



PUERTO RICO INTERNATIONAL
Dinghy Regatta

Organizing Authority
Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico
THE YACHT CLUB AT PALMAS DEL MAR
HUMACAO, PUERTO RICO
MAY 24 - 27, 2013

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, the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA) and the Rules of the Sunfish Class International Racing Association, except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.
- 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 Pta. Candelero's white sails village.

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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Pta. Candelero's white sails village area.
- 5.2 If the AP flag is displayed ashore, when it is dropped, no race will begin for at least 60 minutes.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Skippers check in and Registration

6.1.1 At The Yacht Club, Palmas del Mar, Regatta Headquarters, on Friday, May 24, 2013 from 0900 hours to 1900 hours. Competitors and team leaders shall register at the Registration Desk.

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

6.2 Skippers Meeting

6.2.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held in the Regatta Headquarter at 2000 hours on Friday, May 24, 2013.

6.3 Races

6.3.1 Races will be back to back with a possible one-hour lunch break in between.

Saturday, May 25, 2013 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 hours

Sunday, May 26, 2013 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 hours

Monday, May 27, 2013 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 hours.

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

7. CLASS FLAGS:

Optimist Green Fleet	Green flag
Optimist Advance Fleet	Class flag
Laser (4.7, Radial, Standard)	Class flag
Hobie 16	Class flag
Sunfish	Class flag

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 Marks will be yellow and/or orange inflatable buoys.

9.2 The starting marks will be a Race Committee Signals Vessel, with a staff displaying an orange flag and an orange inflatable buoy.

9.3 The finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat, ether a Race Committee Signals Vessel or a Race Committee Finish boat, with a staff displaying a blue flag and an orange inflatable buoy.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses.

10.2 Except as describe in 8.3 all marks are to be left to Port.

- 10.3 For the courses 1 through 6 mark G are leeward marks 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.
- 10.4 The course letter 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.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end starting mark and the port end starting mark.
- 11.2 Orange Flag (1 min.). To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will start soon, the orange flag(s) on the staff(s) designating the starting line will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least One minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 11.3 The orange flag(s) on the staff(s) designating the starting line will 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. There will not be a specific order for the fleets to start.
- 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 A4 and A5.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.
- 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, which ever 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 Boats shall conspicuously display a red flag according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1(a) (Amends RRS 61.1(a)(2)).c A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing 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 (Amends RRS 61.1(a), third sentence).

- 14.3 All protest shall be filed at the registration desk no later than (90) 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. 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 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.
- 17.5 When a percentage penalty is imposed, it shall be calculated as the percentage of the number of entrants in the class, rounded up to the nearest tenth of a point.
- 17.6 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.

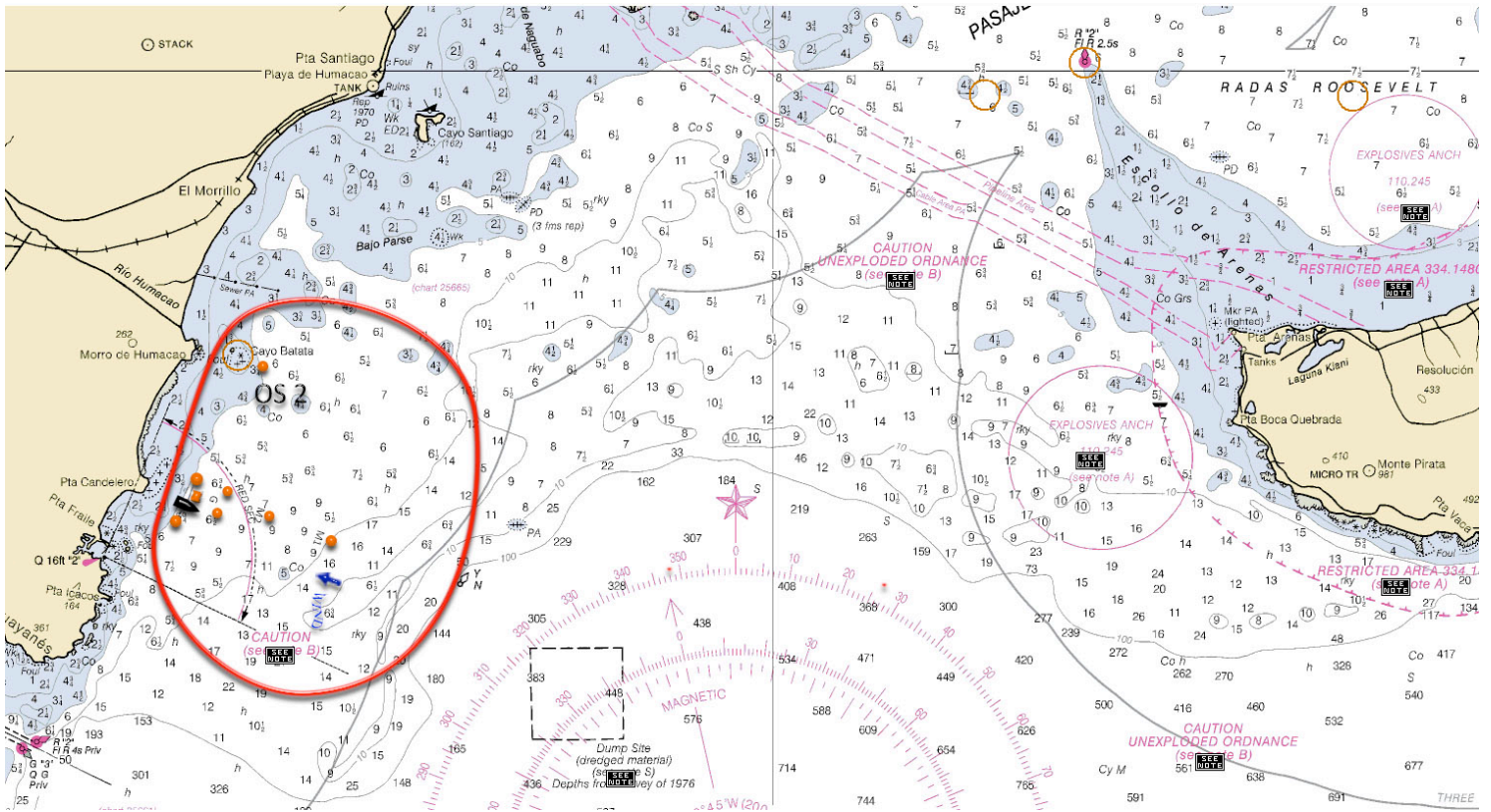
19. PRIZES

- 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.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 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 Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico 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 Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico 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.
- 20.2 All competitors and their parents/guardians must sign a waiver, before end of registration.

Attachment 1: Racing Area



Attachment 2: Courses (1 through 4)

Course	Route
Hobie 16	
Course 1	Start – M1 – G – Finish
Course 2	Start – M1 – G – M1 – G – Finish
Course 3	Start – M1 – Cayo Batata – G – Finish
Laser/Sunfish	
Course 1	Start – M2 – G – Finish
Course 2	Start – M2 – G – M2 – G – Finish
Course 3	Start – M2 – Temp Buoy South of Cayo Batata – G – Finish
Optimist	
Course 1	Start – M3 – G – Finish
Course 2	Start – M3 – G – M3 – G – Finish

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M1

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M2

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M3

● **G** ●
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