

# BRISA @ PUERTO RICO OCEAN FEST 2024

July 4-6, 2024

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The regatta organizing authority (OA) is the **Borinquen Island Sailing Association, Corp.** (BRISA).

The event is governed by the rules, as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2021-2024 Edition, except as altered by these sailing instructions:

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing boats will be rated in accordance with Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) handicap System.
- 1.2 The minimum number of crew for each boat will be four, except where class rules state otherwise.
- 1.3 RRS 29.1 is changed such that individual recalls may be announced by VHF radio Channel 9. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress.
- 1.4 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Bow stickers, when provided, shall be attached near the bow as close to the toe-rail as possible.
- 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 Notices to Competitors and any supplementary sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard to be located at the regatta headquarters in the Yacht Club Marina at Palmas del Mar.

### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the official notice board located at the regatta headquarters on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 If necessary, changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given orally on the water [RRS 90.2 (c)]. In the event of oral instructions, the RCV will, following display of code flag Lima with one (1) sound, and provide revised instructions on **VHF radio channel 9.**

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### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The Skipper's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 4 at 1900 hours at the regatta headquarters at the Yacht Club Marina at Palmas del Mar.
- 4.2 The warning signal for the first race on Friday, July 5 will be at 1100 hours. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours.
- 4.3 The warning signal for the first race on Saturday, July 6, will be at 1000 hours. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours.
- 4.4 Multiple races may be run each day as time and weather conditions permit,
- 4.5 The award ceremony will be held at the regatta headquarters on Saturday, July 6, at 1700 hours at the Yacht Club Marina.

### 5 BOATS, SAILS, & FLAGS

- 5.1 Boats will be identified by national letters, numbers or combinations placed on all sails.
- 5.2 The flags colors identifying each class will be posted at the race signal vessel, as follows:

	<b>Class</b>	<b>Color</b>
1	CSA Spinnaker Racers	Yellow
2	CSA Performance Cruisers	Purple
3	CSA Jib and Main	Green
4	IC 24	White

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND RACES

- 6.1 These Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race of the Regatta are published at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

### 7. SAFETY

- 7.1 Before the first start of the day, racing boats are required to check-in with the race signal vessel by sailing or motoring by its stern and identifying themselves. Check-In by radio is not permitted.
- 7.2 Any boat retiring shall advise the race signal vessel at the earliest opportunity.

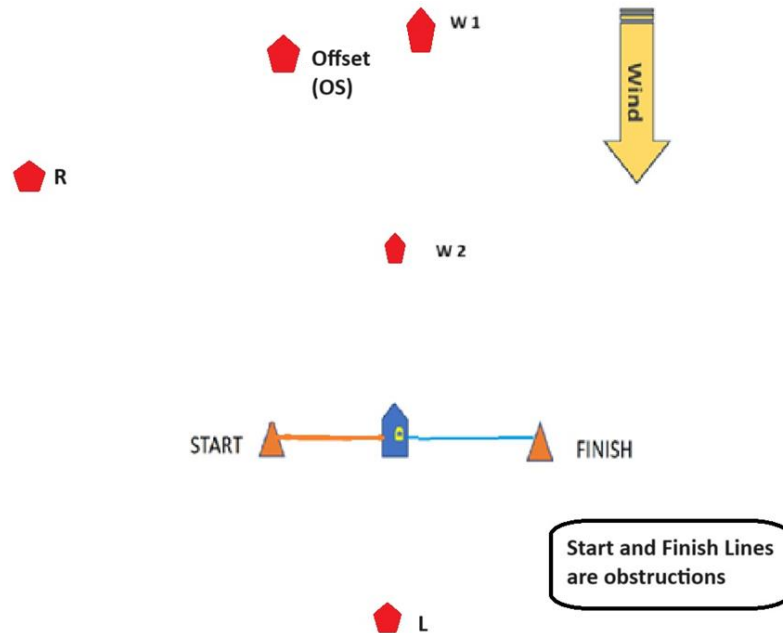
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### 8. COURSES

8.1 The racing area diagram and the courses to be sailed are as follows:



Courses									
1		S,	W1,	OS,	L,	F			
2		S,	W1,	OS,	L,	W1,	OS,	L,	F
3		S,	W1,	OS,	R,	L,	W1,	OS,	L, F
4		S,	W2,	L,	F				
5		S,	W1,	OS,	L,	W2,	L,	F	

**Supplement S-1** includes enlarged illustrations of the racing area and courses shown above.

8.2 The race signal vessel will notify the course to be sailed through numeral pennants and / or **VHF radio channel 9** no later than the *warning signal* for each class.

8.3 Marks are to be left to PORT, unless specified with (S), for Starboard.

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### 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks may include temporary inflatable marks, as illustrated in Supplement 1 of these instructions.
- 9.2 The following inflatable marks may be used:
  - 1 Start and Finish Pins,
  - 2 Winward (W1) and Offset Marks (OS),
  - 3 Windward (W2) Mark,
  - 4 Leeward (L) Mark,
  - 5 Reaching (R) Mark.

### 10. THE START

- 10.1 The race signal vessel (start / finish) will be located approximately 1/2-mile East of the Palmas del Mar beach. (L 18° 4.807' N / Lo 65° 47.197'W). Refer to **Supplement Section (S2)** for an illustration of a chart with the approximate location of the RCSV and the start line.
- 10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race signal vessel at the starboard end and the starting pin at the port-end of the starting line.
- 10.3 Races will start by using Rule 26 with vhf radio broadcasts on channel 9 and flag signals. This changes Rule 26.
- 10.4 To alert boats that a starting sequence will begin soon, the orange flag may be displayed with one short sound at least one (1) minute before the warning signal for the starting class.
- 10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.6 In addition to the individual recall (X) flag, the race signal vessel will attempt to notify competitors who are OCS on the designated VHF radio channel 9. Failure to do so, or failure of a competitor to hear or receive such transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

### 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 To complete a race, a boat shall *start, sail the course, and then finish*.
- 11.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag at the race signal vessel starboard side and the Finish Pin.
- 11.3 Boats that may have finished shall avoid the finishing area.

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### 12 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 A buoy or floater may be attached to the race signal vessel's stern. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RCSV at any time. This area is designated as an obstruction. This buoy is part of the RCSV.
- 12.2 The Start and Finish lines and pins are designated as obstructions and cannot be crossed unless starting or finishing. Violators will be disqualified without a hearing.

### 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

### 14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish 15 minutes after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the regatta booth. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, protesting yachts shall inform the race signal vessel of their intention to file a protest as soon as it finishes the race.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in their class finishes.
- 15.4 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 in the protest room located at the regatta headquarters.

### 16 SCORING

- 16.1 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When from five (5) to ten (10) races have been completed a boat series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her (1) worst score.

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- 16.4 When fifteen (15) or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

### 17. Prizes

- 17.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class at the regatta headquarters.

### 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 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 all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their vessels, the rigging, the Crew's ability and the safety equipment.

Competitors also agree to take 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 **BRISA** of any responsibility and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification.

Competitors are to be acquainted with RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule "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 BRISA, 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.

### 19 INFORMATION

- 19.1 Regatta Chairperson Enid Marie Reyes – [comodorobrisaestepr@gmail.com](mailto:comodorobrisaestepr@gmail.com)  
Regatta Race Officer – Cpt. Ronnie Ramos Martín - [ronnie.ramos1@gmail.com](mailto:ronnie.ramos1@gmail.com)  
Registration Regatta: <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

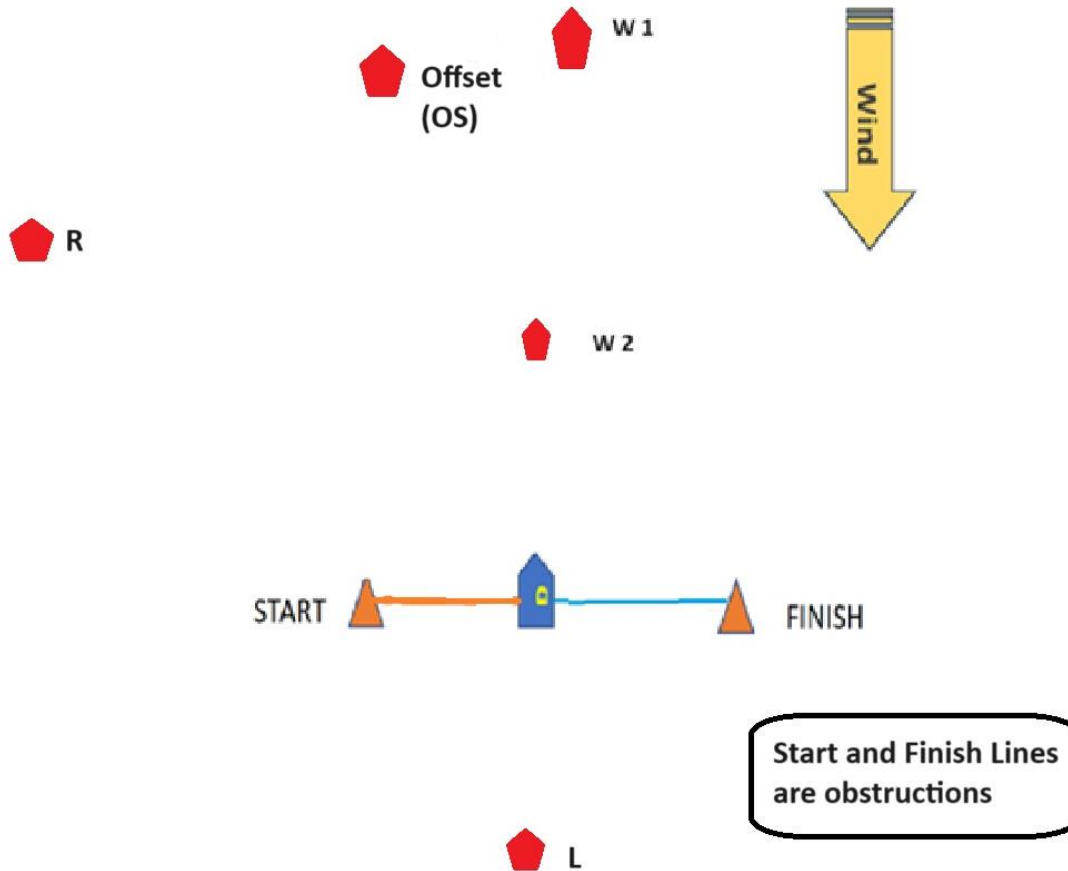
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### SUPPLEMENT S1

#### Marks Diagram & Courses



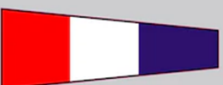




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<b>2</b>		S,	W1,	OS,	L,	W1,	OS,	L,	F		
<b>3</b>		S,	W1,	OS,	R,	L,	W1,	OS,	L,	F	
<b>4</b>		S,	W2,	L,	F						
<b>5</b>		S,	W1,	OS,	L,	W2,	L,	F			
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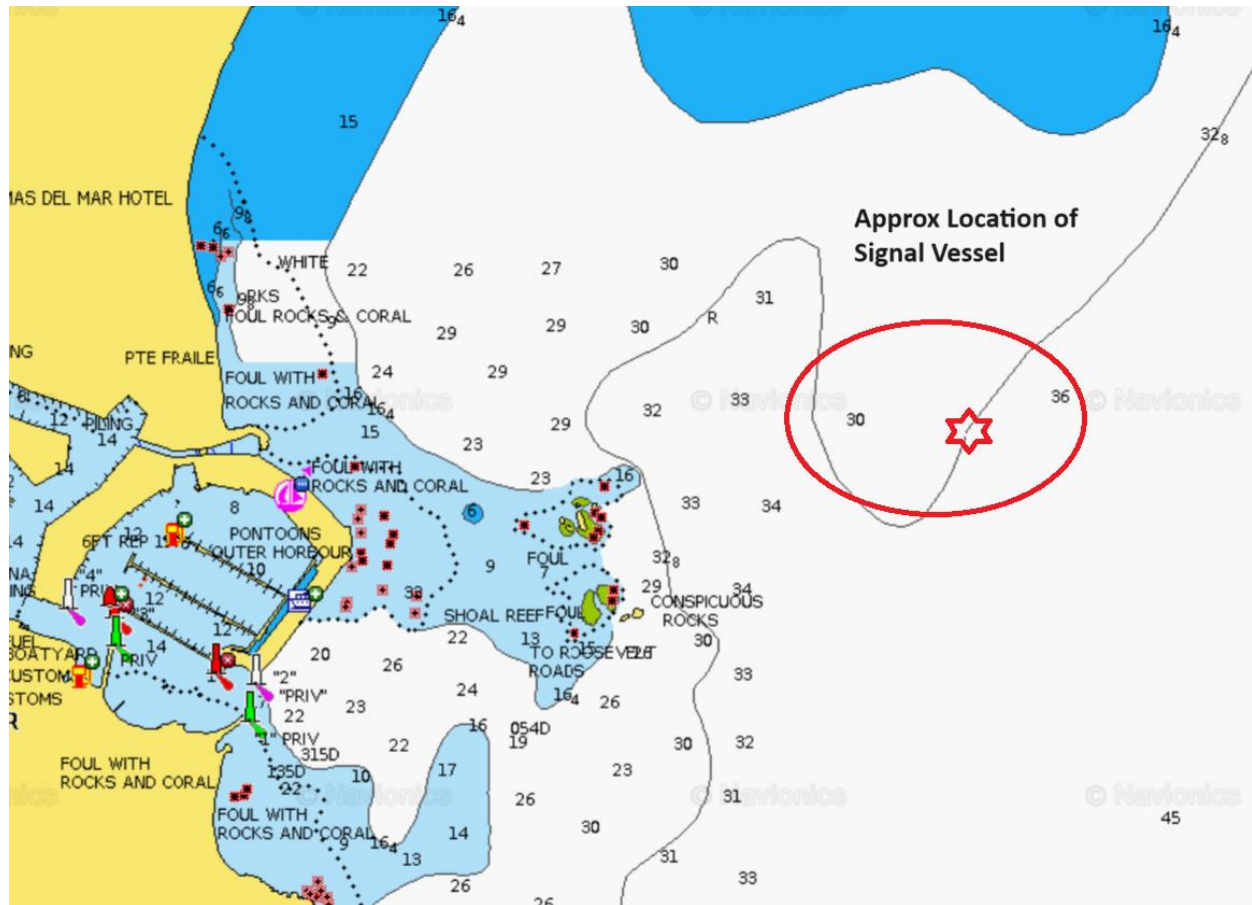
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### Supplement S2

#### Approximate Location of Regatta Signal Vessel



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