



MUSSANAH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Asia & Africa Olympic Qualifier - Laser, Laser Radial, 49er, 49erFX, RS:X (Men and Women)

MUSSANAH

1st to 8th April 2021

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Oman Maritime Sports Committee, organized by Oman Sail LLC, under the sanction of the Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF).

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. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply
- 1.3. The Class and Championship Rules, if any, of each International Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. The OA intend to apply for this regatta to be a World Sailing ranking 100-point event.
- 1.7. In all rules governing this event, both 'athlete' and 'competitor' means a person competing, or intending to compete, in the event.
For Medal Races, World Sailing Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, available on the World Sailing website (<http://www.sailing.org>), applies and changes a number of racing rules.
[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.
[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).



- 1.8 **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from government and the Organizing Authority. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.9 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at <https://www.omansail.com/mussanah-open-championship> and on the physical board located on the glass of the Race Office. Failure to post notices on the physical notice board shall not be grounds for request for redress.

2. **[DP][NP][SP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. These shall be displayed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. Boats shall display national flags on their sails. The specifications for nation flags can be seen in NOR Appendix B.
- 2.3. In accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code, regulation 20.2.4, the OA has the right to refuse any advertising which it deems in conflict with the laws and ethics of the Sultanate of Oman.

3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats competing in following events chosen for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Event	Class
Men's Windsurfer	RS:X
Women's Windsurfer	RS:X
Men's One Person Dinghy	Laser
Women's One Person Dinghy	Laser Radial
Men's Skiff	49er
Women's Skiff	49erFX

- 3.2. Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.3. Each athlete shall be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website:
www.sailing.org/isafsailor
- 3.4. Each athlete shall be a national of the country of the Member National Authority (MNA) which enters the boat (see World Sailing Regulation 19.8). Each athlete shall present proof of their nationality when requested.
- 3.5. Only current fully paid members of the relevant international class may enter the regatta. Competitors shall produce evidence of membership of the appropriate class association at the time of registration as may be required by the Organizing Authority.



- 3.6. Gender requirements will apply for each of the 6 events as per table in 3.1.
- 3.7. For the One Person events: Crew substitution is not permitted.
- 3.8. For the Two Person events: Crew substitution is not permitted except in case of proven accident or illness (including covid-19) and shall be approved in writing by the Organizing Authority.
- 3.9. Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website <https://www.omansail.com/mussanah-open-championship>
- 3.10. Competitors, coaches, support personnel and team leaders shall enter by completing the online Entry Form available on the event website and can also be submitted to the race office:
<https://www.omansail.com/mussanah-open-championship>
- 3.11. Entries open on 4th March 2021. To be accepted, eligible athletes, coaches and team leaders shall have their on-line entry validated by their MNA when asked to do so. MNAs are required to be in good standing with World Sailing.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The following fees shall be paid in full in order to complete the entry:

Class	Early Entry Fee (04/03/2021- 14/03/2021)	Standard Entry Fee (15/03/2021- 25/03/2021)
One Person events	US\$ 150	US\$ 250
Two Person events	US\$ 250	US\$ 400
Coaches, Team Leaders	US\$ 75	US\$ 100

- 4.2. To be eligible for Early Entry Fee, competitors, coaches, team leaders and support personnel must register before the 15th of March 2021 at 1200 (+4 GMT).
- 4.3. Entries may not be accepted after the 25th of March 2021 at 1200 (+4 GMT).
- 4.4. Entries may be accepted after this deadline at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, but shall attract a late Entry fee charge of USD 50 per person.
- 4.5. An entry fee is not refundable.
- 4.6. Payment details and invoice shall be provided to entrants upon receipt of the entry form.

5. FORMAT OF RACING

- 5.1. The format for any event may be changed in the Sailing Instructions to adapt it to the format chosen for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- 5.2. The regatta will consist of an opening series and medal race.. The final format will be published as an Appendix to the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3. A Medal Race will be scheduled for each Event if six or more opening series races are completed.



- 5.6. The ten highest ranked boats at the conclusion of the opening series of each Event will advance to the Medal Race.
- 5.7. Other formats may be used as authorized by the Organizing Authority and as recommended by the Olympic Classes. Any other formats adopted by World Sailing for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition may also be used.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. The Championship schedule will be as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Remarks
Thursday	1 April	10:30 – 17:00	Registration / Equipment Inspection
Friday	2 April	09:30 – 10:00	Team Leaders Meeting
		10:30 – 17:00	Registration / Equipment Inspection
Saturday	3 April	10:00	Coach Briefing
		12:55	Racing
Sunday	4 April	10:00	Coach Briefing
		12:55	Racing
Monday	5 April	10:00	Coach Briefing
		12:55	Racing
Tuesday	6 April	10:00	Coach Briefing
		12:55	Racing
Wednesday	7 April	11:00	Coach Briefing
		13:25	Racing
Thursday	8 April	11:00	Coach Briefing
		12:55	Racing
		18:00	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

6.2. The foreseen number of races per class:

Event	Number of Races	Medal Races
Men's Windsurfer	12	1
Women's Windsurfer	12	1
Men's One Person Dinghy	10	1
Women's One Person Dinghy	10	1
Men's Skiff	15	1
Women's Skiff	15	1

- 6.3. There shall be a maximum of 4 races per event on each day, except for Windsurfers where maximum of 3 races per day can be sailed.



- 6.4. All team representatives or support persons that wish to access the venue must register with the Organizing Authority before the 25th of March.
- 6.5. The Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony shall be open only to accredited participants coaches, team leaders and relevant event staff.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. All boats may be inspected for compliance with the Class Rules.
- 7.2. The Technical Committee will be appointed by World Sailing will be the responsible body under RRS 64.4(b) for interpreting Class rules following a protest.
- 7.3. Any changes to the Equipment Regulations will be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.4. Any boat or equipment may be re-inspected at any time.
- 7.5. The date and time for equipment inspection will be established by a draw conducted before the regatta and posted on the event website no later than the **28th of March 2021**. The designated time of equipment inspection may be subject to change by the Equipment Inspection Committee.
- 7.6. After equipment inspection, no boat or inspected equipment shall be taken from the boat park or the racing areas and their adjacent waters without written permission of the Organizing Authority.
- 7.7. Only entered competition boats may be kept in the venue boat park unless permission is granted by the Organizing Authority.
- 7.8. Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Technical Committee.
- 7.9. 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.
- 7.10. Competitors shall provide copies of any measurement certificates required by class rules to the Equipment Inspection Committee at the time of registration. The last sentence of RRS 78.2 is changed by replacing 'event' with 'Opening Series'.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the 25th March 2021, and will be published on the event website <https://www.omansail.com/mussanah-open-championship>

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The Mussanah Open Championships will be held at the Millennium Resort Mussanah (see Appendix A – Venue).
- 9.2. The racing area will be in the proximity off the Millennium Resort Mussanah. All racing areas are located within approx. 10 minutes sailing from the launch area. (see Appendix A – Venue).



10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid except that any other possible courses adopted by World Sailing for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition may also be used.
- 10.2. The target times in minutes for the opening series are:

Event	Racing
Men's Windsurfer	20-25
Women's Windsurfer	20-25
Men's One Person Dinghy	50
Women's One Person Dinghy	50
Men's Skiff	30
Women's Skiff	30

- 10.3. The above times may be changed in the Sailing Instructions to adapt to the target times chosen for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. For the Men's and Women's Skiff events, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of discretionary penalties that may be applied by the International Jury for breaches of specified rules. The Sailing Instructions may include a specification of standard penalties that may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing for breaches of specific rules; this will change RRS 63.1 and Appendix A.5. These will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

13. SCORING

- 13.1. RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS B8 is deleted.
- 13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. When fewer than three races in the opening series have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
- 13.4. For the Medal Race RRS A4 is changed so that the points are doubled. RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the Medal Race and then doubled. Discretionary and standard penalties will not be doubled. The score for the Medal Race shall not be excluded from the series score.



- 13.5 Ties in the series score between boats with different Medal Race point scores shall be broken in favor of the boat that scored better in the Medal Race. This changes RRS A8.
- 13.6 The boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat penalized in the Medal Race under the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code, Betting and Anti- Corruption Code, Disciplinary Code or RRS 69.

14. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 14.1. All support vessels shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 14.2. All support vessels shall display the 3-letter national code, of their World Sailing Member National Authority at all times while afloat clearly visible from both sides of the boat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park and shall remain there until the launch window for the respective class is open.
- 15.2. Support vessels shall remain in their designated parking area and when not in use.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.
- 16.2. **VHF Radios are NOT permitted to be brought into the Sultanate.** Oman Sail has a supply of UHF radios that can be provided upon request. A damage deposit of 150 Euros is mandatory. Radios are available on a first come first serve basis.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each category. The Organizing Authority may alter prizes if less than 10 boats are entered in an event.
- 17.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

18. [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 18.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.
- 18.3. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.



- 18.4. When requested by the Organizing Authority, competitors shall make themselves available to attend photo opportunities, interviews and press conferences at the Championship.

19. DOPING CONTROL

- 19.1. Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-Competition testing may be carried out at the Venue.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. At its own responsibility, each participating boat shall obtain valid third part liability insurance with coverage of at least US \$1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident. It will be sole responsibility of the participant to provide a valid copy of the insurance certificate in case of an incident.
- 20.2. All support vessels shall have at least valid third-party insurance in accordance with the Sultanate of Oman's maritime laws. A copy of the policy and all registration documents shall be on-board.

21. RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1. All participants competing in the races do so at their own risk and responsibility. See WS RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 21.2. All participants must be aware that the nature of marine sporting activities may include injury or death. By entering the event and completing registration, participants agree:
- (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 omission;
 - (d) It is the sole responsibility of the participant to ensure their boat is in good order, includes all required safety equipment and equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) At no point in time, either ashore or afloat, is the Organizing Authority, the race management team, patrol boats or any other officials and volunteers responsible for the safety of the participants.
- 21.3. The Organizing Authority, its supporting partners, clubs and any person involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for loss, injury or nuisances to people or things, both on the water or ashore, occurring as a result of taking part in the event announced in this Notice of Race.



21.4. For all sailors under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian shall sign the disclaimer on the sailor's entry form.

22. COVID19 MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS

- 22.1. All participants, team leaders, coaches and support persons shall adhere to the COVID19 Protocols as set out by the authorities of the Sultanate of Oman. In addition, the Event COVID19 Protocols will be adhered to as published on the event website: <https://www.omansail.com/mussanah-open-championship>
- 22.2. The venue will be closed to the general public. All participants, team leaders, coaches and support persons must register with the Organizing Authority to obtain accreditation to access the venue.
- 22.3. To obtain accreditation, a person must present two Negative Covid19 PCR test result no older than 48 hours. One test will be the mandatory test taken upon entering Oman. The second test will be taken in a person's room at the Millennium Resort, Mussanah. Test results will be available within 24 hours.
- 22.4. Accreditation to enter the venue may be revoked by the Organizing Authority if a person is found breaching the following Mitigation Requirements.
- (a) persons attending the event shall be screened for body temperature before entering the venue. Persons whose temperature is 38 degrees Celsius or higher will not be granted access;
 - (b) persons attending the event shall observe a physical distance to others of at least 2m;
 - (c) persons attending the event shall wear a properly fitted suitable facemask while ashore at the venue;
 - (d) persons attending the event shall use hand sanitizer before entering the venue and before entering the Race Offices, the Changing Rooms and any other official buildings.
 - (e) persons attending the event shall be required to submit to a Covid19 PCR Swab Test when requested to do so by the Organizing Authority.
- 22.5. Persons who display suspected symptoms as determined by a medic appointed by the OA against the Event COVID19 Protocols or who tests positive for Covid19 may be excluded from accessing the venue, and shall be reported to the local health authorities.
- 22.6. It is the responsibility of the participant to report any suspected symptoms, commit to self-isolation, and follow the instructions of the local health authorities until a Covid19 PCR Swab Test produces a negative result.

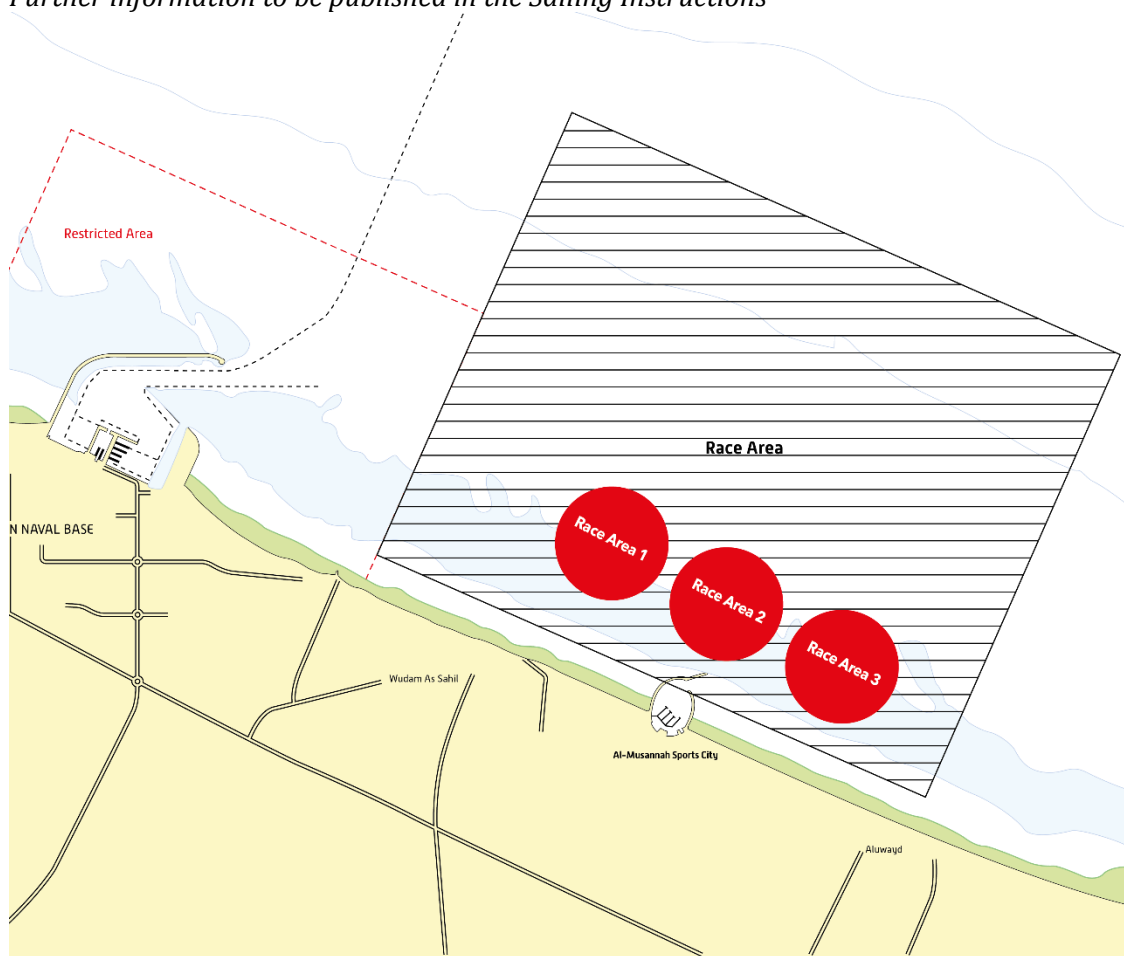
Appendix A Venue information

Venue



Provisional Race Areas

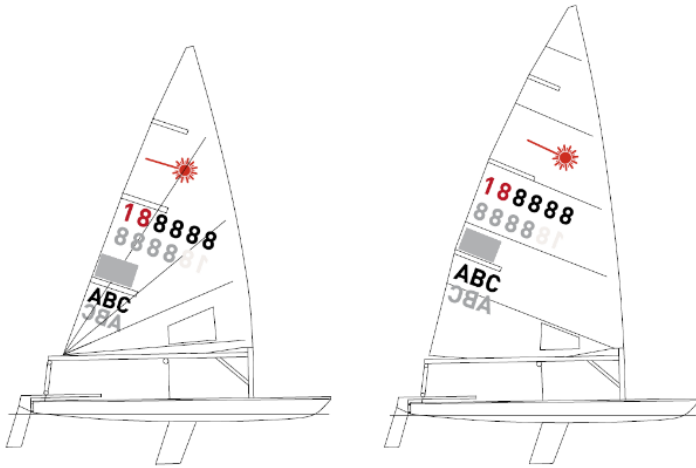
Further information to be published in the Sailing Instructions



Appendix B Specification of Nation Flags

Class	Supplier	Position and Size
49er and 49erFX	via 49er and FX ICA	As per class rules
Laser and Laser Radial	Any supplier	As explained below
RS:X Men and RS:X Women	Any supplier	As per class rules

Laser and Laser Radial



A skipper's national flag with a nominal size of 567 X 337 mm shall be applied to both sides of the mainsail, positioned such that the aft edge of each flag is within 100 and 150 mm of the leech and between the sail numbers and the batten pocket below the sail numbers. The flag shall be approximately parallel with the sail numbers and letters and shall not touch the numbers. The flag shall be printed on separate material applied to the sail. The use of permanent ink pens or similar to make a national flag is forbidden. The national flag shall correspond to the national letters.

Stickers and the Pre-event Equipment Forms will be issued at Registration.



Appendix C Additional Information

A- EARLY ARRIVALS

Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact the organizers in order to book accommodation, transfers and charter boats. For further details and information, please contact the OA through mussanahopen@omansail.com

B- ARRIVALS INTO OMAN INCLUDING COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Arrival into Oman will take place between March 14th and March 25th 2021. Teams will arrive by air via Muscat International Airport or by road from the United Arab Emirates.

All travel guidelines will be adhered to by all teams prior to arrival to Oman. These are currently:

- A. All attendees of the event arriving into Oman will be required to undergo a PCR test at least 72-hours before their scheduled arrival and to present a certified medical certificate of a negative COVID-19 test result.
- B. All attendees of the event arriving in Oman are required to have international health insurance covering the cost of COVID-19 treatment valid for one month.
- C. All attendees of the event will be required to pre-book the PCR test to take upon their arrival in Muscat International Airport. This can be done through the Tarrasud+ app. Event attendees will be required to pay the relevant test fee.
- D. All attendees of the event to download (Tarrasud+) application prior to arrival in the Sultanate.
- E. All attendees of the event arriving in Oman from any country will undergo another COVID-19 PCR test on arrival, wear Tarrasud+ bracelet and then be transported directly to the Millennium Hotel, Al Mussanah via an official event vehicle (80 Euro charge for return trip).
- F. All attendees of the event will stay at the Millennium Hotel, Al Mussanah. No other accommodation will be allowed to be used throughout the event period.
- G. Upon arrival at the Millennium Hotel, Al Mussanah, all attendees of the event will follow the hotel's COVID-19 procedures



C- SOCIAL EVENTS MEETINGS & CEREMONIES

Coach meetings are to be conducted in main hotel ballroom every morning. Masks, sanitation and social distancing measures to be practiced. One representative per team will be allowed to attend these meetings.

Jury protest hearings will be conducted in main hotel ballroom. Masks, sanitation and social distancing measures are to be practiced.

Opening ceremony – there will be no opening ceremony, only an online information message welcoming all participants.

Closing ceremony – the closing ceremony will take place outside on the event plaza

- Seating will be arranged to be a minimum of 2 meters apart
- Masks will be mandatory throughout
- Temperature will be taken of all attendees upon arrival
- All seating will be sterilized before and after the ceremony

D- VISA REQUIREMENTS

Citizens from over 100 countries may travel to Oman and purchase the VISA to enter upon arrival.

List of countries eligible for VISA upon arrival can be found via:

<https://www.rop.gov.om/english/countrylist1.html>

If you are from a nation that is not on the list for VISA upon arrival, you may apply for a VISA online via: <https://evisa.rop.gov.om>

GCC nationals may enter Oman VISA free with a valid GCC member ID card only.

E- ACCOMMODATION

Rate inclusive of Breakfast, Dinner & Lunch .

Rate inclusive of Taxes and Service Charges.

Rate is on Single, Double or Twin occupancy.

Take away lunch box will be available for competitor during the whole championships on request.

Complimentary tea/coffee making facilities in the rooms.

Complimentary mineral water in the rooms.

Complementary Wi-Fi in all Bedrooms and Public Areas.

For Airport Transfers - Please communicate with reservations.mrmo@millenniumhotels.com

Or book directly from:

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/bookings/?city=mussanah&hotelcode=13608&checkin=2021-03-15&checkout=2021-03-31&promocode=ASAF&discountcode=&groupcode=&AAA=false&AARP=false&GOV=false&Accessible=false&adults=1&children=0&rooms=1&viewrates=all>



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For any immediate assistance, reach out our reservation's office via WhatsApp +96871555427.

Guarantee Policy

A Valid Credit Card is required to confirm your reservation.

Cancellation Policy

Free Cancellation*. Cancel by 12pm local hotel time at least 5 days prior to arrival to avoid a 1-night charge

G- MEALS

All meals will be inclusive of accommodation during the event at the official event hotel.

H- SHIPPING

The Organizer shall not cover any related shipping costs or customs duties.

Competitors intending to ship or mail items to the venue, shall inform the Organizer prior to shipping by email: mussanahopen@omansail.com

The preferred shipping agent for the event is:

Dennis Gallardo, DB Shenker

Tel: +968 24616400 | +968 24616414 (Direct)

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Email: Dennis.Gallardo@dbschenker.com

The mailing address for the venue is:

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Appendix D

Charter boats

Laser

Limited charter boats are available and are dealt with on a first come, first served basis. For further information, please contact the Organizing Authority: mussanahopen@omansail.com

Laser Charter Boats are all Laser Performance and will be 2016 or 2013 years of manufacture. Boats are used for racing only and will be fully serviced by the OA workshop before handing over to teams.

All charter boats come with aluminium Masts. Should sailors wish to use Carbon Top Mast they must provide this themselves.

OA will not provide spars, tiller extension, lines, sails or foils.

OA can provide dagger board and rudder if requested.

Laser charter is \$750 (inclusive of training days and competition)

49er

Limited charter boats are available and are dealt with on a first come, first served basis. For further information, please contact the Organizing Authority: mussanahopen@omansail.com

49er charter boats are all 2014 year of manufacture and are only used for competition purposes.

Teams will need to provide their own sails.

49er and 49er Fx charter is \$1500 (inclusive of training days and competition)

Support Vessel Charter

A limited number of support vessels will be available from Oman Sail. For any further inquiries please contact the OA: mussanahopen@omansail.com

Coach boat charter is \$1,000 (inclusive of training days and competition)