



Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, Puerto Rico
Nov. 4, 5 & 6,
2016

Fellow Sailors:

The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and its organizing Committee has the pleasure of inviting you to the 27th Edition of Discover the Caribbean Regatta that will be held on Nov. 4, 5 & 6, 2016.

Discover the Caribbean has been the oldest regatta event in Puerto Rico and this year we will be celebrating our 27th edition. The PYFC and its sponsors are honored to offer the sailors from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean a wonderful weekend of three days of competition and shore side activities. Come and enjoy what Ponce and the Caribbean can offer, hospitality, great racing weather and lots of partying!!!

We hope that you can join us!!!

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). 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 regulations of the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA), the CSA Minimum Safety Requirements, the International J-24 Class Association (IJCA) Rules as modified by the Caribbean J-24 Class Association and the IC-24 class Rules will apply, except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.
- 1.3 The regatta will use two handicap systems. The CSA handicap system will be used for the CSA Spinnaker Racing Class and any other class that wish to race under this system. Only boats with an official 2016 CSA Certificate will be allowed to race in CSA Classes. Boats racing on PHRF Classes will use the SE Florida 2016 PHRF handicap system. Only boats with an official 2016 US PHRF of SE Florida will be allowed to race in PHRF classes. Certificates may be obtained at www.phrfsef.com
- 1.4 Boats in CRUISING CLASS may sail with two head sails. The spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.5 Boats in jib & Main Class have to sail with one head sail only. The use of the spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.6 Genoas more than 150% will not be allowed for all Cruising and Jib & Main Classes.
- 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 sixteen (16) feet.
- 2.2 There will be 9 (Nine) divisions for entry.

CSA Spinnaker Racing
PHRF Jib & Main
PHRF Cruising
Chalanas 24
Nativos 17
J-24
IC-24
Hunter 21.6
Hobie 16



- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration in www.yachtscoring.com and with the regatta committee at the Regatta Headquarters.
- 2.4 The Race Committee according to the number of entrants will determine the number of classes within a division. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries in the classes as they deem appropriate.
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 - 2.5.1 **Classes:** The acceptance of yachts in a specific class is entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee. Classes will generally be arranged according to rating and will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
 - 2.5.2 **Crew:** Minimum crew in all classes shall be 2 (two). Maximum crew shall be in accordance to the CSA Caribbean Rating Rule. No crew may be omitted, or substituted unless permission is received in advance from the race Committee Chairman. All requests must be submitted in writing.
- 2.6 A minimum of three (3) boats for each class is required to constitute a class.
- 2.7 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 2.8 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 Registration and payment in full MUST be done using www.yachtscoring.com no later than Saturday, October 8, 2016.
- 3.2 All visiting vessels will have free dock for two weeks one before and one after the event.
- 3.3 For Information and Registration please contact; Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club at 787-842-9003.



4. FEES

		FEE	10.5%	1%	TOTAL
4.1	Early Bird Registration: (See Article 3.1) No later than Oct. 8, 2016	\$175.00	\$18.38	\$1.75	\$195.13
4.2	Regular Registration: (See article 3.1) Oct. 9 – Nov 2, 2016	\$250.00	\$26.25	\$2.50	\$278.75
4.3	Late Registration: At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$325.00	\$34.13	\$3.25	\$362.38
4.4	Early Bird Registration: Chalanas/Nativos 17 (See Article 3.1) No later than Oct. 8,2016	\$125.00	\$13.13	\$1.25	\$139.38
4.5	Regular Registration: Chalanas/Nativos 17 (See article 3.1) Oct. 9 – Nov 2, 2016	\$150.00	\$15.75	\$1.50	\$167.25
4.6	Late Registration: Chalanas/Nativos 17 At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$175.00	\$18.38	\$1.75	\$195.13
4.7	Early Bird Registration: Hobie Cats (See Article 3.1) No later than Oct. 8,2016	\$80.00	\$8.40	.80¢	\$89.20
4.8	Regular Registration: Hobie Cats (See article 3.1) Oct. 9 – Nov 2, 2016	\$100.00	\$10.50	\$1.00	\$111.50
4.9	Late Registration: Hobie Cats At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$125.00	\$13.13	\$1.25	\$139.38

4.10 An **11.5%** IVU tax is going to be charged at registration, as per PR government.

4.11 For a registration to be considered as complete it must be paid in full at the moment of



Registration and within the deadlines expressed in 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9. Failure to comply with the payment within the deadlines a registration will be considered incomplete and charged the rate at the payment date.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Skippers check in and Late Registration

4.1.1 At Regatta Headquarters on Thursday, Nov 3, 2016, from 1600 hours to 2000 hours. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk in the Pool Area.

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

4.2 Skippers Meeting

4.2.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held in the Marlin Room at 2030 hours on Thursday Nov. 3, 2016.

4.3 Races

4.3.1 Races will be back to back.

4.3.2

Friday, Nov 4 , 2016	The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016	The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016	The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

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

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available in www.yachtscoring.com

5.2 This regatta is working towards being a Green Regatta. Competitors can print their own SI or use the online SI.

5.3 The Race Committee will only supply the courses in print.

6. RACING AREA

6.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Ponce Bay.

6.2 Navigation Charts: All yachts are encouraged to carry on board a current copy of NOAA chart # 25638 Bahia de Ponce and Approaches.



7. SCORING

- 7.1 Scoring will be done using Appendix A, A4 Low Scoring System.
- 7.2 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 7.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.4 When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her (1) worst score.
- 7.5 When from eleven (11) to fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

8. UMPIRING

- 8.1 IC24 class will be umpired during the races. Addendum Q will apply. See Appendix 1
- 8.2 At the end of each day of racing the IC24 competitors MUST attend a debriefing with the Umpires at the "Salón Pelicano".

9. SHORE FACILITIES

- 9.1 Boats will be accommodated at the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club.
- 9.2 Contact Dock Master Alvalle or Sophia at 787-842-9003 or by VHF Channel 68 for slip assignment.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class.

11 HOTELS

- 11.1 Information will follow in an amendment.

12 CUSTOMS AND INMIGRATION

- 12.1 Service is available Monday through Saturday from 0800 to 1630 hours at the ports of Entry in San Juan, Fajardo, Ponce, Mayagüez, Vieques, and Culebra. USA registered Boats not carrying aliens on board may clear customs by phone. Be aware that when Clearing customs by phone, ONLY THE SKIPPER is permitted off the yacht while the Procedure is being completed. A violation of the procedure could results in severe Penalties.
- 12.2 Aliens must clear Immigration before entering. A new requirement for non-U.S. Citizens wanting to gain entry to the U.S. by way of a non-commercial vessel--for Example a private sailboat--is that he or she must have a visa.
- 12.3 There will be no special services of Customs or Immigration at the marina.
- 12.4 From 0800 to 1700 hours, you may call:
 - 12.4.1 San Juan (787)253-4533 (4534,4535,4536)



- 12.4.2 Mayagüez (787) 831-3342 (3342)
- 12.4.3 Vieques (787) 741-8366
- 12.4.4 Ponce (787) 841-3130 (3131,3132)
- 12.4.5 Fajardo (787) 863-0950 (4075,0811,0102)
- 12.4.6 Culebra (787) 742-0531
- 12.4.7 Overnight (787) 253-4533 ,253-4536

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 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 Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club Organization and all persons involved in the organization under whatever Qualification. Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF 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 The Ponce Yacht & 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.



APPENDIX 1

ADDENDUM Q UMPIRED FLEET RACING

This addendum has been approved by ISAF in accordance with rule 86.2 and ISAF Regulation 28.1.3

Version; January 21, 2013

These Sailing Instructions change the Definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B5.

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4 and Q5.

Q1.1 Changes to the definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a Penalty or maneuvering to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in Addition to the hails:
 - (1) For 'Room to Tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to Windward; and
 - (2) For 'You Tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other Boat and waving the arm to windward.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) The first sentence of Rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while *racing*'.
- (b) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360 turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.
- (c) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request Redress provided she complies with instruction Q2.1 and Q2.4.'
- (d) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a) (2) are deleted.



Rule B5 is deleted.

- (e) Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d), are deleted. In a race where this addendum Applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under
- (f) any of these rules for a previous race. Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.
- (g) Rules P1 and P4 shall not apply.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.

Q2.3 At the finish line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.

Q2.4 A boat intending to

- (a) Protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2 (a), or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1.
- (b) Protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or



(c) Request redress

Shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

Q2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or request for redress made under instruction 2.4.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No Penalty'.
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.

A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified. Q3.2

- (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1 (b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.
- (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

Q4.1 When a boat

- (a) Breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) Breaks rule 42,
- (c) Gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) Deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) Commits a breach of sportsmanship, or



- (f) Fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

An umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signaled in accordance with instruction Q3.1 (b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1 (f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

- Q4.2 (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.

- (b) When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2 (a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c)

Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

Q5.3 (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.



- (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in Any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision Orally.
- (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no
- (d) Effect on the outcome of a race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.

Q5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2 (a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.