



Organizing Authority
Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico
THE YACHT CLUB AT PALMAS DEL MAR
HUMACAO, PUERTO RICO
MAY 22 - 25, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA) in all or any of the races, if applicable.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official board at Pescaderia Palmas del Mar.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Board before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Additional changes to these Sailing Instructions can be made on the water by the Race Committee. When a change to the Sailing Instructions will be made on the water the Race Committee Signal boat will display the Lima Flag (L) with one sound. When this signal is displayed boats shall come within hail of the Race Committee Signal Boat to receive instructions. Failure to see or acknowledge this signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 90.2(c)

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Pescaderia Palmas del Mar.
- 5.2 When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than "45 minutes" after the "AP" is lowered. This changes RRS "Race Signals".

6. RACE SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Races will be back to back with a possible lunch break in between.
 - Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
 - Sunday, May 24th, 2015 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
 - Monday, May 25th, 2015 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
- 6.2 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours on Saturday and Sunday. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours on Monday.

7. CLASS FLAGS:

Optimist Advanced	White Flag with Optimist Insignia
Optimist Green	Green Flag
Laser (4.7, Radial, and Standard)	White Flag with Laser Insignia
Hobie Cat 16	White Flag with Hobie Cat Insignia
Sunfish	White Flag with Sunfish Insignia
Nativos 17	White Flag with Nativos 17 Insignia

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing area on the waters adjacent to The Yacht Club at Palmas del Mar.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 All marks of the course will be orange inflatable buoys.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses.
- 10.2 Mark G is a leeward mark in the form of a gate (marks S and P), boats shall pass through the gate between S and P. This gate may be replaced by a single mark, Mark G to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. All marks are to be left to port except G when is a mark in form of a Gate.
- 10.3 The course number designation for the course to be sailed by each class will be posted no later than four (4) minutes before each start for that class by the Race Committee Signal Vessel displaying the designated numeral pennant. This changes RRS 27.1

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and a nearby orange mark or staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee mark boat on the port end.
- 11.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least one (1) minute before a warning signal is made.
- 11.3 The orange flag(s) on the staff(s) designating the starting line may be removed (with no sound signal) when the race management team determines that it will not promptly (usually within 5 minutes of the prior start) make the warning signal for the next race in a sequence of races.
- 11.4 Optimist White, Blue and Red will be starting together.
- 11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 11.7 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.
- 11.8 There will not be a specific order for the fleets to start.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark or staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee mark boat on the port end.
- 12.2 Finished boats shall remain well clear and shall not interfere with boats that are still racing.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for each race will be (60) minutes. Boats failing to finish (10) minutes after the first boat in their fleet or after the time limit, whichever is first, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTEST

- 14.1 A boat may not protest under SI 15 or 16. This changes Rule 60.1.
- 14.2 All boats intending to protest shall conspicuously display a red flag according to 61.1 (a) and shall inform the Race Committee Finishing Vessel of their intention to file a protest, at the starboard beam side of the boat, as soon as reasonably possible after she finishes the race. This changes RRS 61.

- 14.3 All protest shall be filed at the registration desk no later than forty five (45) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Vessel docking time. The docking time (beginning of protest time) will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.4 Protest will be heard in the order posted or as determined by the Protest Committee. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Board within (30) minutes after the end of protest time.
- 14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1 Adequate flotation device (life jackets) shall be worn and properly secured at all times while the competitor is in the boat, except temporarily while changing clothing.
- 15.2 All competitors shall carry a whistle at all times attached to their life jacket.
- 15.3 Each optimist must have at least one bailer properly tied to the hull.
- 15.4 Each optimist shall be equipped with a buoyant painter appropriate for towing, at least (12) feet in length.
- 15.5 Prior to the 1st start of the day each yacht shall sail close to the stern of the Race Committee Signal Vessel, and shall hail her/his name and sail number.
- 15.6 When a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of each racing day, he/she shall notify the race committee or an official boat before retiring.
- 15.7 Competitors in need of assistance should blow the whistle and/or attract attention by waving hands over their heads.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1 Coaches, parents, and other support personnel shall not communicate, in any fashion, with competitors while they are racing except in case of emergency. Support boats shall keep well clear (a minimum of 100 ft.) of any boat racing.

17. PENALTIES

- 17.1 For All Classes, RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 17.2 Any boat retiring shall advise the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may, following a hearing, result in disqualification from the regatta or such other penalty as the Jury deems equitable.
- 17.3 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the Jury may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 17.4 Any boat failing to check-in, in accordance with 15.5, shall be given a 3 point penalty and scored CNF. She shall receive a score equal to the score she would have received

without this penalty increased by three (3) for the first race of that day. This changes RRS Appendix A5 and A11."

- 17.5 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44 may accept a 30% penalty before the protest hearing provided there was no damage and the boat did not gain a significant advantage.
- 17.6 When a percentage penalty is imposed, it shall be calculated as the percentage of the number of entrants in the class, the number shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward).
- 17.7 The Race Committee, Race Committee Auxiliary and Jury will be taking notes on any misconduct to the RRS, including pumping, rowing, touching the buoys, sportsmanship, fair racing and others.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 If a minimum of 7 races are completed, one throw out will be allowed.
- 18.2 Overall score will be used as the division scoring.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 Cash prizes will be distributed to the participating classes in the following manner:

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Hobie 16 Class A	\$400	\$200	\$125
Hobie 16 Class B	\$150	\$100	\$50
Laser Standard	\$100	\$75	\$50
Laser Radial	\$100	\$75	\$50
Laser 4.7	\$100	\$75	\$50
Sunfish	\$100	\$75	\$50
Nativos 17	\$300	\$150	\$100

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to redistribute the above prizes based on the actual classes which compete.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Race Committee, the Event Volunteers, and the Sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 20.2 All competitors must complete, execute, and delivery the "Waiver Form" to the Regatta Headquarters, by 1800 hours on Friday May 22nd, 2015. The "Waiver Form" is available under the Documents & Forms link in the Yacht Scoring website.

Attachment 1: Racing Area



Attachment 2: Courses

Class	Couse 1	Course 2
Hobie Cat 16/ Nativos 17	S – M1 to Port – F	S – M1 to Port – G – M1 to Port – F
Laser/ Sunfish	S – M2 to Port – F	S – M2 to Port – G – M2 to Port – F
Optimist	S – M3 to Port – F	S – M3 to Port – G – M3 to Port – F


M1


M2


M3

