

PUERTO RICO INTERNATIONAL DINGHY REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

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

Fellow Sailors:

Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico and Mendez & Co. invites you to the 7th edition of the Puerto Rico International Dinghy Regatta, to be held from May 24th through the 27th on the extraordinary waters of the south east coast of Puerto Rico at Palmas del Mar Resort in Humacao, PR. For the past 6 years now, the best sailors from the region, as well as many from around the world, have been part of our regatta - one of the most competitive and enjoyable sailing events in the Caribbean. The 2013 event will continue this tradition, returning this year late but not least to the end of the season dates at the end of May and with all that Caribbean racing fun.

For several years now, the combination of excellent water management, the fact that we have being blessed with optimal sailing conditions all year long, all this spiced-up with our lively ground events, has been the key to make this regatta a Great one; the one you don't want to miss.

And as always after the competition, the largely acclaimed Latin and Caribbean flavored parties will be back at The Yacht Club at Palmas del Mar, where the best marina facilities in the Caribbean will be available for you.

Tough competition, tight organization and puertorrican warmth is the commitment of the entire Organizing Committee of the regatta.

Come; Sail with us; Live it with us.

Happy sailing,

Raul Rios

President of the Puerto Rico Sailing Federation and Regatta Director

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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 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 any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and/or by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser, Hobie 16, Sunfish and Snipes classes. Participants MUST be active members of its Class Association (RRS 75.2).
- 2.2 There will be 6 (six) divisions for entry.
 - Hobie Cat 16
 - Optimist
 - Sunfish Open
 - Snipe
 - Laser Radial
 - Laser Standard and 4.7
- 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 The Laser Class will be divided into Standard, Radial and 4.7 fleets.
- 2.7 A minimum of four boats for each class is required to constitute a class.
- 2.8 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 2.9 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 using the Yacht Scoring Program (www.yachtscoring.com) no later than May 24 at noon.
- 3.2 For Information and Registration please contact Ronnie Ramos (ronnie.ramos1@gmail.com 787 342-0316)

4. FEES

- 4.1 Early Bird Registration: No Later Than May 10, 2013

	Hobie 16, Snipe:	\$50.00
	Laser, Sunfish, Optimist:	\$35.00
4.2	Regular Registration: May 11 - May 24, 2013	
	Hobie 16, Snipe	\$70.00
	Laser, Sunfish, Optimist	\$55.00
4.3	Late Registration at Regatta Headquarters. See article 5.1.1	
	Hobie 16, Snipe	\$90.00
	Laser, Sunfish, Optimist	\$75.00

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Skippers check in and Late Registration

- 5.1.1 At Regatta Headquarters, on Friday, May 24, 2013, from 1700 hours to 1900 hours. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk.
- 5.1.2 All competitors must complete registration before the Skipper's meeting.

5.2 Skippers Meeting

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

5.3 Races

- 5.3.1 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.

- 5.3.2 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours on Saturday and Sunday. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours on Monday.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration time.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Palmas del Mar Resort.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 If a minimum of 7 races are completed, one throw out will be allowed.

9. SHORE FACILITIES

- 9.1 Boats will be accommodated at beach close to Punta Candelero at Palmas del Mar.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 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.

11. CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

- 11.1 Service is available Monday through Saturday from 0800 to 1630 hours at the ports of entry in San Juan, Fajardo, Ponce, Mayagüez 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 result in severe penalties.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 There will be no special services of Customs or Immigration at the marina.
- 11.4 From 0800 to 1700 hours, you may call:
 - 11.4.1 San Juan (787)253-4533 (4534,4535,4536)
 - 11.4.2 Mayagüez (787) 831-3342 (3342)
 - 11.4.3 Vieques (787) 741-8366
 - 11.4.4 Ponce (787) 841-3130 (3131,3132)
 - 11.4.5 Fajardo (787) 863-0950 (4075,0811,0102)
 - 11.4.6 Culebra (787) 742-0531
 - 11.4.7 Overnight (787) 253-4533 ,253-4536

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 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.

Racing Area

