Perched on the southeast coast of the Arabian Peninsula and located within a 7-hour flight of 50% of the world, the Sultanate of Oman is easily accessible. All international participants will need to fly to Muscat International Airport, which is located in the north west of the city and approximately 100 km from Al Musanah Sports City.

**Safety**
In 2020 Oman was ranked the 5th safest country in the world for visitors. Known for the incredible hospitality of the Omani people, all visitors are welcomed with open arms for an experience you will never forget.

**Weather**
Oman is known for its tropical climate whilst still subject to seasonal changes. From October through to April, the Sultanate offers a lovely climate, with an average temperature of 23°C.

**Currency**
Omani Rials and Omani Baizaes (1000 baisas equals 1 Omani Rial) 1 OMR = $2.6 USD. The currency is pegged to the USD, offering a stable exchange rate. Currency exchange services are available at the Muscat International Airport and currency exchange bureaus are present in most shopping malls and hotels.

**Language**
Arabic is the national language of Oman and typically what you will hear spoken most often. However, English is the unofficial second language of Oman and if you are staying in any of the major cities or even venturing out into rural areas, you are likely to encounter many English-speaking locals.

**Dress Code**
Internationally accepted sailing attire can be worn around the venue and event hotel. When exploring the beauty of Oman outside the hotel, men and women are advised to dress in conservative western clothing. Loose clothing, with arms and shoulders covered, is recommended for women. Skirts, if worn, should reach at least beneath the knee.

**Communication**
Free wifi will be available for sailors, families and supporters at the event hotel and at the marina/boat park. International roaming is available and VPN is required to be installed for using international application such as skype, WhatsApp call, etc.

**Tourism is high priority for the Omani Government**

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**Sultanate of Oman**

- **5th safest country in the world for visitors**
- **2092 km of coastline**
- **World renowned for its hospitality**
- **The highest mountain range in GCC**
- **Central geographical location**
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**Accommodation**

The international hotel chain Barcelo operates on site at the sports city. The hotel has 320 rooms alongside a range of restaurants and sports and leisure facilities.

Rooms will be offered to all people affiliated with regatta at the hotel within the Barcelo Resort, Mussanah. Accommodation is 85 Euros per night per person on a half board shared basis.

**Hotels Added Values:**
- Complimentary tea/coffee making facilities in the rooms.
- Complimentary mineral water in the rooms.
- Free Wi-Fi in the rooms and lobby.
- Free water park and zipline access.

**Booking code:** +968 26871519/26871520 or WhatsApp: 00968 7155 5427

**Reservation Email address:** mussanahresort.res@barcelo.com

**Rate validity period:** 1st Oct 2021 – 30 Nov 2021

**Food & Beverages**

Breakfast and dinner will be served at the Al Maydan restaurant in the Barcelo Mussanah Resort. Buffet Lunch in hotel will be available at 10 euro and packed lunch box also available upon request for 8.5 Euro for competitors and coaches. The food for the event shall have enough variety to appeal to different tastes and cultures and will be served in sufficient quantity and quality to provide the necessary nutrition for the athletes spending long days on the water.

Fruit and nutrition snacks are to be available before and after races. Water and soft drinks shall be provided with every meal. Water will also be provided at the venue during the day.

**Transportation**

Oman Sail will provide transport on 12th, 13th, 14th, 21st & 22nd November to and from the Muscat International Airport for all competitors, supporters and coaches staying at the onsite hotel. More information about shuttle schedule to be shared closer to the event date.

Teams arriving outside of these dates can avail of hotel transfer which is 17 OMR (37.4 Euro) each way.
Travel Information

Muscat International Airport is easily accessible from all corners of the world with most major airlines servicing the Sultanate each year. Oman has now granted visa exemptions to over 100 countries, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable arrival to the country.

The national carrier, Oman Air, offers direct flights from many cities in Europe, India, Africa and the Middle East. Discounted fares for all competitors, coaches & supporters to use below link with Special Code: OMSA2021

In addition to Oman's national flag carrier, the Sultanate is easily accessed through short connections from Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Qatar. With over 15 flights operating daily to Muscat from our gulf neighbors.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

- Citizens of over 100 nations may now travel to Oman without obtaining a visa.
- Nationals of other countries must secure visas prior to travel to Oman. https://www.rop.gov.om/english/countrylist1.html
- Detailed information on Oman’s visa process can be seen here: https://www.rop.gov.om/english/visaservices_mainpage.html

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/dig_pr_visas_tourist.asp

TRAVEL RESTRICTION TO COVID-19

2 x Vaccination (Pfizer, Astra Zeneca (Oxford & Covishield), Sinovac, Johnson & Johnson, Sputnik, Moderna, Sinopharm)
Negative PCR Test before travel
No quarantine

Launching & Landing Sites

Technical area access
The Technical area will be open for access from November 1st. All team containers will be accessible after this date. The location will be near the Oman Sail Sailing school at the Barceló Mussanah Resort.

Launching Area
At the venue, there is a 20 metre wide slipway and a beach. The boats launch within the safety of Barceló Mussanah Resort Marina, with a short sail to the open sea.

Coach Boat Berthing
The Organizing Authority will provide an assigned berth for coach boat in Marina. Confirmation of these berths will be shared with teams by November 1st.

Regatta Office Facilities
- Dedicated WiFi networks for Competitors/Coaches.
- Photocopier/scanner.
- Printing facilities - linked to race office WiFi network.

Car Parking
There is plenty of free car parking right next to the race village in Al Musannah Sports City. Motor homes will need to be parked outside of the Al Mussannah Sports City.

Car Rental
The event will have an official car rental company which will be shared with preferred rate and further details over the upcoming months.

Toilet and Showering Facilities
It is assumed that all competitors will change in their rooms since we are proposing that all participants will stay onsite. Additional toilets and shower facilities will be available onsite to accommodate participants of this championship.
Shipping Subsidy
Oman Sail will subsidise the shipping for each boat by US$ 500.

Paperwork for temporary importation into Oman
Dennis from DB Schenker, our 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 paperwork as well

Broadcasting equipment
- For all telecom/Broadcasting commodities the so-called TRA permits are required for the relevant ministries and must 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.
- Includes VHF radios.

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.

For any enquiries on above, please contact below:
Dennis Gallardo
Schenker Khimji’s LLC
Mobile Number: 00968 96570690
Phone: 00968 246 16 400
Fax: 00968 246 16 499
Email: om.dl.mct.events@dbschenker.com
VHF radios and broadcast equipment in Oman

VHF radios and broadcast equipment are not allowed in Oman so please contact Bader Al Aufi at bader.aufi@omansail.com if you wish to bring this into the country. Bader 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 license, or they will be confiscated at the airport. Any VHF radios in shipping container will also be confiscated at the port of entry.

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 itemized and include all 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/department time
- Type of equipment
- Serial number

Chartering Boats Information

Coach Boats
Limited Availability - At First Come, First Served Basis
- Rate: 105 EUR (incl. 5% VAT) per boat per day excluding fuels
- Fuels: Available at the venue & can be paid by cash or debit/credit cards
- Contact Person: intisar.mahrouqi@omansail.com
- Rate Validity: 25th October - 21st November 2021

Competitors Boats (49ers)
Limited Availability - At First Come, First Served Basis
- Rate: 180 EUR (incl. 5% VAT) per boat per day
- Contact Person: intisar.mahrouqi@omansail.com
- Rate Validity: 25th October - 21st November 2021

Items will be provided below:
- Platform Hull
- Mast
- Spinnaker pole
- Boom with vang arms
- Vang Lever
- Foils
- Boat Breaker
- 49er Trolley

Support boats / training before the regatta

Please read the special instructions in the Notice of Race applying to all support boats in Musanah. Support boats shall be registered with Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and the Class Support Boat Regulations which can be viewed on the Class website. Team leaders/coaches shall register with point of contact Abdullah Al Farsi and complete on-site registration at the race office at the venue upon arrival.
Press Information

Media Office
The Media Office is located at the event venue, the Barceló Mussanah Resort. Any press/media representative wishing to attend must be accredited beforehand by contacting Assim Al Saqri assim@omansail.com and Badar Al Abri badar.alabri@omansail.com for any inquiries.

Opening and Closing Ceremony
As well as the opportunity to receive news and event highlights by email, you may contact the Media Office to coordinate attending the event or witnessing the opening and closing ceremonies.

Photo and TV
Dedicated platform will be shared to get up to date imagery and broadcast content.

Media Information
Official 49er, 49erFX & Nacra17 World Championships 2021
Website and social media channels
https://www.omansail.com/
https://www.youtube.com/user/OmanSailTeam
https://www.facebook.com/OmanSail
https://www.instagram.com/omansail/
https://twitter.com/OmanSail

Specific hashtags and pages
- World pages: @OmanSail @DiscoverSeaOman @DiscoverAndExperienceOman @worldsailing_euro2020 @49ersailing @omansports @instasportmen
- #Oman #49erSailing #49erFX #OlympicSailing #Tokyo2021 #Nacra17 #sailingsomalia #sailingsomali #Tokyo #49ersail #sailingsomali #sailingsomali #sailingsomali #sailingsomali

VPN
You are required to download a VPN in order to connect to Skype, Facebook Video call and some other apps and websites which are restricted in Oman. Ensure to download and configure your VPN before entering Oman. Note Zoom application does not require VPN.

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