

# **VENUE INFORMATION**

## **GC32 OMAN CUP**

5 – 9 NOVEMBER 2019  
MUSCAT, OMAN



**RACING TOUR**

# VENUE LOCATION / MUSCAT / OMAN



GC32 Moorings & Technical Area

THE WAVE  
MUSCAT  
الموج مسقط

Race Area

Hotels

Al Mouj Golf

Muscat  
International  
Airport  
مطار مسقط

City Centre Muscat  
مَسْقَط سِيْطِي سِنْتَر

# VENUE LOCATION / AL MOUJ / MUSCAT



Crane

Launch Pontoon

Technical area

Fuel

Oman Sail

Moorings

Vehicle access from Al Mouj entrance

# EVENT SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Schedule</i>
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Official arrival day and unloading of containers. Please contact: Feras Asqul, the Venue Manager of Oman Sail for your arrival time and details. Phone/WhatsApp: +968 9595 9752, Email: feras@omansail.com
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> , Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Preparation of boats ashore and boat measurement if needed.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	09:00 – 18:00 Craning, measurement, sail declarations, crew registration and weighing at the Race Office at Oman Sail.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	09:00 – 18:00 Craning, measurement, sail declarations, crew registration and weighing at the Race Office at the Race Office at Oman Sail.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00 Main event skippers briefing and safety briefing at Oman Sail. 13:00 Official practice races. 18:30 Press conference at Oman Sail. 19:30 Opening ceremony at Oman Sail.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00 Skippers briefing and safety briefing at Oman Sail. 13:00 First warning signal Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November. Further details of race schedule to be confirmed in Sailing Instructions.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Further details of race schedule to be confirmed in Sailing Instructions. 20.00 Regatta Dinner.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Further details of race schedule to be confirmed in Sailing Instructions. 17:00 Prize giving at the Oman Sail. Craning of boats.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Further craning of boats if needed, packing up and craning containers/trailers.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	08.00 – 12.00 Loading and departure containers (bump out).

For more information on the event schedule see the Notice of Race / GC32 Oman Cup 2019 on the Official Notice Board (ONB) of the Event Website: <http://www.gc32racingtour.com/onb/>

# VISA INFORMATION

## Entry requirements

For most nationalities it is not necessary to get a visa before travelling to Oman, as you can buy your visa upon arrival at the Travelex Foreign Exchange bureau located in the immigration arrivals hall.

However, if you would like to do it prior to your arrival in Oman you can apply for one online here: <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>

A 30 day tourist visa costs 20 Omani Rials (OMR).

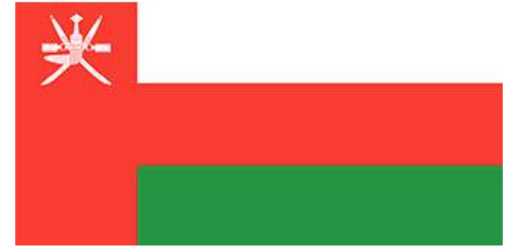
If you're staying in Oman for less than 10 days you can get a tourist visa on entry for OMR 5.

## Passport validity

Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Oman.

For more information:

[http://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg\\_pr\\_visas\\_tourist.asp](http://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg_pr_visas_tourist.asp)



# SHIPPING INFORMATION

## Paperwork for temporary importation into Oman

Ibolya Bereczki from GAC Pindar, our official shipping partner, will assist you to prepare the needed documentation. A detailed listing of the content of all containers and all equipment with serial numbers, value/unit prices, country of origin per items are needed. ATA Carnets are not accepted.

## Container loading

- Very important that the serial numbers for all the boats are visible & easily accessible by custom officers for checking when opening the containers
- Serial numbers must match the packing lists
- All other items in the container have to match the paper work as well

## Broadcasting equipment

- For all telecom/Broadcasting commodities the so-called TRA permits are required for the relevant ministries and have to be applied in advance.
- Separate packing list is needed with details like number of pieces, model, make, serial number, country of origin, item value, etc.

## Consumables & hazardous items

For any dangerous goods cargo like batteries not attached to their equipment, paint, fuel, etc. a separate packing list and a special permit is needed or importation. Duties and taxes may apply.

GAC Pindar

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# TEAM INFORMATION

## VHF radios and broadcast equipment in Oman

VHF radios and broadcast equipment are not allowed in Oman so please contact Ibolya Bereczki at GAC Pindar if you wish to bring this into the country, she will be able to help you with any questions you may have or documentation that will need to be obtained.

Please make sure you do not carry any radios with you when you travel unless you have a TRA licence, or they will be confiscated at the airport.

## Media equipment permits for journalists, photographers etc.

All people carrying professional photo/film recording or radio equipment need to send the detailed list to Badar Al Abri (badar.alabri@omansail.com), by the 1st September, in order to obtain an approval letter from airport security. Without this letter, journalists/photographers will NOT be able to enter the country with their equipment. The list must be itemised and include all of their photo/film material (eg. cameras, pelican cases etc) as well as smaller items such as memory card, wires or chargers. This list must include each item per case, serial number of each item, country of manufacture, weight and value.

Please also include the following details:

- Name / Nationality
- Passport Copy
- Passport number
- Flight Number
- Flight Arrival time / Departure time

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## Technical area access

The Technical area will be open for access from October 31st. The location will be near the Oman Sail HQ at the Al Mouj Marina. We are working, together with the Organising Authority and GAC Pindar the official shipping partner of the GC32 Racing Tour, to bring the grounding and access date forward and match it with the arrival of the containers from the Riva in Muscat. More information on this will follow.

## Berthing at Al Mouj Marina

The Organising Authority will provide an assigned berth for each boat at the port of Al Mouj Marina. Confirmation of these berths will be shared with teams by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Support boats / training before the regatta

Please read the special instructions in the Notice of Race (point 13. Support boats) applying to all support boats in Muscat.

## Fuel for RIBs and compressed air

The fuel station for RIBs is situated in Al Mouj Marina, see map. There are lots of dive boats in the marina, where you can recharge your diving or spare air bottles with compressed air. Further details will be communicated at a later date.

## Race management office

The race management office will be located in the Oman Sail HQ building.



# TEAM INFORMATION

## Hotels

For information on the Partner Hotels and rates on offer please see the Hotel Packages on the Official Notice Board (ONB) of the Event Website (<http://www.gc32racingtour.com/onb/>). The preferential rates have been extended by the following Hotels: MYSK by Shaza Hotel, Kempinski Hotel and Holiday Inn Muscat.

## Meals

There are many shops and restaurants located at the Al Mouj, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Further information and a list of the restaurants with special arrangements for communicated later.

## Official Regatta Dinner

On Friday 8th of November at 20.00 the Official Regatta Dinner will be held. The venue location for the dinner will be announced at a later date.

## Prize Giving

At 17.00 on Saturday the Prize Giving will be held in front of the Oman Sail HQ. All teams are required to participate with the full crew at the Prize Giving. The craning will be stopped at 15 minutes before the Prize Giving and restarted after the end of the ceremony.

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## GC32 Lounge

The GC32 Lounge will be set up within a short walk of the technical area at the Marina. Morning Coffee will be served and at the Skippers Briefing and Fresh Fruit Cocktails after racing. To access the GC32 Lounge you will need to show the event bracelet. Eight bracelets per team are included in your entry. For additional members to the team, bracelets can be purchased for the price of €80 for the duration of the event.

## GC32 Guest Hospitality

We'll be working together with Oman Sail for our hospitality program for guests and sponsors. Please contact Stephanie Nadin for more details in the lead up to the event.

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# PRESS INFORMATION

## Marina, Race and Media Offices

The Marina and Race offices are located in the main building of the Oman Sail HQ.

## Press Accreditation

Any press attending the GC32 Oman Cup must be accredited. Please contact James Boyd ([press@gc32racingtour.com](mailto:press@gc32racingtour.com)) and let him know if you have any media attending.

Local press attending the event should contact Assim Al Saqri ([assim@omansail.com](mailto:assim@omansail.com)) for accreditation.

## Opening / Press Conference

The event will be officially opened on Tuesday 5th of November at 18.30 at Oman Sail HQ with a Press Conference and Opening Aperitif.

## Event Photography

Sailing Energy will be the 2019 GC32 Racing Tour photographers and will in Muscat from the (Monday 4th November) onwards. Photos will be available on a photoshelter account for press and teams. Photos are rights free for editorial usage but must be credited: '©Sailing Energy/ GC32 Oman Cup 2019'

## Event Video Production

Icarus Sports is in charge of the video production and distribution for the event. VNR's, daily highlights, short social features and a wrap up video will be produced and distributed.

# PRESS INFORMATION

## Official GC32 Racing Tour Website and social media channels

Website: [www.gc32racingtour.com](http://www.gc32racingtour.com)  
Youtube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCoWHLa87vNKzkOL4\\_bVWIEg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoWHLa87vNKzkOL4_bVWIEg)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/gc32racingtour](http://www.facebook.com/gc32racingtour)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/gc32racingtour](http://www.instagram.com/gc32racingtour)  
Twitter: [www.twitter.com/GC32RacingTour](http://www.twitter.com/GC32RacingTour)

## Specific hashtags and pages

#gc32racingtour #gc32 #gc32class

@gc32racingtour @gc32class @OmanSail @DiscoverSeaOman @Marinepool @ForwardSailing @GACPindar

## VPN

You will need to download a VPN in order to connect to Skype, Facebook and some other apps and websites which are restricted in Oman. Ensure you download and configure you VPN before entering Oman.

Below are some free VPN options:

CyberGhost - [www.cyberghostvpn.com/en](http://www.cyberghostvpn.com/en)

Private Tunnel - <https://www.privatetunnel.com/>

Free VPN Access - <http://freevpnaccess.com>

Best UK VPN - <http://www.bestukvpn.com>

TunnelBear - <http://www.tunnelbear.com>

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