

Dinghy Regatta



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, PUERTO RICO
Oct. 31st and 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 have to 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 International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules, the Rules of the Laser Class Association, the Rules of the Hobie Cats Association and the Rules of the Sunfish Class International Racing Association, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and/or by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser, Hobie 16 and Sunfish classes. Participants MUST be active members of its Class Association (RRS 75.2).
- 2.2 There will be 6 (six) divisions for entry.
 - Hobie Cat 16
 - Optimist
 - Sunfish Open
 - Snipe
 - Laser Radial
 - Laser Standard and 4.7
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the regatta committee.
- 2.4 The Optimists competitors must be between 7 and 15 of age.
- 2.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to divide the Optimist class into as many as four fleets, designated as Red, White, Blue, and Green.
- 2.6 The Laser Class will be divided into Standard, Radial and 4.7 fleets.
- 2.7 A minimum of three (3) boats for each class is required to constitute a class.
- 2.8 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 2.9 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 the Yacht Scoring Program (www.yachtscoring.com) no later than Thursday Oct.30th at noon.
- 3.2 For Information and Registration please contact Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club at 787-842-9005.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Early Bird Registration: No Later Than August 2, 2014
 - Hobie 16: \$50.00
 - Laser, Sunfish, Optimist: \$35.00
- 4.2 Regular Registration: August 3 – October 30th, 2014
 - Hobie 16: \$70.00
 - Laser, Sunfish, Optimist: \$55.00
- 4.3 Late Registration at Regatta Headquarters. See article 5.1.1
 - Hobie 16: \$90.00
 - Laser, Sunfish, Optimist: \$75.00

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.
 - 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 with a possible one-hour lunch break in between.

Friday Oct. 31st, 2014	The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
Saturday Nov. 1 st , 2014	The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
Sunday Nov 2 nd , 2014	The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
 - 5.3.2 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 Races will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to the Ponce Bay.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 If a minimum of five (5) races are completed, one (1) throw out will be allowed.
- 8.2 If between five (5) and ten (10) races are completed, two (2) throw outs will be allowed.

8.3 If between ten (10) and fifteen (15) races are completed, three (3) throw outs will be allowed.

9. SHORE FACILITIES

9.1 Boats will be accommodated at the Playita area in the PY&FC.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 boats in each class, except for green fleet, where all competitors will receive a medal in recognition of their participation. One overall trophy and one Best Female trophy will be awarded for the Optimists.

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 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.