

DISCOVER THE CARIBBEAN

2013

24th Edition

November 8, 9 & 10





Discover the Caribbean 2013

Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, Puerto Rico
November 7 – 10, 2013

Notice of Race

The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and the Organizing Committee has the great pleasure to invite you to the 24th Edition of DISCOVER THE CARIBBEAN SERIES that will be held on November 7-10, 2013.

Discover the Caribbean has been the oldest regatta event with more non stopping continuous years in the history of our country; our sponsors are honored to offer the sailors from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean a wonderful weekend of three days of competition and Sailing Festival with lots of shore parties. As we have done in previous years we will have two sailing areas for the different classes that we will have competing.

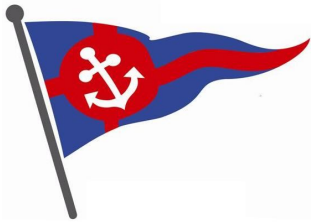
Contact our Fleet Captain, Francis Vazquez, for slip according to LOA and draft of the yacht. The PYFC reserves the right to remove your boat to another slip according the availability of space. While the boat is at the facilities of the PYFC you must check the weather conditions daily. In case of bad weather you are responsible to move your boat to a safety area.

Free: Dock, music, food, parties, social activities for boys and girls including oldies, Don Q Rum and Medalla Beer cocktails, Don Q Press Conference, lots of fun and the warmth love from all our PYFC Directors and members. See web www.discoverpyfc.com for this event and additional information. Also you can register online at www.yachtscoring.com Come with your family and have fun!

We hope that you will enjoy our activities.

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) 2013-2016 (www.sailing.org). 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 Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) rating will apply for racing and Performance Handicap Rating (PHRF) Southern Florida will apply for Cruising and Jib and Main classes.
- 1.3 Rules of participating ONE DESIGN classes will apply, except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.
- 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 and Main CLASS have to sail with one head sail only. The use of 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.
- 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 7 (seven) divisions for entry.
 - CSA Spinnaker Racing
 - PHRF Jib & Main
 - PHRF Cruising
 - Chalanas 20, 24 & 28
 - J-24
 - IC-24
 - Hunter 21.6
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration 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. They may use a spinnaker pole w/o penalty, but if not carried, they will receive an allowance in rating. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries in the Jib & Main class as they deem appropriate.
- 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 All visiting boats will have free dock one week before and after the event.

3.2 All participants in Discover 2013 that stay in the Club to participate in the Eddie Ramos Casella's Cup to be celebrated on November 30, 2013 (No-Cost Entry Fee) will have free dock until one week after November 30, 2013.

3.3 Entry Form and information may be obtained:

3.3.1 Online at www.yachtscoring.com

3.3.2 Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club

3.3.3 RE: Discover the Caribbean Series

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3.4 Entry fee will be as follow:

Early Bird	June 30, 2013	\$150.00
Regular Registration	July 1, 2013 to Oct 17, 2013	\$225.00
Deadline Registration	Oct 18, 2013 to Nov 1, 2013	\$300.00
Late Fee Registration	Nov. 1, 2013 to Nov 7, 2013	\$400.00
Chalanas	Until Nov 1, 2013	\$125.00
Chalanas Late Fee Registration	Nov 1, 2013 to Nov 7, 2013	\$200.00

3.5 The acceptance of yachts in a specific class is entirely at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Classes will be arranged by organizing committee following CSA and PHRF ratings. The placement of yacht within classes will be announced at the skipper meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 2000 hrs and at www.yachtscoring.com

4. ADVERTISING

4.1 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.

5. RACING AREA

5.1 The Race will take place in the waters adjacent to the PYFC and /or in the Ponce Bay.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Skippers check in and Registration

6.1.1 At PYFC Rear Commodore Office at Marlin Room, on Thursday, November 7, 2013, from 1800 hours to 2000 hours. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk.

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

6.2 Skipper's Meeting

6.2.1 The Skipper's Meeting will be held in the Playground at 2000hrs of Thursday, November 7, 2013.

6.3 Races

6.3.1 Races will be back to back.

Friday, November 8, 2013 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

Saturday, November 9, 2013 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

Sunday, November 10, 2013 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours.

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

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration time and may be available online at www.yachtscoring.com

8. SCORING

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

8.1.1 When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.1.2 In the event that between 5 races and 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.1.3 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 worst scores.

9. NAVIGATION CHARTS

9.1 Entering yachts are requested to carry on board a current copy of NOAA chart 25638 Bahía de Ponce and Approaches.

10. CREW PER YACHT

10.1 Minimum crew per yacht in all classes shall be in accordance with the rule which a yacht will be racing as ruled in CSA or PHRF. The number of crew must be declared on registration of the yacht. Any changes must be informed and permission obtained from Race Committee Chairman.

11. ACCOMMODATIONS

11.1 Participants must make their own accommodations reservations.

11.2 Special rates for our participants has being negotiated and will be available at



12. CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

12.1 Services are available Monday through Saturday 0800 to 1630 hours at ports entry. USA registered boats not carrying aliens on board may clear by phone. When clearing custom by phone ONLY THE SKIPPER of the yacht is permitted while the procedures are being completed. Violations to the procedures could result in severe penalties by USA Customs and Border Protection.

Must clear Customs before entering:

Toll Free 24/7..... 1.877.529.6840 / 787.729.6840

Neither the regatta organization nor sponsor or Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club shall be responsible for the obligation of visitors and participants to clear with the proper authorities.

13. SAIL NUMBERS

13.1 All competitors are advised that numbers will be required on main sails, spinnakers and any sails larger than 130%.

14. MARINA ACCOMMODATIONS

- 14.1 Marina accommodations shall be responsibility of master of each vessel. You are requested to contact the Dock Master Alvalle (787.842.9003) or by VHF channel 68. Slips shall be assigned according to length of the yacht and space availability. Regatta Administration assumes no responsibility in this respect. The marina reserves the right to remove your yacht to another slip according to availability.
- 14.2 You must be aware of weather conditions during your visit at the PYFC and it is your responsibility to move your boat to a safe area in case of any adverse weather conditions.

15. MOTHER SHIPS

- 15.1 All mother ships have free dock with the entry fee of his racing boat. Call Alicia 787.842.9003.

16. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

- 16.1 The awards presentations for DISCOVER THE CARIBBEAN SERIES will be at the PYFC Marlin Room, Sunday November 10, 2013 beginning at 1730hrs, including Feeder Race, Fajardo-Salinas. Cocktail, music and other social activities. First, second and third place for the following classes.

17. DISCLAIMER LIABILITY CLAUSE

- 17.1 Competitors participating in the regatta are entirely at their own risk. Competitors agree to be bound by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), by Sailing Instruction (SI), the Notice of Race (NOR) and any additional information to the SI or to the NOR. Competitors agree to take any responsibility for nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, the crew ability and safety requirements. 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 and Fishing Club and all his members, the sponsors and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for their behavior and dress of yacht's crew, representative and guest. Competitors are to be acquainted with 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 and 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.

18. RIGHT TO USE AND LIKENESS

- 18.1 By participating in the Discover the Caribbean Regatta a competitor automatically grants the Discover the Caribbean Regatta Organizing Committee and its sponsors 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 competitor during the period of the Discover the Caribbean Regatta, without compensation.

19. INFORMATION

- 19.1 Alice Acosta (787.842.9003) Fax: (787.844.1300) e-mail: alice.pyfc@gmail.com
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