



Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, Puerto Rico
February 3 & 4
2018

Fellow Sailors:

The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and its organizing Committee has the pleasure of inviting you to the 28th Edition of Discover the Caribbean Regatta that will be held on February 3 & 4, 2018.

Discover the Caribbean has been the oldest regatta event in Puerto Rico and this year we will be celebrating our 28th edition. The PYFC and its sponsors are honored to offer the sailors from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean a wonderful weekend of three days of competition and shore side activities. Come and enjoy what Ponce and the Caribbean can offer, hospitality, great racing weather and lots of partying!!!

We hope that you can join us!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. David E. Kerr

Ing. Joel Santiago

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 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 2016/2017 CSA Certificate will be allowed to race in CSA Classes. Boats racing on PHRF Classes will use the SE Florida 2016/2017 PHRF handicap system. Only boats with an official 2016/2017 US PHRF of SE Florida will be allowed to race in PHRF classes. Certificates may be obtained at www.phrfsef.com
- 1.4 Boats in CRUISING CLASS may sail with two head sails. The spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.5 Boats in jib & Main Class have to sail with one head sail only. The use of the spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.6 Genoas more than 150% will not be allowed for all Cruising and Jib & Main Classes.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a minimum LOA 15.5 feet.
- 2.2 There will be 9 (Nine) divisions for entry.

CSA Spinnaker Racing
PHRF Jib & Main
PHRF Cruising
Chalanas 24
Nativos 17
Snipe
IC-24
Hunter 21.6
Hobie 16



- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration in www.yachtscoring.com and with the regatta committee at the Regatta Headquarters.
- 2.4 The Race Committee according to the number of entrants will determine the number of classes within a division. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries in the classes as they deem appropriate.
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 - 2.5.1 **Classes:** The acceptance of yachts in a specific class is entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee. Classes will generally be arranged according to rating and will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
 - 2.5.2 **Crew:** Minimum crew in all classes shall be 2 (two). Maximum crew shall be in accordance to the CSA Caribbean Rating Rule or as per Class rules 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.
- 2.6 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 Participants MUST 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.
- 2.9 This event will be used as one of the qualifiers for the Hobie Cat Class to select who will represent PUR in the Central American and Caribbean Games Barranquilla 2018, Colombia from August 3-19, 2018.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Registration and payment in full MUST be done using www.yachtscoring.com no later than Friday February 2, 2018.
- 3.2 All visiting vessels will have free dock for two weeks one before and one after the event.
- 3.3 For Information and Registration please contact; Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club at 787-842-9003.



4. FEES

		FEE	10.5%	1%	TOTAL
4.1	Early Bird Registration: (See Article 3.1) No later than Jan 3, 2018	\$175.00	\$18.38	\$1.75	\$195.13
4.2	Regular Registration: (See article 3.1) Jan 4-Feb 2, 2018	\$250.00	\$26.25	\$2.50	\$278.75
4.3	Late Registration: At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$325.00	\$34.13	\$3.25	\$362.38
4.4	Early Bird Registration: Chalanas/Nativos 17 (See Article 3.1) No later than Jan 3, 2018	\$125.00	\$13.13	\$1.25	\$139.38
4.5	Regular Registration: Chalanas/Nativos 17 (See article 3.1) Jan. 4-Feb 2, 2018	\$150.00	\$15.75	\$1.50	\$167.25
4.6	Late Registration: Chalanas/Nativos 17 At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$175.00	\$18.38	\$1.75	\$195.13
4.7	Early Bird Registration: Hobie Cats/Snipe (See Article 3.1) No later than Jan 3, 2018	\$80.00	\$8.40	.80¢	\$89.20
4.8	Regular Registration: Hobie Cats/Snipe (See article 3.1) Jan 4-Feb 2, 2018	\$100.00	\$10.50	\$1.00	\$111.50
4.9	Late Registration: Hobie Cats/Snipe At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$125.00	\$13.13	\$1.25	\$139.38

4.10 An **11.5%** IVU tax is going to be charged at registration, as per PR government.

4.11 For a registration to be considered as complete it must be paid in full at the moment of



Registration and within the deadlines expressed in 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9. Failure to comply with the payment within the deadlines a registration will be considered incomplete and charged the rate at the payment date.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Skippers check in and Late Registration

4.1.1 At Regatta Headquarters on Friday Feb 2, 2018 from 1600 hours to 2000 hours. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk in the Pool Area.

4.1.2 All competitors must complete registration before the Skipper's meeting.

4.2 Skippers Meeting

4.2.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held in the Marlin Room at 2030 hours on Friday Feb 2, 2018.

4.3 Races

4.3.1 Races will be back to back.

4.3.2

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018

The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

Sunday, Feb 4, 2018

The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 hours

4.3.3 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours on Saturday. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours on Sunday.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available in www.yachtscoring.com

5.2 This regatta is working towards being a Green Regatta. Competitors can print their own SI or use the online SI.

5.3 The Race Committee will only supply the courses in print.

5.4 A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted in the Official Notice Board in the Marlin Room.

6. RACING AREA

6.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Ponce Bay.



6.2 Navigation Charts: All yachts are encouraged to carry on board a current copy of NOAA chart # 25638 Bahia de Ponce and Approaches.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 Scoring will be done using Appendix A, A4 Low Scoring System.
- 7.2 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 7.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.4 When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her (1) worst score.
- 7.5 When from eleven (11) to fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

8. SHORE FACILITIES

- 8.1 Boats will be accommodated at the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club.
- 8.2 Contact Dock Master Alvalle or Sophia at 787-842-9003 or by VHF Channel 68 for slip assignment.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class.

10 HOTELS

- 11.1 Information will follow in an amendment.

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, 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 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

"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.