



## gulf balls and sails

It is designed by Peter Harradine and built along the shores of the Gulf. The course meanders around a large open sea water lagoon with four interconnected sub lagoons and gentle elevation changes. As many traditional links course do, the 3,578 yards front nine makes its way



**R**as Al Khaimah is the fourth-largest emirate in the UAE, strategically positioned on the old trading routes running on the shores of the Arabian Gulf. It offers a different aesthetic from most other Gulf cities like Dubai. With light traffic, an unpolluted skyline, still miles of untouched white sandy beaches and lowering mountains, this emirate has always been an ideal escape, mixing striking scenery with its own, more laid back rhythm.

The Alinghi Swiss team has selected this place to contest the 33rd America's Cup facing the challenge of the BMW Oracle multihull sailboat on coming February. At least, that's what's in store at this time. But another legal case can still be raised at any time in line with what happened since 2006... Should you plan to attend the match, just know that, between two regattas, you might also play some good golf without travelling all the way to Dubai.

The Al Hamra Golf Club offers the first taste of links style golf in the Middle East.

out and away from the club house, whilst the back nine (3,747 y.) returns home around the lagoon to the clubhouse. The result is a solid Par 72 championship course with several varying tee options to provide fun for anyone. And it is floodlighted at night. At the club house, you'll find all modern amenities and a very courteous service. The Al Hamra dining experience is varied with three different outlets (Zahara's, Lagoon's, Dunes) available to suit anyone's appetite, and is open to members and visitors alike ■  
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## voiles et balles du golfe

Les Emirats Arabes Unis comptent Abu Dhabi et Dubaï, mais encore Ras Al Khaimah. C'est encore une région calme, sans pollution, riche de plages de sable immaculées, but traditionnel d'escapades pour les "émiratis". C'est sur cette rive du Golfe persique qu'Ernesto Bertarelli, pour le team suisse Alinghi détenteur de l'America's Cup, a accepté de répondre au défi du BMW Oracle de Larry Ellison pour la 33e édition de ce match disputé en multicoques. Ce sera le 8 février prochain à moins qu'une autre action judiciaire ne bloque le tout une fois de trop...

Si vous comptez en être, sachez que vous pourrez aussi golfer sur place sans avoir à rejoindre Dubaï. Al Hamra Golf Club propose un excellent "links" dessiné par Peter Harradine, long de 6'700 mètres (par 72), avec des fairways aux dénivelés agréables serpentant autour de plusieurs lagons et éclairés la nuit. Au club-house, l'accueil est accorte et la table bien fournie (Zahara's, Lagoon's, Dunes). Infos en Europe: [pascale@marcom-international.com](mailto:pascale@marcom-international.com)