



MUSSANAH RACE WEEK

9th – 15th MARCH 2014
MUSSANAH SPORTS CITY, SULTANATE OF OMAN
ORGANISING AUTHORITY: OMAN SAIL LLC
with the approval of the Oman Sailing Committee



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser Standard, Laser Radial, Hobie 16 (Hobie 16 Nationals), F18 Catamaran, RS:X, Optimist & RS:Q'ba classes.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.mussanahraceweek.com and submitting it by 21 February 2014.
- 4.3. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.4. Entries will be confirmed once the entry form and charter fee is received. The charter fee also acts as a boat reservation fee and guarantees a charter boat for the regatta.
- 4.5. A minimum of 20 confirmed entries by 21 February 2014 are required per class for the class to sail the regatta.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry to the regatta for all classes is free of charge.

6. CHARTER BOATS

- 6.1. Charter boats are available for the Laser, Optimist and Hobe 16 classes on a first come first served basis. The charter fee is 50 EUR per boat. The Lasers (post worlds boats) and Optimists are new and very lightly used.
- 6.2. In addition to the charter fee, a damage deposit of 50 EUR per boat will be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good condition. Should the organizing committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the competitor is permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the championship.
- 6.3. Information on how to make the charter / reservation payment will be posted on the event website.
- 6.4. Fees table:

	Entry Fee	Charter Fee (Boat reservation fee)	Refundable damage deposit on arrival
Laser (post worlds boat)	Free of charge	50 Euro	50 Euro
Optimist & Hobie	Free of charge	50 Euro	50 Euro

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration: Sunday 9th and Monday 10th March, 9am to 5pm

7.2. Schedule:

	Coaching Days	Racing Days
Hobie 16 (Nationals)	N/A	9th & 10th March
Laser Standard & Radial	9th & 10th March	11th to 15th March
F18's	9th & 10th March	11th to 15th March
RSX	9th & 10th March	11th to 15th March
Optimist	11th & 12th March	13th to 15th March
Qba	N/A	14th & 15th March

7.3. 15 races are scheduled for the Laser Standard, Laser Radial, F18 & RSX Classes

7.4. 9 races are scheduled for the Optimist class.

7.5. 6 races are scheduled for the Hobie 16 class.

7.6. 4 races are scheduled for the RS:Q'ba class.

7.7. Not more than four races will be sailed on each day.

7.8. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each racing day will be included in sailing instructions.

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1. Each boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate.

8.2. Equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the event equipment inspector according to the measurement regulations and approved for compliance with the class rules.

8.3. Boats chartered through the organisation may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the class rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the member national authority of the skipper.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

10. VENUE

Attachment A shows the location of the regatta harbour and racing areas.

11. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward or trapezoid.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. For the Hobie 16 and F18 classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12.2. Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13. SCORING

13.1. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1.** Support boats to be used during the championship days are available from the organizing committee for a day fee. The fee includes insurance coverage, berthing fees and fuel. Teams wishing to have places on chartered support boats shall contact the organizing authority. As the number of available support boats is limited, requests will be accommodated in a first come-first served basis.
- 14.2.** A damage deposit will be required per support boat and be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good conditions. Should the organizing committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the support boat may be used again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the championship.

15. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

17. PRIZES

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be given for all confirmed classes. More prizes may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,500,000 EAR per incident or the equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the regatta, venue and accommodation please refer to the regatta website at <http://www.mussanahraceweek.com> or email mrw@mussanahraceweek.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET
The following information is not part of the rules for the championship.

A ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The international hotel chain, Millennium, operates on site at the sports city. The hotel has 320 rooms alongside a range of restaurants and sports and leisure facilities. Special rates for hotel rooms and apartments will be extended to participants of Mussanah Race Week, details on how to book this rate will be advertised on the event website.

- A 1 Throughout the regatta and coaching days a daily free packed lunch and pasta snack will be provided to all sailors and coaches. As part of the social schedule there will also be 1 to 3 evening meals free of charge to all coaches and competitors, exact details to be confirmed on the event website.

B EARLY ARRIVALS

Mussanah Sports City is open year round and all competitors are welcome to use the facilities prior to the regatta. Please contact Oman Sail for further information if you wish to arrive and train before the regatta starts.

C BOAT TRANSPORTATION

The organizing authority will provide 3 free containers from Europe to Oman and return to Carnac for F18's wishing to compete in the event. 2 containers will be available from north of Europe for teams from North of France, Belgium, Germany, GBR, Holland and one container from south of Europe for teams from Spain, south of France, Italy Switzerland, Greece. A small deposit (around 300€) refundable to all F18 teams entering the event requiring their F18 to be transported to Oman will secure a container space.

D EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT BOATS

It is possible to charter a support boat prior to the regatta, please contact Oman Sail for further information and prices.

E EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

Charter boats are available prior to the regatta, please contact Oman Sail for further information, availability and prices.

F TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

A taxi can easily be arranged at the airport or the onsite hotel can arrange Transportation to and from the airport for a small charge. Transport is not organised by the event organisers.

G SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Oman more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organized. Casual attire.

H MISCELLANEOUS

There are no medical precautions that need to be taken entering Oman.

I SAILING CONDITIONS

Average weather conditions, March.



J VISA REQUIREMENTS

Sailors/attendees shall contact an Oman embassy or consulate in their country to get the latest visa requirements.

ATTACHMENT A

