5th BRISA – El Meson
Small Boat Sailing Fun Day

Saturday October 8, 2016
&
Sunday October 9, 2016
Organizing Authority
BRISA Oeste and Marina Pescadería
Puerto Real Cabo Rojo, PR

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (except as altered by the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, or any Supplemental Sailing Instructions).

1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English language will take precedence.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF SAILS

2.1 Each boat shall carry a clearly visible sail number and shall not share a sail number with another boat in their class.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 The event is open to boats or the Optimist, Laser, Sunfish, Club 420, and Playero/Open class; and is open to all sailors.

3.2 Optimist Fleet Division (age grouping):

White Fleet:	10 years old or younger
Blue Fleet:	11 or 12 years old
Red Fleet:	13 years old or older and shall not have reached their 16th birthday in current calendar year
Green Fleet:	15 years old or under

3.3 Optimist Green shall have a green ribbon at the head (top) of the sail.

3.4 Assignment of boats to a particular fleet rests entirely within the discretion of the Race Committee, whose decision will be final.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 The official notice board will be located at the Marina Office entrance.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed using the flags poles located at the Marina Docks.

5.2 Code Flag "AP" when made ashore, means, "Races not started are postponed". The warning signal shall be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

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6. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

6.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the official notice board on the day it will take effect.

6.2 When a change to the Sailing Instructions will be made on the water the Race Committee Signal boat will display the Lima Flag (L) with one sound. When this signal is displayed boats shall come within hail of the Race Committee Signal Boat to receive instructions. Failure to see or acknowledge this signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 90.2(c)

7. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
Saturday October 8, 2016	Breakfast at Marina	0630-0900
	Check-In	0630-0900
	Skippers Meeting	0930 - 1000
	1st Warning	1100
	BBQ at the Marina Deck	Starting at 1500
	On Shore Music	Starting at 1500
Sunday October 9, 2016	Breakfast at Marina	0630 - 0930
	1st Warning	1100
	BBQ at the Marina Deck	Starting at 1400
	On Shore Music	Starting at 1400
	Awards Ceremony	Starting at 1600

7.1 Multiple races will be raced, as many as possible depending on weather conditions.

7.2 One race can constitute a series if weather does not permit more races to be held.

7.3 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1500 on Saturday October 8, 2016 and 1400 on Sunday October 9, 2016.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag
Sunfish	Sunfish Class Flag
Laser 4.7/Std	Laser Class Flag
Optimist	Optimist Class Flag (Blue and White)
Optimist Green	Optimist Class Flag (Green and White)
Club 420	420 Class Flag (Blue and White)
Open	Playero Flag

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9. RACING AREA

9.1   The racing area will be located at the Puerto Real Bay

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10. THE COURSES

10.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course and the relative locations of the buoys.

10.2 The course number designation for the course to be sailed by each class will be posted no later than four (4) minutes before each start for that class by the Race Committee Signal Vessel displaying the designated number on a yellow digital numeral at the stern of the vessel.

10.3 Mark G is a leeward mark 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.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be on the port side of the race committee between an orange triangle or flag and the course side of a nearby mark.

11.2 Orange Flag (1 min.). To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will start soon, the orange flag on the staff 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 on the staff designating the starting line may 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 with the Optimist class flag. Optimist Green will be starting with their class flag (Green flag with white logo)

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) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, RRS A.5 and RRS 63.1.

12. FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.

12.2 Finished boats shall remain well clear to starboard of the finish line and shall not interfere with boats that are still racing. A designated waiting area may be marked with a pink flag.

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13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 Boats failing to finish (15) minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTEST

14.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee docking time

14.2 Protests shall be in written form available at the Marina office.

15. SAFETY

15.1 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.

15.2 When a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of the racing day, he/she shall notify the race committee or an official boat before retiring.

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16. CLASSES AND SCORING

16.1 Classes will be stablished based on registration. A minimum of three boats are needed to stablish a class. Divisions within classes will depend on number of boats registered for that class.

16.2 The scoring for this event would be based on a low score system. A minimum of 4 races scheduled shall be completed to allow one throw out.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013/2016, 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 BRISA Oeste, El Meson, Marina Pescaderia 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 BRISA Oeste, Marina Pescaderia, their 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.

17.2 All competitors must sign a waiver at the time of registration.

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Attachment 1
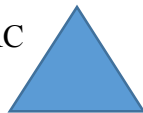Race Course (not to scale)

Approximate wind direction

M1

M2

R

GATE

Optimist all classes
1) Start – M2 –Gate – Finish
2) Start – M2 – Gate – M2– Gate – Finish
3) Start – M2– R – Gate – Finish
4) Start – M2– R – Gate – M2 – Gate – Finish

Other Classes
1) Start – M1 –Gate – Finish
2) Start – M1– Gate – M1– Gate – Finish
3) Start – M1 – R – Gate – Finish
4) Start – M1– R – Gate – M1– Gate – Finish
5) Start – M1– R – Gate – M1– Gate – M1 – Gate –   Finish

RC   FINISH

START