



# OPEN MASTERS GAMES

## ABU DHABI 2026

### Notice of Race

SAILING



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## **Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 invite entries for the OMGAD sailing regatta 2026.**

**The Organizing Authority is the UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation.**

Questions shall be directed to [sailing@omgad2026.ae](mailto:sailing@omgad2026.ae)

*[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.*

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. [NP] For all classes except SB20, The Preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40 is changed to require personal flotation devices (PFD's) to be worn at all times when afloat, except when changing clothing.
- 1.3. No National Authority prescriptions apply.
- 1.4. IKA TwinTip:Racing class rules apply
- 1.5. For TwinTip:Racing Appendix B applies.
- 1.6. International ILCA Class Rules apply.
- 1.7. The SB20 class rules will apply with changes under RRS 87 described in Attachment B.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RR 63.5 (c).

### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online Official Notice Board is located at Racing Rules of Sailing portal: [Racing Rules of Sailing](#)

### **4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 4.1. The event is open to ILCA 7, ILCA 6, SB20 & TwinTip:Racing.
- 4.2. The following age requirements must be met as per the table below, with the age determined as of 31 December 2026:

CLASS	AGE REQUIREMENT
ILCA 7	35+
ILCA 6	35+
SB20	35+
TwinTip:Racing	35+

- 4.3. When the number of boats entered in a Class is below the minimum number of 5, boats may be re-assigned to a different class or that class may not be constituted and those boats may not be permitted to race.

- 4.4. [DP] Entries shall be made by the 6<sup>th</sup> of February via email [sailing@omgad2026.ae](mailto:sailing@omgad2026.ae), including the full name of the skipper and their date of birth. The full name and date of birth of each crew member must be submitted no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> of February

## 5. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 5.1. Crew limitations are described in class rules.

## 6. ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Races are scheduled as per the table below:

DATE	TIME	
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	0900 – 1300	Registration and Measurement
	0900-1700	Training Day
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	1130	Skippers Briefing for ILCA & SB20
	1300	1st warning signal for ILCA & SB20
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	1130	Skippers Briefing for ILCA & SB20
	1300	1st warning signal for ILCA & SB20
		Reserve Day for TwinTip:Racing
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	1130	Skippers Briefing for ILCA & SB20
	1300	1st warning signal for ILCA & SB20
		Reserve Day for TwinTip:Racing
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	1130	Skippers Briefing for TwinTip:Racing
	1300	1st warning signal for TwinTip:Racing
		Reserve Day for ILCA & SB20
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	1130	Skippers Briefing for TwinTip:Racing, ILCA & SB20
	1300	1st warning signal for TwinTip:Racing, ILCA & SB20

- 7.2. For ILCA & SB20, twelve (12) races are scheduled for the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026.
- 7.3. For TwinTip:Racing, eleven (11) races are scheduled for the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026.
- 7.4. The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other reasons. The proper communication will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 7.5. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 16:30.

## 8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Random measurement checks may be made during the regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee.
- 8.2. Scheduled measurement checks shall be communicated on the Official Notice Board no later than 2000 the day before the scheduled measurement check.
- 8.3. [DP] All competitors shall be present and facilitate measurement as required by the OA.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1. The event will be held at the Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- 9.2. Location of the venue and race areas is detailed in Attachment A.

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each class.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 11.2. RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 11.3. For all classes except 29er, RRS P2.2 and P2.3 is deleted and in RRS P2.1 "first penalized" is changed to read "first and subsequently".
- 11.4. [NP] [DP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 11.5. For the 29er class RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.6. For the 29er & TwinTip:Racing class, RRS P2.2 and P2.3 is deleted and RRS P2.1 is replaced by:
- P2.1 First and Second Penalty
- When a boat is first and subsequently penalized under rule P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.
- 11.7. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3 (c).

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five (5) to ten (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When from ten (10) to fourteen (14) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score.
- (c) When fifteen (15) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

## 13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP] [NP]

- 13.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of all classes until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 13.2. [DP] All Support person vessels shall carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so as prescribed in RRS 37. At all times, support persons boats must be on call on VHF channel 08.
- 13.3. When afloat, all persons on a Support Person Vessel shall wear a personal flotation device at all times. The driver shall use a kill-cord at all times when the engine is running.
- 13.4. Support Person Vessels shall comply with the directions from the Race Committee.
- 13.5. All Support Person Vessel crews, safety crews and coaches shall attend briefings by the race committee and Organising Authority as published in the event schedule.

## 14. BERTHING

- 14.1. [DP] Boats and Support craft shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park or harbour.

## 15. DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1. At registration competitors and support persons will be required to confirm if they give permission to the Organising Authority to collect and use their personal data for the purpose of organising this Event.
- 15.2. The Organising Authority has adopted a Data Protection Policy for the Event which can be found on the event website.
- 15.3. By entering the Event competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) understands that the Organising Authority and its partners may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore for the purpose of promoting the event. Competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) will be required to confirm if they give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media without compensation, which may be in conjunction with the competitor's or support person's (or their parent or guardian) names or not.
- 15.4. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, of the Organising Authority or the sailing class.

## 16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. All those participating in the regatta races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race.
- 16.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
  - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
  - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
  - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
  - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
  - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
  - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- 16.3. UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation, their executives, boards, servants, volunteers and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.

## 17. INSURANCE

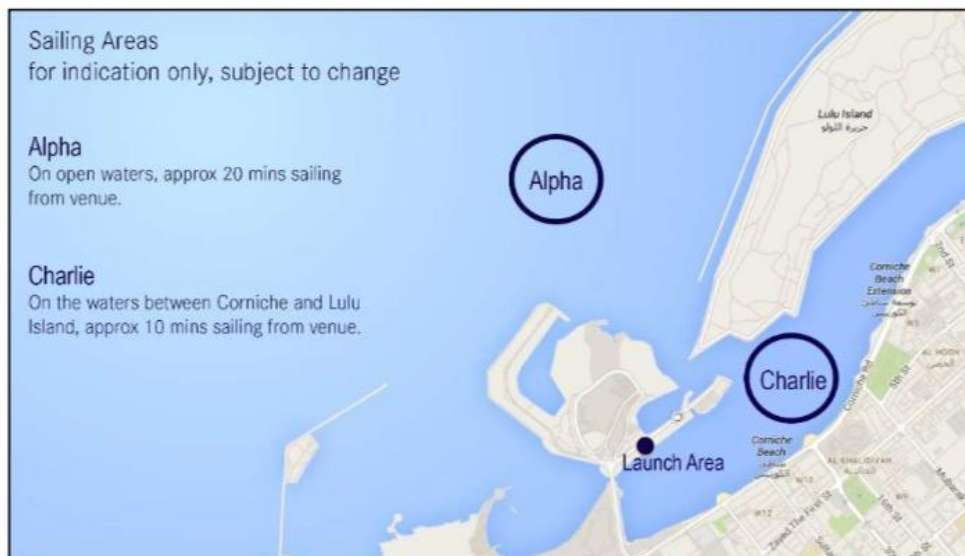
- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AED 1 million or equivalent in another currency per incident.

- 17.2. Each boat shall produce at Registration evidence of insurance cover. OA is not responsible for ensuring validity of the insurance certificates.

## 18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 18.2. series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### Attachment A – Venue and Sailing Areas



## Attachment B - SB20 Class Rules Changes

SB20 class rules apply as available <https://www.sb20class.org/class-rules/> with the following changes.

1. Article C.4.1 point 1 is changed as follows.

The boat shall be equipped with a personal flotation device for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50), or USCG Type III, or AUS PFD 1 which **may be stored on deck or inside the main storage hatch provided they are easily reachable in the event of an emergency.**

2. Article C.5.1 Mandatory Equipment is deleted entirely and replaced with the wording:

The following safety equipment shall be carried at all times:

- a) One floating throwing line, not less than 10m long and 6mm diameter.
- b) Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1 kg.
- c) A functioning VHF radio or a functioning mobile phone used for emergency purposes only while racing
- d) First aid kit in waterproof container
- e) A knife or a multi-tool containing a knife