

# AROUND CULEBRA RALLY AND RACE OF THE TITANS



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**BRISA ESTE**  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
MAY 25-26-27, 2024

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The Organizing Authority (OA), Borinquen Islands Sailing Association (BRISA Este)

### **Race of the Titans – Saturday May 25, 2024**

*Note: This first section applies to boats racing from Fajardo to Culebra on Saturday only. Boats participating in la Vuelta Culebra 2024 on SUNDAY, please refer to Section 15 of this document.*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules, as detailed in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* published by US Sailing (2021-2024).
- 1.2 Read the NOR and NOR Amendments published at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 1.3 The following rules have changed: Race Signals: Will be made by VHF radio calls and a horn. Signals flags will be used as an additional visual aid to the fleet but will not be the primary. Class flag will be the same for all boats. There will be no “L”, or “First Substitute” flags used by the signal boat, however, Flag “X” will be used in accordance with rule 29.1.
- 1.4 To the extent permitted by Part 7 of the RRS, specific provisions of the RRS could be modified, altered, or made inoperative by addendums to the Notice of Race (NOR) or by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.5 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board will be electronic at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) website under **“Race of the Titans 2024”**

#### **3 CHANGES to THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to these SI will be posted at the Yacht Scoring website before 0800 on the day of the regatta before 0800.
- 3.2 If necessary, changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given orally on the water [RRS 90.2 (c)] through the designated **VHF channel 9.**

## 4 SCHEDULE OF RACE

- 4.1 The Skipper's Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, May 24 at 2000 hrs** at the area adjacent to the East Island Excursions ticketing facility (behind La Cueva del Mar) at Safe Harbor – Puerto del Rey Marina.
- 4.2 The first warning signal for the Race of the Titans is on **Saturday, May 25 at 1030 hr.**
- 4.3 Depending on the number of boats registered for the regatta, the starting signal may comprise a single start for the entire fleet or multiple starts by classes, as decided by the RO. The sequence will be notified at the skippers' meeting to be held on Friday night.
- 4.4 Racing classes are as follows:
  - **CSA Jib & Main** – (Single headsail and pole for the downwind leg).
  - **CSA Performance Cruisers** – (Symmetrical or Asymmetrical headsail and pole for the downwind leg)
  - **PHRF RAYA** – (Single headsail and pole for the downwind leg.)

## 5 THE START

- 5.1 The Race will be started by using Rule 26 using sound signals and a radio broadcast. Signal flags may be used as an additional visual aid to the fleet but will not be the primary. This changes rule 26.
- 5.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and Nun Buoy #2 (L 18° 18.7' N / Lo 65° 35.9'W) to the east of Isla de Ramos.
- 5.3 In the case of multiple starts, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 5.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her name sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed, will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 6 THE START, COURSE, AND FINISH

- 6.1 To complete the race, a boat shall *start, sail the course, and then finish.*

There will be one single course to be sailed, as follows:

- a. **Start** -See 5.2 above.
- b. Punta del Soldado (the southeastern point of Culebra Isl.) to Port
- c. N -10 (red nun buoy) at the entrance to Ensenada Honda to Starboard
- d. **Finish** - Southeastern point of "*Punta Cabras*" at Ensenada Honda Cay and the RCV located across "*Punta Cabras*".

Refer to the illustration included in the **Supplement Section** of this SI.

6.2 Boats that may have finished shall avoid the finishing area.

## **7 BOATS, SAILS, & FLAGS**

7.1 Boats will be identified by letters, numbers or combinations placed on sails.

## **8 SAFETY**

8.1 Before the first start of the day, racing boats are required to check-in with the Race Committee Vessel by sailing or motoring by its stern and identifying themselves to the race committee. Check-In by radio is not permitted.

8.2 Any boat retiring shall advise the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity.

## **9 OBSTRUCTIONS**

9.1 A buoy may be attached to the RCV stern. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RCV at any time. This area is designated as an obstruction. This buoy is not part of the starting mark.

9.2 The Start and Finish lines and marks are designated as obstructions.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty **is replaced** by the *One-Turn Penalty*.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

11.1 Boats failing to finish 2 HOURS after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

## **12 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

12.1 Protest forms will be available at the Culebra Municipal Pier.

12.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, protesting yachts shall inform the Race Committee Signals Vessel of their intention to file a protest as soon as it finishes the race.

12.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the race finishes.

12.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which there are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Culebra Municipal Pier.

## **13 SCORING**

13.1 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.

## **14 Prizes**

14.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class, at a ceremony to be held on **SUNDAY** May 26,2024, 1800 hrs, at *La Lobina Sport Bar*.

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## **AROUND CULEBRA RALLY – Sunday May 26, 2024**

*Note: This section applies to boats participating in the informal non-competitive “La Vuelta Culebra 2024” on Sunday.*

### **15 Rules**

- 15.1 Abide by applicable International Navigation Rules (72 COLREGS).
- 15.2 Carry and be familiar with NOAA Nautical Chart 25653 “Isla de Culebra and Approaches” or its equivalent.

### **16 Course**

- 16.1. In general terms, the rally will consist of a counterclockwise course around Culebra Island, as follows:
  - a. **Start** at the Southeastern point of “Punta Cabras” at Ensenada Honda Cay and the Rally Committee boat located across “Punta Cabras”.
  - b. Nun Red Buoy 10 at the entrance of Ensenada Honda Bay to **Port**.
  - c. Culebra Island to **Port**.
  - d. Cayo Luis Peña to **Starboard**.
  - e. Nun Red Buoy 10 at the entrance of Ensenada Honda Bay to **Starboard**.
  - f. **Finish** - Southeastern point of “Punta Cabras” at Ensenada Honda Cay and the Rally Committee boat located across “Punta Cabras”.

### **17 START**

- 17.1 The first warning signal for the Rally shall be at 1100 hrs.
- 17.2 Depending on the number of vessels, the RC may divide the fleet as it sees fit to provide a less crowded passage out of Ensenada Honda.
- 17.3 Start of each fleet/group will be communicated through VHF Radio Channel 9.

### **18 ADVERTISING**

- 18.1. Boats may be required to display advertisements chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### **19 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION**

- 19.1 Certificates of participation will be awarded to all vessels that complete the rally at a ceremony to be held on **SUNDAY** May 26,2024, 1900 hrs, at *La Lobina Sport Bar*

## 20 Disclaimer of Liability

Participants agree to take all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their vessels, the rigging, the crew's ability, and the safety equipment. Participants 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 Rally, relieving of any responsibility BRISA Inc, its Officers, Directors, and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification.

Participants are to be acquainted with WS RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a rally or to continue sailing is hers alone". In any case, Participants agree that BRISA Inc., their agents, 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 must sign a waiver of liability. By participating in this event each Participant agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include high winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

## 21 Right to Use and Likeness

By participating in this activity, participants automatically grant the OA the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of the Participant during the period of this activity without compensation.

## 22 Additional Information

- a. Regatta Chairperson Enid Marie Reyes – [comodorobrisaestepr@gmail.com](mailto:comodorobrisaestepr@gmail.com)
- b. Regatta Officer – Cpt. Carlos Martinez – [cmartine97@gmail.com](mailto:cmartine97@gmail.com)

### Around Culebra Rally - Course



