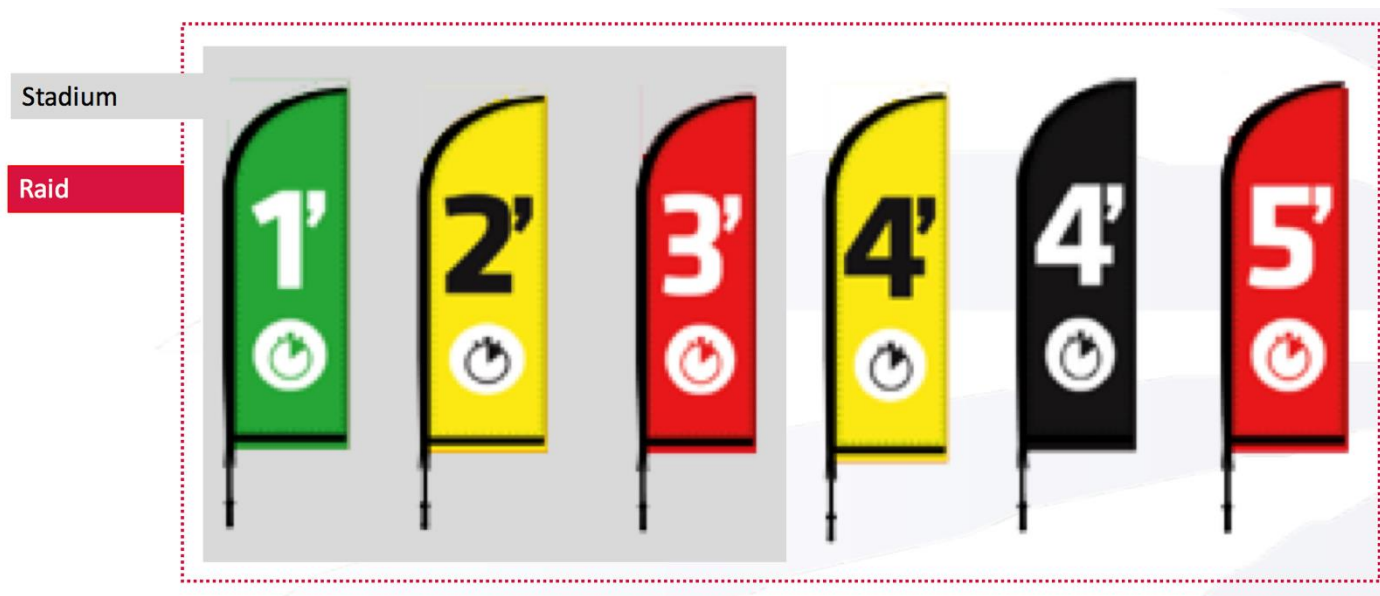
### 44.3 Taking and Completing Penalties

- (a) A boat may take a Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*, broken rule 28.3, 31, 44.4(d), 50 or been identified as *OCS*. However,
  - (1) when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31;
  - (2) unless races are umpired, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire;
- (b) One short sound means 'A penalty is now completed'.
- (c) Repetitive short sounds mean 'A boat is no longer taking a penalty and the penalty remains'.

## APPENDIX 5 - Race Signals

Race signals are changed as shown below. Race signals described in the RRS may nevertheless be used if the signals below are not available.

### Starting procedure feathers



Official ranking at a mark (SI 10.2.3): Flag “O”