



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, PUERTO RICO
November 19 - 20, 2016

Fellow Sailors:

The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and its Organizing Committee have the pleasure of inviting you to the DISCOVER DINGHY REGATTA that will be held on November 19 - 20, 2016.

Discover Dinghy Regatta has been the largest dinghy event in Puerto Rico with over 80 participants. The PYFC and its sponsors are honored to offer the sailors from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean a wonderful weekend of two days of competition and shore side activities. Come and enjoy what Ponce and the Caribbean have to offer, hospitality and great racing weather.

We hope that you will 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 International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules, the Rules of the Laser Class Association, the International Kite Association Rules and the Rules of the Sunfish Class International Racing Association, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and/or by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Participants MUST be active members of its Class Association (RRS 75.2).
- 2.2 There will be six (6) divisions for entry.

Optimist
Sunfish
Laser 4.7
420
Playero
Kite Foil

- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the regatta committee.
- 2.4 The Optimists competitors must be between 7 and 15 of age.
- 2.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to divide the Optimist class into as many as four fleets, designated as Red, White, Blue, and Green.
- 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 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 MUST be done online using the Yacht Scoring Program (www.yachtscoring.com) no later than Thursday Nov. 17, 2016.
- 3.2 Payment MUST be done at time of Registration.
- 3.3 For Information please contact the Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club at (787)842-9005.

4. FEES

		FEE	TAX 10.5%	TAX 1%	TOTAL
4.1	Early Bird Registration: Optimist, Sunfish, Laser 4.7 & Kite Foil No later than Oct. 31, 2016	\$35.00	\$3.68	.35¢	\$39.03
4.2	Regular Registration: Optimist, Sunfish, Laser 4.7 & Kite Foil Nov. 1 – November 17, 2016	\$55.00	\$5.78	.55¢	\$61.33
4.3	Late Registration: Optimist, Sunfish, Laser 4.7 & Kite Foil At Regatta Headquarters November 18, 2016	\$100.00	\$10.50	\$1.00	\$111.50
4.4	Early Bird Registration: 420/Playeros No later than Oct. 31, 2016	\$55.00	\$5.78	.55¢	\$61.33
4.5	Regular Registration: 420/Playeros Nov. 1 – November 17, 2016	\$75.00	\$7.88	.75¢	\$83.63
4.6	Late Registration: 420/Playeros At Regatta Headquarters November 18, 2016	\$125.00	\$13.13	\$1.25	\$139.38
4.7	NO Registration will be done on Saturday Nov 19, 2016				

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Skippers check in
 - 5.1.1 At Regatta Headquarters, on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, from 0800 hours to 1000 hours. Competitors shall check in at the Registration Desk.



5.1.2 All competitors must complete registration and sign Waiver Form before the Skipper's meeting.

5.2 Skippers Meeting

5.2.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held at the beach area at 1000 hours on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016.

5.3 Races

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

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 the first warning signal is scheduled for 1200 hours

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016 the first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

5.3.2 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1700 hours on Saturday. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours on Sunday.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available in www.yachtscore.com

6.2 Discover Dinghy is working to be a GREEN REGATTA. If the competitor desires he can print his own copy.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The Races will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to the Ponce Bay.

8. SCORING

8.1 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.

8.2 The Low Point System (A4) will apply.

8.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.4 When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her (1) worst score.

8.5 When from eleven (11) to fifteen races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

9. SHORE FACILITIES

9.1 Boats will be accommodated at the Playita area in the PYFC.

9.2 Kites will be picked up at the Fuel Dock and transported to Cardona Island which is going to be used as the staging area for Kites.



10. CHARTER BOATS

- 10.1 6 fully equipped Sunfish sailboats are available to charter for a fee of \$45.00 per day. Contact Jorge Santiago at (787)217-0631 or at leewardsailing@gmail.com

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Optimist 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.
- 11.2 One Best Female trophy will be awarded for the Optimists.
- 11.3 Laser 4.7
- 11.4 Top Master & Top Jr. will be awarded for Sunfish
- 11.5 Kite Foils

12. HOTEL INFORMATION

- 12.1 HOTEL MELIA (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT - (787)842-0260, (787)842-0261, (787)842-0263

12.1.1 HOTEL MELIA WILL OFFER A DISCOUNT TO ALL DISCOVER DINGHY PARTICIPANTS

- 12.2 HOTEL BELGICA (6MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)844-3255

- 12.3 PONCE PLAZA HOTEL (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)813-5050

- 12.4 HOWARD JOHNSON (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)841-1000

- 12.5 PONCE HILTON (2 MILES/5 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)259-7676

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 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 & 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.