

VENUE INFORMATION

GC32 OMAN CUP

25 - 29 MARCH 2020
MUSCAT, OMAN



RACING TOUR

VENUE LOCATION / MUSCAT / OMAN



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EVENT SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Schedule</i>
Saturday 14 th March	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 9410 7151, Email: feras@omansail.com
Sunday 15 th March	Preparation of boats ashore and boat measurement if needed.
Monday 16 th to Thursday 19 th March	Preparation of boats ashore and official Class boat & sail measurement according to measurement schedule organised by the GC32 Int. Class Association.
Friday 20 th and Saturday 21 st	09.00 – 18.00 Craning
Monday 23 th and Tuesday 24 th March	09:00 – 18:00 Crew registration and weighing, sail declarations and further measurement at the Race Office at Oman Sail.
Wednesday 25 th November	10:00 Main event skippers briefing and safety briefing at Oman Sail. 13:00 Official practice races. 18:30 Opening ceremony and BBQ at Oman Sail.
Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th March	10:00 Skippers briefing and safety briefing at Oman Sail. 13:00 First warning signal Wednesday 6 th November. Further details of race schedule to be confirmed in Sailing Instructions.
Saturday 28 th March	Further details of race schedule to be confirmed in Sailing Instructions. 20.00 Regatta Dinner at the Kempinsky Hotel, Al Mouj.
Sunday 29 th March	Further details of race schedule to be confirmed in Sailing Instructions. 17:00 Prize giving at Marsa Plaza at the Al Mouj Marina. Craning of boats.
Monday 30 th March	Further craning of boats if needed, packing up and craning containers/trailers.
Tuesday 31 st March	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 2020 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).

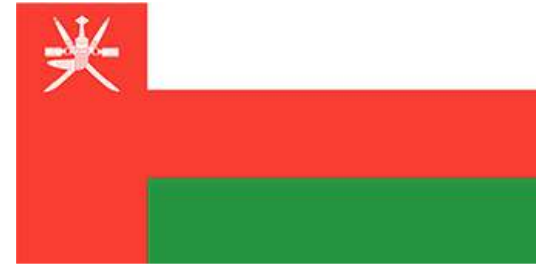
If you're staying in Oman for less than 10 days you can get a tourist visa on entry for OMR 5.

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



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.

UHF radios will be used for the communication with the competitors. UHF radios will be provided by the OA for each boat and support boat.

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 29th February, 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 (e.g. 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

TEAM INFORMATION

Technical area access

The Technical area will be open for access from March 14th. 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 transport and ground all containers from the storage in Mussanah on that date.

Berthing at Al Mouj Marina

The Organising Authority will provide an assigned berth for each boat at the port of Al Mouj Marina. Confirmation and allocation of these berths will be shared with teams by Monday March 16th.

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. A list of the restaurants with special arrangements for GC32 participants will be published closer to the event.

Official Regatta Dinner

On Saturday 28th of March at 20.00 the Official Regatta Dinner will be held at Kempinski Hotel, Al Mouj.

Prize Giving

At 17.00 on Sunday 29th the Prize Giving will be held at Marsa Plaza, Al Mouj Marina. 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 Oman Sail Building. 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) and let him know if you have any media attending.

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

Opening / Press Conference

The event will be officially opened on Wednesday 25th of March at 18.30 at Oman Sail HQ with Opening Aperitif followed by BBQ dinner.

Event Photography

Sailing Energy will be the 2020 GC32 Racing Tour photographers and will in Muscat from the (Tuesday 24th March) 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
Youtube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCoWHLa87vNKzkOL4_bVWIEg
Facebook: www.facebook.com/gc32racingtour
Instagram: www.instagram.com/gc32racingtour
Twitter: 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

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

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

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

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

SHIPPING INFORMATION

DEPARTURE OMAN

Container loading - As the containers are checked on the way out from Oman, please note:

- 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
- No unlisted items to be visible when opening checking the container

Should you have any questions, special requests please do not hesitate to contact

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