

The Week : 13th July 2011

NHI ORGANISES HSBC TEAM BUILDING WITH OMAN SAIL

A team-building event on water for ten employees from HSBC Bank Middle East, Oman, was held last week. It was organised by the National Hospitality Institute (NHI) at the marina in Musannah. As the team turned up for the event they had no real idea how they were going to spend the next three hours. Firstly, they had to show that they could swim and had to jump into the water fully clothed. They were then introduced to their boats and told that by the end of the session they would be taking part in a race.

Participants were introduced to the art of sailing by Oman Sail instructors who were incredibly patient and showed great skills when



dealing with the novices. Each one of them explained the rudimentary rules on safety and how to sort out the rigging on each boat.

By the end of the morning, the participants were confidently helming two-man boats, and racing in teams. Each team member worked

with others and had to share all the challenges and the decision-making. Participants spent most of the morning on, or in the water, and levels of excitement and energy were extremely high. Ali Al Abri, head of human resources at HSBC Oman, said, "Activities such as this, are creative outlets that strengthen employee interaction and teach important life skills that can be applied both inside and outside the work environment. Ultimately this translates to greater productivity and a more energised workforce."

This was one of a series of events organised by NHI with various partners as part of their new corporate programmes initiative.