



## **2015 RS:X WORLD WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*including the 2015 Oman RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships*



# **NOTICE OF RACE**

Oman Sail LLC as the Local Organizing Authority (LOA), under specified condition laid down by the International RS:X Class Association is pleased to invite RS:X sailors to take part in the event scheduled for

October 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Al Mussanah Sports City, Sultanate of Oman



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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will take precedence.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. For Medal Races, ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and change a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will be available in full with the Sailing Instructions.

### 2. ADVERTISING & SAIL INSIGNIAS & NATIONAL FLAGS

- 2.1. Sails and competitors may be required to carry advertising for event sponsors, which will be supplied by the local organizing committee in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 – Advertising Code.
- 2.2. On the sail the event sponsor's branding shall be placed immediately below batten #5 and as close to the leech as possible.
- 2.3. Competitors shall provide their own self adhesive National Flags and replacements.
- 2.4. For Fleet Identification, each competitor will be issued with branded lycra, which shall be worn whilst racing.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. The 2015 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships will be open to competitors of all nationalities.
- 3.3. The 2015 Oman RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships will be open to all competitors entered in the 2015 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships but only if that competitor is under 21 years of age on 31 December 2015 (born after 1994).
- 3.4. Events shall run concurrently.
- 3.5. A minimum of five entries is required for each event to constitute a valid championship.
- 3.6. The deadline for valid entries is **October 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**.
- 3.6.1. Entries may be accepted after this deadline at the discretion of the International RS:X Class Association (ICA).
- 3.7. Competitors shall have an ISAF Sailor ID before the entry deadline.
- 3.8. A competitor shall be a member of a National RS:X Class Association (NCA) which is a paid up member of the International RS:X Class Association (ICA), or, a member of the ICA when the NCA is not a current member of the ICA. Class membership formalities can be completed on site.
- 3.9. Eligible competitors shall **enter online** with payment in Euros by credit/debit card or bank transfer before the entry deadline.
  - 3.9.1. An entry is not valid until paid.
  - 3.9.2. 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.
- 3.10. The following documentation will be required at Registration on site:
  - 3.10.1. Proof of valid third party liability Insurance
  - 3.10.2. Proof of age (passport).
  - 3.10.3. A completed **Emergency Contact & Health Information Form** for entries under the age of 18 years. This form may be completed online but a printed copy shall be brought to registration.

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### 4. FEES

- 4.1. The Entry Fee is **160** euros.
- 4.2. The Entry Fee paid after the deadline as stated in NOR 3.6 shall be **200** euros.
- 4.3. Those who have made payment by bank transfer shall email a copy of the bank transfer document authorized by their bank to the **IWA office**.
- 4.4. Bank details are:
  - A/C:** The International Windsurfing Association
  - Bank Details:** Barclays Bank Plc, GB
  - IBAN:** GB93 BARC 2008 4452 9772 99
  - SWIFTBIC:** BARCGB22

### 5. FORMAT

- 5.1. Men and Women shall race separately.
- 5.2. There will be a maximum 13 races in a series over 5 race days.
- 5.3. The regatta will consist of an Opening Series and, provided a minimum of 6 races have been completed in the Opening Series, a Medal Race. If the event is split into Fleets, the Opening Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. The top 10 finishers in the Opening Series will advance to the Medal Race.
- 5.4. Three races are scheduled each day. On the last day one Medal Race is scheduled with one further Opening Series race for those not assigned to the Medal Race.
- 5.5. The schedule is set irrespective of planing conditions.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The event commences on completion of registration, once the requirements of entry (NoR 3 Eligibility and Entry Regulation) and equipment registration (NoR 7 Equipment and Equipment Checks) have been met.
- 6.2. The event ends on a competitor's last day of racing when any notice that may name them as a party or witness is posted, the time of which will be set in the SIs, for those competitors not involved in any hearings. For those involved in any hearing, the event ends once this process has been completed.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 1200 hrs (except the Practice Race – see below).
- 6.4. The warning signal for the last race of each day shall not be made within 1 hour of the official sunset time.
- 6.5. Event Schedule

Date	Day	Times	Event
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	1000-1500 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	0900-1200 hrs	Registration & Equipment Check
		1300 hrs	Practice Race
		1700 hrs	Coaches Meeting
		2000 hrs	Opening Ceremony
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	1200 hrs	Races
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	1200 hrs	Races
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	1200 hrs	Reserve Day
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	1200 hrs	Races
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	1200 hrs	Races
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	1200 hrs	Races & Medal Races
		1600 hrs	Last possible warning signal
		2000 hrs	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday		Departure



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### 7. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 7.1. Equipment is not supplied by the Organizing Authority and all competitors shall use their own equipment. Equipment that is loaned or chartered shall be considered to be the competitor's own equipment.
- 7.2. There is no on-line submission of serial numbers of equipment to be used and there will be no official measurement prior to the first race. Competitors may check their own equipment using the official scales etc. The Championship Chief Measurer will be available to answer questions.
- 7.3. Before the close of registration, competitors shall register each piece of equipment they intend to use by sticking the self-adhesive 'Fast Check' numbers on to those pieces of equipment and handing to the Championship Chief Measurer a completed Pre-event Equipment Form. Fast Check stickers and the Pre-event Equipment Form will be issued at Registration. In addition competitors shall present the fin to be used to the Chief Measurer for stamping.
- 7.4. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event.
- 7.5. Competitors and their equipment should be on site by **1200hrs on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**.

### 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the on-site Registration (as well as the Event Program scheduling social events).

### 9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta site is: Al Mussanah Sports City,  
Address: Wudam Al Sahil, Mussanah, Sultanate of Oman

Contact: George Denny  
Phone: +968 94107135  
Email: [George@omansail.com](mailto:George@omansail.com)  
Oman Sail website: [www.omansail.com](http://www.omansail.com)

Event website: [www.rsxclass.com/worlds2015](http://www.rsxclass.com/worlds2015)

### 10. COURSES

- 10.1. At the discretion of the Class Course Representative the course will be Trapezoidal or Windward-Leeward Courses for Opening Series. For the Medal Races the course will be a Windward-Leeward Course.
  - 10.1.1. Courses may have slalom ends.
  - 10.1.2. Courses may have windward gates.
- 10.2. Race target time will be 20-25 minutes for all races. This may be varied at the discretion of the Class Course Representative.

### 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The SIs may include a specification of discretionary penalties that may be applied by the International Jury for breaches of specified rules. The SI's may include a specification of standard penalties that may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing for breaches of specified rules. This will change RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5. These will appear in full in the SIs.

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### 12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 12.1. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the RRS 91(b).
- 12.2. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

### 13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A and Appendix B8 will apply.
- 13.2. Scores for the 2015 Oman RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships will be extracted from the 2015 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships results without recalculation.
- 13.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 13.4. For a Medal Race, a minimum of 6 races is required to be completed to constitute an Opening Series. A minimum of 4 completed races is required to complete a Qualifying Series and a minimum of 2 completed Final Series races is required to complete a Final Series.
- 13.5. A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score(s) as follows:
  - 13.5.1. Discards when racing in single Fleet:

<b>Races</b>	<b>Discards</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1-4	0	No discard
5-11	1	One worst score discarded
12 or more	2	Two worst scores discarded

- 13.5.2. Discards when racing in more than one Fleet:

<b>Races</b>	<b>Discards</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1-4	0	No discard
5-11	1	One worst score discarded
12 or more	2	The worst score in Qualifying Series and the worst score in Final Series

- 13.6. In Medal Races:
  - 13.6.1. A competitor's score shall be double the number of points specified in RRS Appendix A4.1.
  - 13.6.2. The score for these races shall not be excluded from the series score neither does the Medal Race score trigger any discards from results in Opening Series.
- 13.7. The competitors assigned to compete in the Medal Races will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a competitor disqualified from a Medal Race under rule RRS 5 or 69.
- 13.8. If no Medal Races are completed, competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Opening Series. If no race in Final Series is completed then competitors will be ranked according to overall scores in Qualifying Series.

### 14. COACHES, COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Coaches may [register online](#) with payment by credit/debit card or bank transfer. Payment made at the event shall be in cash and euros only.
- 14.2. The Coach's Fee for registration received and paid by **October 10<sup>th</sup> 2015** is **50** euros. Payment received after shall be **65** euros.
- 14.3. A registration is not valid until paid.
- 14.4. The following documentation shall be brought to the event Race Office before the Practice Race:
  - 14.4.1. Proof of valid third party liability Insurance.
  - 14.4.2. Boat driving license (if applicable).

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### **15. STORAGE**

- 15.1. On completion of registration and continuing until the end of the regatta, when ashore (other than when launching and retrieving), all boards shall be kept in their assigned places. Removal of any board from the assigned place shall require prior written approval from the Championship Chief Measurer. Access to boards in the board storage area during certain hours, including hours of darkness may be restricted.
- 15.2. Unless otherwise directed by the LOA, all competing boards and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from the designated area.
- 15.3. Boards shall be removed from the venue on the Departure Day as defined in the Schedule.

### **16. SAFETY**

- 16.1. Competitors shall carry a towrope of the specification defined in Class Rules C.1.2(c).

### **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Medals for the 2015 RS:X World Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first three and prizes to the first five Men and Women.
- 17.2. Prizes for the 2015 Oman RS:X U21 Windsurfing Championships will be awarded to the first five Men and Women.
- 17.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the RS:X Class Administration.

### **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1. Competitors take part in all races at their own risk. The LOA and International RS:X Class Association or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives are not responsible, under any circumstances, for any damage, loss or injury either ashore or on the water either to persons or equipment, which may result.
- 18.2. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race in them is at the sole discretion of the competitor and at his/her own risk. Notice is drawn to RRS4.

### **19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1. Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1 million euros.
- 19.2. Coaches and support boat drivers shall also have valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.5 million euros.

### **20. DRUG TESTING**

- 20.1. Competitors are reminded of the ISAF rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.

### **21. TELEVISION AND MEDIA**

- 21.1. In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the LOA and the International RS:X Class Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation.



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### 22. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES & DRESS CODE

22.1. Competitors should attend the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.

22.1.1. Smart casual clothes will be worn.

### NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

The average conditions that can be expected are:

20°C

Average Minimum  
Temperature

26°C

Average Maximum  
Temperature

23°C

Average  
Temperature

18mm

Average Precipitation /  
Rainfall

3

Wet Days  
>0.1 Min

11hrs

Average Sunlight  
Hours / Day

14knots

Average Thermal Breeze

Travel, transfers and accommodation: Please refer to event website:

<http://www.rsxclass.com/worlds2015/>

Neither the LOA nor International RS:X Class Association take responsibility for travel and accommodation arrangements made in error.

There is limited equipment that will be available for charter and dealt with on a first come, first served basis. Please contact: Manu Messiaen [emessiaen@neilpryde.com](mailto:emessiaen@neilpryde.com).

Further details including coach boat charter can be found on the event website  
Charters are dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

Contact Andrus Poksi [andrus@rsxclass.com](mailto:andrus@rsxclass.com) at RS:X Executive Office in case of any questions.