

# 2017 SUNFISH SOUTH AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

November 28 – December 2, 2017  
Ponce, Puerto Rico

## Notice of Race

(Release date: Mar 09, 2017)  
(Amended: May 16, 2017)

Organizing Authority: Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and Puerto Rico Sunfish Class Association  
Endorsed by International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA)

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### 1. RULES:

The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020. ENGLISH will be the official language. If there is a conflict between languages, the original document will take precedence.

### 2. PAN AMERICAN GAMES QUALIFICATION:

This event will qualify the top 2 nations to compete at the Pan American Games – Lima 2019, in the Sunfish Class event. Requirements of the Qualification System as defined by the Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF) are applicable.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES:

Sunfish Class 2017 Notice of Race eligibility applies. All entrants must have their 2017 ISCA membership fees paid through their respective National Sunfish Class Association (NSCA). The host country will be allowed to enter up to 10 sailors; all foreign NSCA's will be allowed to enter up to 4 sailors. NSCA's in the Pan American area should coordinate their entry process with their respective National Authorities, if required.

Registration must be done online using the Yacht Scoring Program. [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) URL address is <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4275>

Entry forms & waivers shall be sent via the corresponding NSCA or National Authority to the PYFC office: [mayteactividades.pyfc@gmail.com](mailto:mayteactividades.pyfc@gmail.com) and copied to [leewardsailing@gmail.com](mailto:leewardsailing@gmail.com) and ISCA Office [sunfishoff@gmail.com](mailto:sunfishoff@gmail.com).

### ENTRY FEE: US \$250.00

Entry fee shall be paid in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs and/or commissions.

Entry includes: 2017 Sunfish South American & Caribbean Championship T-shirt, cocktails at the opening ceremony, and awards ceremony dinner. Additional activities will be announced at registration.

### PAYMENT METHOD:

Payment must be done at time of registration.

Puerto Rico sailors shall contact "Puerto Rico Sunfish Class" by e-mail: [leewardsailing@gmail.com](mailto:leewardsailing@gmail.com) and [mayteactividades.pyfc@gmail.com](mailto:mayteactividades.pyfc@gmail.com) to process their registration.

**Registration will close at 23:59 hrs. (Puerto Rico local time) on October 2, 2017.**

#### **4. CHARTER BOATS:**

The Puerto Rico Sunfish Class will guarantee up to 40 charter boats. Only hull, mast & spars will be provided. The Organizing Authority (OA) will assign a maximum of 4 boats per country on a first come first serve basis until October 2, 2017, when remaining boats will become available. Countries willing to secure more charter boats (up to the NSCA limit) shall pay the charter fee to register on a wait list that will be used after the deadline. Competitors from any NSCA, who bring their own boat, will have their registration accepted unconditionally, provided the NSCA quota is not exceeded.

Brand new boats charter fee is US \$350. Used boat charter fee is US \$250 for the duration of the regatta from November 28 thru December 2, 2017. Payment method: Payments shall be done through the PYFC Office. Entry forms & waivers shall be sent via the corresponding NSCA or National Authority to the PYFC office: [mayteactividades.pyfc@gmail.com](mailto:mayteactividades.pyfc@gmail.com) and copied to [leewardsailing@gmail.com](mailto:leewardsailing@gmail.com) in order to secure boats.

**Damage deposit: US \$150:** Refundable after the boat has been inspected and returned. This payment will be collected (cash only) during boat assignment. Competitors must return the boat in their original condition in order to collect the damage deposit after the regatta concludes. If damage exceeds \$150, additional fees will apply.

Charter boats will be available to competitors for rigging and practice sailing upon completing registration and payment.

Competitors shall bring their own sail, tiller, tiller extension, bailer, ratchet block, lines, and other personal gear as permitted by ISCA rules. There will not be grounds for redress as a consequence of any damage or equipment failure on the charter boats supplied by the OA. Competitors shall be responsible for their boats and for making any changes in order to ensure competitive sailing.

#### **5. SCHEDULE:**

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##### **Monday, November 27**

1300 Hrs.

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##### **Tuesday, November 28**

0800 Hrs.

0900 Hrs.

1700 Hrs.

##### **Wednesday, November 29**

1000 Hrs.

1200 Hrs.

##### **Thursday, November 30**

1000 Hrs.

##### **Boat assignment**

Check In (Main Office: PYFC)

Measurements

##### **Day 1**

Check In (Main Office: PYFC)

Measurements (Sailing Program Area)

Opening Ceremony Cocktail (Pool Area)

##### **Day 2**

Skippers Meeting (Marlin Room)

Lunch served on shore (light lunch – sailors only)

First Warning Signal

##### **Day 3**

Sailors Meeting (Marlin Room)

1200 Hrs.	First Warning Signal Lunch served on the water
<b>Friday, December 1st</b>	<b>Day 4</b>
1000 Hrs.	Sailors Meeting (Marlin Room)
1200 Hrs.	First Warning Signal Lunch served on the water
<b>Saturday, December 2nd</b>	<b>Day 5</b>
0900 Hrs.	Sailors Meeting (Marlin Room)
1100 Hrs.	First Warning Signal Lunch served on the water
2000 Hrs.	Awards (Venue Club House)

5.2 Three races may be sailed per day. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the series becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.3 On Saturday December 2nd, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

## **6. ADVERTISING:**

ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20 will apply. According to Regulation 20.4, competitors may be required by the OA to display advertising from the regatta sponsors.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration desk.

## **8. RACING AREA:**

The racing area will be in the waters of Ponce Bay area.

## **9. COURSES:**

Windward-Leeward, at the Race Committee discretion.

## **10. RESPONSIBILITY:**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **11. SAFETY:**

While on the water, competitors are required to wear a life-jacket at all times except when changing clothes. This includes the time spent sailing to and from the course, as well as during any practice sailing.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1 Appendix P will apply.

12.2 If a judge believes that there has been a breach of a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark), the judge may make two sound signals but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under rule 44.2, the judge may protest one or more boats.

12.3 If a judge witnesses an incident in the vicinity of the windward mark in which a boat protests another boat (hails "protest" at the first reasonable opportunity) as a result of the incident, and no boat takes a penalty, the judge may signal to impose a penalty by displaying a red flag with one long sound

signal and hailing the sail number(s) of the boat(s) penalized. A boat so penalized by a judge shall take a penalty per rule 44.2.

12.4 A boat involved in an incident where a judge signals under NOR 12.2 and 12.3 is not entitled to a hearing. This changes rules 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65 and 66.

12.5 There will be an International Jury (IJ) according to RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

### **13. SCORING:**

13.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

13.2 A total of 12 races are planned, of which 1 will constitute a regatta.

13.3 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

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### **14. SUPPORT BOATS:**

14.1 The OA will not provide support boats for coaches. Those interested in chartering a support boat should contact: Jorge Santiago at [leewardsailing@gmail.com](mailto:leewardsailing@gmail.com)

14.2 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.

14.3 Coach/support boats must register prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing with the OA and fly a yellow flag with a number provided by the OA at all times while on the water.

Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race.

14.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the lay lines from the marks defining the course.

14.5 Support boats shall remain 50 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the left side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line.

14.6 No communication from the support boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes the race.

14.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.

14.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

### **15. PRIZES:**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall finishers, the top woman, the top youth (youths must not reach their 19th during the 2017 calendar year and the top master (masters must have reached their 40th birthday before the start of the 1st race).

## **16. LODGING / TRANSPORTATION**

### **Local Hotels:**

Hotels with an excellent location (within 4.0miles) downtown Ponce from \$75-\$150 double beds per night. The hotels are located on the Ponce main square, very close to several restaurants and bars. Ground transportation will be provided between the venue and downtown Ponce hotels.

### **Distance from closest Airports:**

- Ponce Mercedita Airport: 6 Miles
- San Juan International Airport: 90 Miles

Ground transportation can be prearranged between airports and hotels.

## **17. REGATTA CONTACT:**

Puerto Rico Sunfish Class Association:

Jorge Santiago

Email: [leewardsailing@gmail.com](mailto:leewardsailing@gmail.com)

Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club:

Mayte Pibernus

Email: [mayte.actividades@pyfc.com](mailto:mayte.actividades@pyfc.com)

ISCA OFFICE:

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**APPENDIX I  
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**ENTRY & WAIVER FORM**

SKIPPER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ YACHT CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (dd/mm(yy)): \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ISCA NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSPORT REQUEST – San Juan to Ponce, Ponce to San Juan (AT COST): YES NO

ENTRY FEE (Max. 10/02/2017): USD 250.00

CHARTER FEE (Max. 10/02/2017): USD 350.00

(Max. 10/02/2017): USD 250.00

DAMAGE DEPOSIT cash only): USD 150.00

Waiver of Liability

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020), and by the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race of this event. I hereby acknowledge that it is always the individual responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start or to continue Racing (RRS No. 4). I recognize and understand that the event is voluntary in nature and I fully agree to waive any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities, including those caused by negligence, that the organizers and co-organizers, sponsors, racing authorities, its officers, judges, juries, servants, volunteers and employees might have for, and agree that they shall not be liable for, anybody injury to myself incurred while I am participating in the event or which may arise from, or in any way be in connection with, the activities of the event and/or its organizers. I also agree to assume partial and total responsibility for all injuries and damages that I might cause to third parties or to their belongings, and to myself and my belongings at the waters or in the venue as a consequence of my participation in the event. I further hereby release and discharge the organizers and co-organizers, sponsors, racing authorities, its officers, judges, juries, servants, volunteers and employees, from any and all negligence, liability, damage, injury, loss, cost or expense, incurred by me and arising in connection with or as a result of my participation in the event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian (Youth skippers):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Complete Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (parent or guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and send scanned copy of this Entry & Waiver Form together with transfer of funds evidence to: mayteactividades.pyfc@gmail.com with copy to ISCA sunfishoff@gmail.com

Note: entry and charter boat reserve will not be effective until full payments are received and confirmed.

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