



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club

Ponce, PUERTO RICO

Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st -2nd , 2014

Fellow Sailors:

The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and it's Organizing Committee has the pleasure of inviting you to the 25th Edition of DISCOVER The Caribbean that will be held on October 31st & November 1st-2nd, 2014.

Discover the Caribbean has been the oldest regatta event in Puerto Rico and this year we will be celebrating our 25th edition. The PY&FC and it's sponsors are honored to offer the sailors from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean a wonderful weekend of three days of competition and shore side activities. This year we will be using three (3) sailing areas in which different classes will be competing. Come and enjoy what Ponce and the Caribbean can offer, Hospitality and great racing weather.

We hope that you will join us!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. David E. Kerr

Race Committee Chairman



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1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). To the extent permitted by Part 7 of the RRS, specific provisions of the RRS may be modified, altered or made inoperative by the Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 The regulations of the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA), the CSA Minimum Safety Requirements, the International J-24 Class Association (IJCA) Rules as modified by the Caribbean J-24 Class Association and the IC-24 class Rules will apply, except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.
- 1.3 The regatta will use two handicap systems. The CSA handicap system will be used for the CSA Spinnaker Racing Class and any other class that wish to race under this system. Only boats with an official 2014 CSA Certificate will be allowed to race in CSA Classes. Boats racing on PHRF Classes will use the SE Florida 2013 PHRF handicap system. Only boats with and official 2014 US PHRF of SE Florida will be allowed to race in PHRF classes. Certificates may be obtained at www.phrfsef.com
- 1.4 Boats in CRUISING CLASS may sail with two head sails. The spinnaker pole in CRUISING CLASS is allowed.
- 1.5 Boats in jib & Main Class have to sail with one head sail only. The use of the spinnaker pole is allowed. If a spinnaker pole is not used an allowance will be given.
- 1.6 Genoas more than 150% will not be allowed for all Cruising and Jib & Main Classes.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a minimum LOA of 20 feet.
- 2.2 There will be 8 (Eight) divisions for entry.

CSA Spinnaker Racing

PHRF Jib & Main

PHRF Cruising

Chalanas 24,26 &28

Nativos 17

J-24

IC-24

Hunter 21.6

- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration in www.yachtscoring.com and with the regatta committee.
- 2.4 The Regatta Committee according to the number of entrants will determine the number of classes within a division. Jib & Main Class participants shall use only Dacron cruising sails and shall not use more than one headsail at any time. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries in the Jib & Main class as they deem appropriate.
 - 2.4.1 **Classes:** The acceptance of yachts in a specific class is entirely at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Classes will generally be arranged according to rating and will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
 - 2.4.2 **Crew:** Minimum crew in all classes shall be four. Maximum crew shall be in accordance to the CSA Caribbean Rating Rule. A list of crewmembers and their weights shall be filled out and turned in by the Skipper before the Skippers Meeting. No crew may be omitted, or substituted unless permission is received in advance from the race Committee Chairman. All requests must be submitted in writing.
- 2.5 A minimum of three (3) boats for each class is required to constitute a class.
- 2.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 2.7 Participants MUST be active members of its Class Associations (RRS 75.2). If you are not a current member of a class, membership to the appropriate association will be available at registration for a nominal fee.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Registration MUST be done using www.yachtscoring.com no later than Friday October 24, 2014.
- 3.2 All visiting vessels will have free dock for one week before and after the event.

3.3 For Information and Registration please contact Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club at 787-842-9005

4. FEES

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| 4.1 | Early Bird Registration: No later than | Agosto 2, 2014 | \$150.00 |
| 4.2 | Regular Registration: (See article 3.1) | Agosto 3 - Oct 24, 2014 | \$250.00 |
| 4.3 | Late Registration at Regatta Headquarters. See article 5.1.1 | | \$350.00 |
| 4.4 | Chalanas/Nativos 17 Early bird . (See Article 3.1) | Oct 24, 2014 | \$125.00 |
| 4.5 | Chalanas/Nativos 17 at Regatta Headquarters. See article 5.1.1 | | \$200.00 |
| 4.6 | A 7% IVU tax is going to be charged at registration, as per PR government. | | |

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Skippers check in and Late Registration

5.1.1 At Regatta Headquarters on Thursday, October 30th, 2014, from 1600 hours to 2000 hours. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk in the Marlin Room.

5.1.2 All competitors must complete registration before the Skipper's meeting.

5.2 Skippers Meeting

5.2.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held in the Marlin Room at 2000 hours on Thursday October 30th, 2014.

5.3 Races

5.3.1 Races will be back to back.

5.3.2 Friday, Oct. 31, 2014 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100hours

Saturday, Nov 1st, 2014 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

Sunday, Nov 2st, 2014 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours.

5.3.3 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours on Friday and Saturday. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours on Sunday.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration time and in www.yachtscoring.com

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Ponce Bay.

7.2 Navigation Charts: All yachts are encouraged to carry on board a current copy of NOAA chart # 25638 Bahia de Ponce and Approaches.

8. SCORING

8.1 A minimum of three (3) races will constitute a regatta.

- 8.1.1 In the event that between 5 and 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her (1) worst score.
- 8.1.2 In the event that more than 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 8.1.3 In the event that between 10 and 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores.

9. SHORE FACILITIES

- 9.1 Boats will be accommodated at the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club.
- 9.2 Contact Dock Master Alvalle at 787-842-9003 or by VHF Channel 68 for slip assignment.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class.

11. CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

- 11.1 Service is available Monday through Saturday from 0800 to 1630 hours at the ports of entry in San Juan, Fajardo, Ponce, Mayagüez, Vieques, and Culebra. USA registered boats not carrying aliens on board may clear customs by phone. Be aware that when clearing customs by phone, ONLY THE SKIPPER is permitted off the yacht while the procedure is being completed. A violation of the procedure could result in severe penalties.
- 11.2 Aliens must clear Immigration before entering. A new requirement for non-U.S. citizens wanting to gain entry to the U.S. by way of a non-commercial vessel--for example a private sailboat--is that he or she must have a visa.
- 11.3 There will be no special services of Customs or Immigration at the marina.
- 11.4 From 0800 to 1700 hours, you may call:
 - 11.4.1 San Juan (787)253-4533 (4534,4535,4536)
 - 11.4.2 Mayagüez (787) 831-3342 (3342)
 - 11.4.3 Vieques (787) 741-8366
 - 11.4.4 Ponce (787) 841-3130 (3131,3132)
 - 11.4.5 Fajardo (787) 863-0950 (4075,0811,0102)
 - 11.4.6 Culebra (787) 742-0531
 - 11.4.7 Overnight (787) 253-4533 ,253-4536

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their vessels, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons (bodily injury included but not limited thereto) or their belongings, to themselves (bodily injury included but not limited thereto) or to their

belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club Organization and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification. Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". In any case, competitors agree that The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club Organization, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.