



Ras al Hamra Off Road Adventure Club (ORAC)
20th Wahiba Challenge
17th – 19th November 2017
Part 1 Instructions

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This is the first in a series of ORAC fact sheets that will follow, relating to Wahiba Challenge 2017 (WC2017), a demanding weekend crossing of Oman's famous Sharqiya Sands

The format

Thursday 16th November: Drive by car or motorbike to start of WC2017. Gold Sponsor (Omantel will put on dinner once again).

Friday 17th November: Drive by car or motorbike from an accessible point in the Wahiba (Ash-Sharqiya) Desert to a pre-determined camping spot and camp overnight. (No night-time driving)

Saturday 18th November: Drive from camp site to end location further to the east, exit desert and drive back to Muscat.

Open to all Subject to the qualification requirements detailed below, the event is open to all. ORAC aims to provide friendly advice and opportunities for off-road adventure to those who may not be sufficiently confident or experienced to set out on self-organised trips. To this effect, in the spirit of the Challenge, teams are urged to include team members who have not taken part in the event before.

Vehicles and drivers

- The maximum number of teams taking part is limited to 30 or max 300 participants.
- Teams will be selected according to the checklist detailed in Appendix A. If you are keen to join the Challenge, please study this sheet carefully and be ready to answer these questions online as soon as registration opens. Also be prepared soon after that to submit the requisite documents.

Important dates

- Online registration will commence **8pm, 15^h October 2017, for 4 days ONLY until 3pm 19th October**
- Submission of scanned documents will commence **8pm, 19th October, for 3 days ONLY until 3pm 22nd October**
- signing of RAHRC chit and collection of Part 3 Instructions: **13th November between 5pm and 7pm in the Marlin Room at RAHRC**

Team Behaviour and Information Sharing

As you may be aware, there is currently a discussion at ministerial level in Oman about restricting access to the Sharqiya (Wahiba) Sands. ORAC, as part of the Ras Al Hamra Recreational Club, is therefore very mindful that the Wahiba Challenge must be respectful of the local communities and do our utmost to avoid any incidents or antisocial behavior which could damage the club's reputation.

For this reason the following will be applicable for WC2017:

- Teams will be issued stickers for each registered vehicle and only vehicles with stickers should be participating in the Challenge. Stickers are to be visible on right upper corner of front windshield – **failing to do so will disqualify driver from future ORAC events.**
- ID cards and vehicle licence numbers are required for all team members as part of registration and only registered team members should be taking part.
- The number of teams will be strictly limited and **teams are not permitted to share any of the coordinates with others not registered to take part. Teams who do so will be disqualified from this and future ORAC events.**
- Teams are reminded to avoid contact with local people and livestock as much as possible, and to drive slowly at a respectful distance around settlements and animals.
- Teams are reminded to take all litter home and to bring firewood with them.
- Although the mid-point camp location has specifically been selected to be suitably remote, teams are requested to moderate the level of noise and light

Cost: Participants contribution of 20 OMR per person which goes to cover some of the costs of the event e.g. dinner, T shirts and Wheel covers. Fees will be collected by one of your RAH Club members signing a RAHRC chit (This will take place on **13th November** and, assuming you are successful, more details about that will follow in Part 2 Instructions).

Emergency plan: If you were to qualify, ORAC strongly recommends that each team develop their own emergency plan, describing precisely what to do, how to do it and who to contact in various types of situations. ORAC cannot help teams with this plan. It must be your own. All teams must make themselves fully prepared for any eventuality. As stated in the attached mandatory Indemnity Form, neither the Organizing Committee, the Ras Al Hamra Club, PDO, nor our Sponsors can be held responsible for any injuries, loss, damage, etc. which could potentially be sustained during ORAC events.

Putting together a team: ORAC do not help with this. However it does have a Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RAHRCORAC/>) which you can use, or go to the FORUM on rahorac.jeeprs.com.

Prizes

Please see the Section below about Prizes and how to enter! We want this to be a really fun and special Challenge.

All the best, ORAC Committee

Appendix A ~Qualifying for the Challenge: Can you answer these questions? Use this and Appendix B to prepare for online registration and document submission THIS APPENDIX is 2 SIDED		Online registration (Only between 8pm, 15th and 3pm 19th October 2017) HAVE THIS INFO HANDY WHEN REGISTERING ONLINE	Scanned supporting documents (8pm, 19th to 3pm, 22rd October 2017)
1. Do you have 4 or 5 cars only? Also note: No more than 3 people allowed in any car. We recommend you keep spare seats	YES	You are within the rules. You will be asked to confirm online	Further details will be requested below
	NO	If 3 cars, you will need to find one more. If 6, you need to drop one	
2. Are any members of your team currently disqualified either temporarily or permanently by ORAC for breaking Wahiba Challenge rules?	YES	YOUR TEAM DOES NOT QUALIFY	
	NO	Thank you. You will be asked to confirm online so that we can match with our records.	
3. Do you have the names of all your drivers, co-drivers and passengers? Children must be over 12	YES	You will need this handy for online registration	
4. Will you require wheel covers for your cars?	YES	You need to indicate all tyre sizes online	
	NO	OK, but note that you CANNOT order them later after online registration	
5. Does your team contain at least one Wahiba Challenge veteran?	YES	Type in the Name/s and Challenge year/s online so that we can match with our records	
	NO	YOUR TEAM DOES NOT QUALIFY	
6. Have all Team Drivers been ORAC trained (both Theory AND Practical)?	YES	Provide dates online so we can match with our records	
	NO	In that case you must satisfy the next question	
7. Those drivers that have not been trained, are they WC veterans from the years when training was not required?	YES	Type in online the Name/s and Challenge year/s so that we can match with our records	
	NO	YOUR TEAM DOES NOT QUALIFY	
8. Are at least 50% of your entire team (drivers and passengers) RAHR Club members?	YES	Type in online all RAHRC membership numbers	We will need scanned copies of all your RAHRC membership cards, AND scanned IDs of everyone

	NO	YOUR TEAM DOES NOT QUALIFY	
9. Are all team cars privately owned and registered in Oman?	YES	You will be required to confirm this online	We will need scanned copies of all your cars' mulkiyas, confirming ownership of those cars by the driver
	NO	YOUR TEAM DOES NOT QUALIFY	
10. Have all team members agreed with the contents of and properly completed our Indemnity Form (See Appendix C)	YES		We will need scanned copies of these from ALL drivers and passengers
	NO	YOUR TEAM DOES NOT QUALIFY	
11. Have you registered online within the 3 day period mentioned above? All entries will be time logged on a first come first serve basis. Priority will be given to Sponsors Teams and Committee Teams	YES	If you are within the first 30 teams to register online, you will receive a message informing you that you must now supply your required documents by 3pm, 22 nd October 2017, to secure your qualification. You must place them in a folder on S drive in PDO (inform our secretary) or send to oracsecretary@gmail.com	
	YES	If you are outside the first 30 teams registering online, you will receive a message stating that your team is on the waiting list	
	NO	YOUR TEAM DOES NOT QUALIFY (emails of team details alone or any other application method will not be accepted)	
12. If you are within the 30, have you submitted all scanned documents by 3pm, 22 nd October as requested? Place them in a folder on S drive in PDO (inform our secretary) or send to oracsecretary@gmail.com ,	YES	On 1 st November, you will receive a CONGRATULATIONS email together with Part 2 Instructions	
	NO	You will receive an email stating that your team is on the waiting list.	

PLEASE NOTE:

Despite your success in securing a place in the first 30 on online registration, if you do not submit your scanned documents within the 4 day deadline, you will be removed from the main list and placed on the waiting list. Similarly, despite successfully submitting your scanned documents, if you do not attend to submit your payment chit and collect Part 3 instructions, you will be removed from the main list and placed on the waiting list (details of time and place for that submission and collection will follow in Part 2 Instructions).

THE OFFICERS OF ORAC WILL NOT ENTER INTO DEBATE OR DISCUSSION WITH TEAMS THAT FAIL TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS OR MISS THESE DEADLINES. THEY ARE NON NEGOTIABLE.

Appendix B

Slip to help you prepare for registration. However, please refer explicitly to Appendix A

- No more than 3 people permitted in any vehicle.
- Co driver and passenger only are also allowed a wheel cover. If so state sizes

TEAM NAME :
 TEAM CAPTAIN :
 TEAM CAPTAIN GSM :
 TEAM CAPTAIN :
 Email :
 Emergency Contact Name and GSM Number :

CAR ONE	Oman Private Vehicle Registration Number:					Mulkiya Available?:	
	Name	RAHRC Membership #	Date of ORAC Training	WC Veteran? State year	Indemnity signed?	T Shirt Size	Wheel cover size
Driver name							
Co-driver/passenger							
Passenger (if any)							
CAR TWO	Oman Private Vehicle Registration Number:					Mulkiya Available?:	
	Name	RAHRC Membership #	Date of ORAC Training	WC Veteran? State year	Indemnity signed?	T Shirt Size	Wheel cover size
Driver name							
Co-driver/passenger							
Passenger (if any)							
CAR THREE	Oman Private Vehicle Registration Number:					Mulkiya Available?:	
	Name	RAHRC Membership #	Date of ORAC Training	WC Veteran? State year	Indemnity signed?	T Shirt Size	Wheel cover size
Driver name							
Co-driver/passenger							
Passenger (if any)							
CAR FOUR	Oman Private Vehicle Registration Number:					Mulkiya Available?:	
	Name	RAHRC Membership #	Date of ORAC Training	WC Veteran? State year	Indemnity signed?	T Shirt Size	Wheel cover size
Driver name							
Co-driver/passenger							
Passenger (if any)							
CAR FIVE	Oman Private Vehicle Registration Number:					Mulkiya Available?: Y/N	
	Name	RAHRC Membership #	Date of ORAC Training	WC Veteran? State year	Indemnity signed?	T Shirt Size	Wheel cover size
Driver name							
Co-driver/passenger							
Passenger (if any)							

Reminder of Scanned Documents that you will need to submit

- Mulkiyas confirming ownership of cars by the driver
- Ras Al Hamra Membership Cards
- National ID of everyone, driver and passengers
- Completed Indemnity Forms **Appendix C signed from all drivers and passengers**

Prizes!

There will be prizes for winners in the following categories.

But to get your prize if you win, your Team MUST submit the GPS track AND odometer readings at both the mid-point camp and at the finish.

1. Best short film (up to 5 minutes long)
2. Best photograph of Nature
3. Best photograph of Action
4. Best photograph of Being Stuck
5. Best dressed Team
6. Golden Shovel Award for 'best stuck situation'!



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20th WAHIBA CHALLENGE 2017

DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS

"I have read the instructions issued by ORAC about the 20th Wahiba Challenge 2017 (hereafter described as "the Event") and agree to comply with them, with Royal Decree 28/93 as amended (the Traffic Law), with the provisions regulating Vehicle Insurance and with all the applicable Laws and Regulations in force in the Sultanate of Oman at all times during the Event. Following the acceptance of my application to participate, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Organising Committee, the Ras Al Hamra Club and PDO and all sponsors together with any natural or juristic person responsible for the organisation of the Event (the "Organisers") and the respective officials, servants, representatives, employees and agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of any injury or accident and/or loss or damage to my property, howsoever caused arising from or in connection with my application and/or my participation with ORAC, notwithstanding that the injury or accident may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the Organisers, their officials, employees, servants, representatives or agents."

DATE : ____ / ____ / ____

NAME : _____

PASSPORT/ID No. : _____

SIGNATURE : _____

Appendix D

Equipment you will need for the Challenge



Item	Equipment	Quantity
1	First aid kit	Two for the team
2	Fire extinguisher	One per vehicle
3	Air compressor	One per vehicle
4	Car jack with sand support	One per vehicle
5	Spare tire (inflated)	One per vehicle
6	Kinetic rope	One per vehicle
7	Shackles (appropriate for your car's weight able to be secured front and back)	Two per vehicle
8.	Sand-flags	One per vehicle
9.	Satellite phone (No longer mandatory but highly recommended)	One for the team
10.	GPS (set to Oman datum/reading UTM coordinates)	Two for the team
11.	Jerry cans (Participants are responsible for determining their own vehicle's fuel requirements).	One (preferably two) per vehicle

Where you can buy equipment for the Wahiba Challenge

Ramy Automotive is the **Bronze Sponsor** for this year's Wahiba Challenge and they are offering a 5% discount to all ORAC members on any products bought from them.

A wide range of off-road and desert driving equipment is available from Ramy in Al Khuwair www.ramyautomotive.com

Phone: +968 2450 2037

Coordinates: 23.578656 58.415839

You can also purchase these items from the places below:

Kinetic ropes and other high quality branded gear:	
PERFORMANCE POWER, Ruwi (for Australian Ironman Products) info@ppcoman.com or 24 811337 or 99888174	23° 35' 12.69"N, 58° 33' 30.64"E
Jeep World, Ma'bella (for Australian ARB products) jeepworld779@gmail.com and on 921 23158 / 929 89150 / 950 94494	23° 38' 17.2"N, 58° 05' 58.3"E

Shackles	
MUSCAT OILFIELD ENTERPRISE	23° 35' 15.32"N, 58° 33' 31.16"E
<i>Or for rated shackles try suppliers of equipment for oil field services, building materials, marine goods, HSE Fire Safety. There are many such shops in Ruwi, Wadi Kabir, Ma'bella etc,</i>	

Sand flags	
YAMAHA BIKES, (part of Dhofar Automotive), Athaibah	23° 35' 48.74"N, 58° 26' 46.19"E
POLARIS	23° 35' 24.22"N, 58° 21' 58.04"E
OFAQ CAR ACCESSORIES, Sarooj	23° 36' 25.59"N, 58° 27' 15.39"E
SALAMI AUTO ACCESSORIES, Wadi Kabir	23° 34' 57.89"N, 58° 33' 31.86"E
2 nd Salami Shop (electronic signage), Wadi Kabir	23° 35' 22.20"N, 58° 33' 13.83"E

In Dubai for Kinetic ropes and good quality off road gear

ARB 4X4, Dubai	25° 09' 43.5"N, 55° 24' 53.8"E
ICON AUTOS, Dubai or AEV, Dubai <i>Both these shops are in the same location</i>	25° 09' 36.1"N, 55° 14' 20.3"E
RAMY 4x4, Dubai	25° 15' 37.01"N, 55° 19' 54.70"E
ACE HARWARE, Dubai,	25° 13' 26.20"N, 55° 21' 34.43"E