



PUERTO RICO Heineken® INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

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Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico

THE YACHT CLUB AT PALMAS DEL MAR

HUMACAO, PUERTO RICO

MAY 22^{nd.} – 25^{th.} 2015

Fellow Sailors:

The Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, Heineken and Mendez & Co. and the Yacht Club at Palmas del Mar invite you to the 9th edition of the Puerto Rico Heineken International Regatta, to be held from May 22^{nd.} through May 25^{th.} on the extraordinary waters of the south east coast of Puerto Rico at Palmas del Mar Resort in Humacao, PR. For the past 8 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 2015 event will continue his 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. We hope all those boats that came from the North American continent to race the Caribbean Season regattas, to stop on their way towards the Mainland and have fun with us in this amazing resort and in our beautiful waters of Puerto Rico.

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, your crew and your vessel.

Tough competition, memorable parties, 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,

Dr. 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 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 2015 CSA Certificate will be allowed to race in CSA Classes. Boats racing on PHRF Classes will use the SE Florida 2015 PHRF handicap system. Boats racing on PHRF Classes will use the SE Florida 2015 PHRF handicap system. Only boats with an official 2015 US PHRF of SE Florida certificate will be allowed to race in PHRF classes. Certificates may be obtained at www.phrfsef.com.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a minimum LOA of 19 feet.
- 2.2 There will be 8 (eight) divisions for entry.

CSA Spinnaker

Racing A (Melges)

Racing B

PHRF Jib & Main

J-24

IC-24

Raya

Mariner 19'

Hunter 22'

- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the regatta committee.
- 2.4 The Regatta Committee will determine the number of classes within a division according to the number of entrants. Jib & Main Class participants shall use only Dacron cruising sails and shall not use more than one headsail at any time. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries in the Jib & Main class as they deem appropriate.
 - 2.4.1 **Classes:** The acceptance of boats in a specific class is entirely at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Classes will generally be arranged according to rating and will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
 - 2.4.2 **Crew:** Minimum crew in all classes shall be four. Maximum crew shall be in accordance to the CSA Caribbean Rating Rule. A list of crewmembers and their weights shall be filled out and turned in by the Skipper before the Skippers Meeting. 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.
- 2.5 A minimum of four boats for each class is required to constitute a class.
- 2.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 2.7 Boats shall 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 SHOULD be done using the Yacht Scoring Program no later than Friday, May 22nd. at noon.
- 3.2 For Information and Registration please contact Ronnie Ramos (ronnie.ramos1@gmail.com 787 342-0316)

4. FEES

4.1	<i>Super Early Bird Registration:</i>	No later than April 8, 2015	\$100.00
4.2	Early Bird Registration:	April 9 – May 9, 2015	\$150.00
4.3	Regular Registration: (See article 3.1)	May 10 - May 22, 2015 (1200 hrs.)	\$250.00
4.4	Late Registration at Regatta Headquarters. See article 5.1.1		\$350.00

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Skippers check in and Late Registration
 - 5.1.1 At Regatta Headquarters, on Friday, May 22nd, 2015, from 1600 hrs. to 1800 hrs. 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 1930 hrs. on Friday, May 22nd, 2015.
- 5.3 Races
 - 5.3.1 Races will be back to back.

- Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 hours.
Sunday, May 24th, 2015 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 hours.
Monday, May 25th, 2015 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 hours.

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

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration time.
6.2 Sailing Instructions will be available at the regatta web site in Yacht Scoring.
(www.yachtscoring.com)

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Palmas del Mar Resort.
7.2 Navigation Charts: All yachts are encourage to carry on board a current copy of NOAA charts # 25650 and 25661

8. SCORING

- 8.1 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.
8.1.1 When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
8.1.2 In the event that between 5 races and 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. SHORE FACILITIES

- 9.1 Boats will be accommodated at The Yacht Club at Palmas del Mar.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class.
10.2 A total of \$11,000+ in cash prizes will be distributed in the participating classes top 3 places

11. CUSTOMS AND INMIGRATION

- 11.1 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.
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.

