



Dinghy Regatta Discover 2015

Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Nov. 21-22,2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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), Kite Foil Class and the Rules of the Sunfish Class International Racing Association, 420 Class Association except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA) in all or any of the races, if applicable.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official board at La Playita at the PY&FC.

4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Board before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at La Playita at the PY&FC.
- 5.2 If the AP flag is displayed ashore, when it is dropped, no race will begin for at least 30 minutes.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Skippers Meeting will be held in the Marlin Room at 2000hrs on Friday, Nov. 20th, 2015.
- 6.2 Races
 - 6.2.1 Races will be back to back with a possible one-hour lunch break in between.

Saturday, Nov. 21st 2015 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours
Sunday, Nov. 22nd 2105 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours
No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours

7. CLASS FLAGS:

Optimist Advanced Fleet	Class flag
Laser (4.7, Radial, Standard)	Class flag
420	Class flag
Sunfish	Class flag
Kite Foils	Class flag
Playero	Snipe Class flag

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Attachment 1 shows the location ("Area 1") of the racing area on the waters adjacent to the Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be yellow and/or orange inflatable buoys. Marks are to be left to PORT unless specified with (stbd.) for starboard, which would be Navigational Buoy R"N"6 for the Kite Foils.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be a Race Committee Signals Vessel, with a staff displaying an orange flag and an orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat, either a Race Committee Signals Vessel or a Race Committee Finish boat, with a staff displaying an orange flag and an orange inflatable buoy.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 Mark G is a leeward marks in the form of a gate (marks S and P), boats shall pass through the gate between S and P. This gate may be replaced by a single mark, Mark G to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. All marks are to be left to port except G when is a mark in form of a Gate.
- 10.2 The course number designation for the course to be sailed by each class will be posted no after than four (4) minutes before each start for that class by the Race Committee Signal Vessel displaying the designated numeral pennant.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end starting mark and the port end starting mark.
- 11.2 Orange Flag (1 min.). To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will start soon, the orange flag(s) on the staff(s) designating the starting line will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least One minute before a warning signal is displayed.

- 11.3 The orange flag(s) on the staff(s) designating the starting line will be removed (with no sound signal) when the race management team determines that it will not promptly (usually within 5 minutes of the prior start) make the warning signal for the next race in a sequence of races.
- 11.4 Optimist White, Blue and Red will be starting together. Laser Standard, Radial and 4.7 will be starting together. There will not be a specific order for the fleets to start.
- 11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.
- 12.2 Finished boats shall remain well clear and shall not interfere with boats that are still racing.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for each race will be (60) minutes. Boats failing to finish (10) minutes after the first boat in their fleet or after the time limit, which ever is first, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTEST

- 14.1 A boat may not protest under SI 15 or 16. This changes Rule 60.1.
- 14.2 Shall inform the Race Committee Finishing Vessel of their intention to file a protest as soon as reasonably possible after she finishes the race (Amends RRS 61.1(a), third sentence).
- 14.3 All protest shall be filed at the registration desk no later than (60) sixty minutes after the Finish Signal Vessel docking time. The docking time (beginning of protest time) will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.4 Protest will be heard in the order posted. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Board in La Playita.
- 14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1 Adequate flotation device (life jackets) shall be worn and properly secured at all times while the competitor is in the boat, except temporarily while changing clothing.
- 15.2 All competitors shall carry a whistle at all times attached to their life jacket.
- 15.3 Each optimist must have at least one bailer properly tied to the hull.

- 15.4 Each optimist shall be equipped with a buoyant painter appropriate for towing, at least (12) feet in length.
- 15.5 Prior to the 1st start of the day each yacht shall sail close to the stern of the Race Committee Signal Vessel, and shall hail her/his name and sail number.
- 15.6 When a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of each racing day, he/she shall notify the race committee or an official boat before retiring.
- 15.7 Competitors in need of assistance should blow the whistle and/or attract attention by waving hands over their heads.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1 Coaches, parents, and other support personnel shall not communicate, in any fashion, with competitors while they are racing except in case of emergency. Support boats shall keep well clear (a minimum of 100 ft.) of any boat racing.

17. PENALTIES

- 17.1 For All Classes, RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 apply.
- 17.2 Any boat retiring shall advise the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may, following a hearing, result in disqualification from the regatta or such other penalty as the Jury deems equitable.
- 17.3 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the Jury may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 17.4 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44 may accept a 30% penalty before the protest hearing provided there was no damage and the boat did not gain a significant advantage.
- 17.5 When a percentage penalty is imposed, it shall be calculated as the percentage of the number of entrants in the class, rounded up to the nearest tenth of a point.
- 17.6 The Race Committee, Race Committee Auxiliary and Jury will be taking notes on any misconduct to the RRS, including pumping, rowing, touching the buoys, sportsmanship, fair racing and others.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Scoring will be done by using Appendix A, A4 Low Scoring System
- 18.2 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 18.3 In the event that between one (1) and five (5) races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one (1) worst score.
- 18.4 In the event that between five (5) and ten (10) races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 18.5 In the event that between ten (10) and fifteen (15) races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores.

19. AWARDS

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 The awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday Nov. 22, 2015 at the PY&FC Marlin Room beginning at 1600 hrs.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 By participating in Dinghy Regatta Discover 2015, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their departure, without compensation.
- 20.3 All competitors and their parents/guardians must sign a waiver, before end of registration.

Attachment 2: Course Format

Class

420/Playero	S-M1A-M2-M3(G)-F
Laser/Sunfish	S-M1A-M2-M3(G)-F
Optimist	S-M1-M2-M3(G)-F
Kite Foil	S-R6(STBD)-G5(STBD)-R6-F

