



Pan-American Games 2011
HOBIE CAT 16' CLASS QUALIFICATION SERIES
NOTICE OF ELIMINATION

The Puerto Rico Hobie Cat Association (PRHCA) is pleased to announce the Qualifying Events for the 2011 Pan-American Games, Puerto Vallarta, México 2011. The Puerto Rico Vela Cup (May 28-29, 2011 in Palmas del Mar, Humacao), Serie I PRHCA (June 11-12, 2011 in Escuela de la Vela, Carolina) and Copa Olímpica (June 25-26, 2011 in Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club, Ponce) will serve as the selection criteria for the team that will be representing Puerto Rico at the 2011 Pan-American Games to be held at Puerto Vallarta, México, during October 13-30, 2011.

The venue for the events may be changed at the discretion of the organizing authority at least two weeks before the event. All notices and amendments will be issued by e-mail and posted at www.sailingpur.org and at <http://puertoricohobiecat.com>

Organizing Authority

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (except as altered by the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and/or any Supplemental Sailing Instructions)
- 1.2 The Rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) will apply, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions and/or the Notice of Race.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to boats of the Hobie Cat 16' Class, one design only.
- 2.2 To be eligible to participate in the events the competitors must be current members in good standing of the Puerto Rico Hobie Cat Association (PRHCA) (RRS 75.2 Competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code) and Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA).

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- 2.3 For competitors that are not current members of the PRHCA, membership to the association will be available up to the time of registration for the first qualifying race on May 28, 2011 in Solarea, Palmas del Mar, Humacao, PR (See 7.1).
- 2.4 All members of the selected teams **must comply** with the Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico (FVPR) and the **Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (COPUR) Requirements of Eligibility** in order to represent Puerto Rico at the Pan-American Games.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form for the PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011 and the registration form of each of the three events individually.
- 2.6 Registration *for this series* will NOT be available after the end of the registration period for the first qualifying race of the PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011, May 28, 2011 in Solarea, Palmas del Mar, Humacao, PR (See 7.1).

3. QUALIFYING SERIES

- 3.1 These events will constitute the series of qualifying races for sailors representing Puerto Rico in the Pan-American Games, as indicated in our calendar published by the Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, www.sailingpur.org
- 3.2 The first position at the end of the series will be eligible to become the team representing Puerto Rico at the 2011 Pan-American Games.
- 3.3 Places not able to be fulfilled by competitor for positions described in 3.1 and 3.2 for any valid reason will be fulfilled by the next competitor in the ranking based upon the final score in the series.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in all or any of the races, if applicable.
- 4.2 Advertising should comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 4.3 Advertising displayed by individual competitors should comply with the RRS and Regulation 20.3.1.2

5. FEES

- 5.1 A fee will be charge for each team, at the time of registration for each event: Puerto Rico Vela Cup's and Copa Olímpica's NOR will indicate the participation fee; Serie I PRHCA's NOR will indicate the fee for this event.
- 5.2 No extra fee will be charged for registering in the PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011.
- 5.3 For the Serie I PRHCA a \$30.00 fee will be charge for each team MEMBER of the PRHCA, at the time of registration the morning of the event.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration for the PRHCA, and this elimination series, is available by completing the PRHCA registration form and waiver of liability available at registration desk from 0800 to 0900 hours at the desk located in the area of the beach in Solarea, Palmas del

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Mar, Humacao, May 28, 2011. Teams competing must prove active membership to HCANA.

- 6.2 All events require individual team registration. Please follow the NOR of the Puerto Rico Vela Cup, the Serie I PRHCA and the Copa Olímpica for details about completing this registrations. Failure in registering to each event will affect participation in the PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011 and the final results.
- 6.3 All competitors that participate in the qualifying series should be register to the PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011 no later than the time specified on 6.1.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Dates of racing:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, May 27, 2011 or Saturday, May 28, 2011	Refer to NOR Puerto Rico Vela Cup	Registration and Skipper's meeting for Puerto Rico Vela Cup in Palmas del Mar Yacht Club, Humacao
Saturday, May 28, 2011	0800 hours	Registration for PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011, Solarea in Palmas del Mar, Humacao
	0900 hours	Skipper's meeting for PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011
	Refer to NOR Puerto Rico Vela Cup	First Warning Signal
Sunday, May 29, 2011	Refer to NOR Puerto Rico Vela Cup	First Warning Signal
Saturday, June 11, 2011	0800 hours	Registration for Serie I PRHCA, Escuela de Vela, Carolina
	0900 hours	Skipper's meeting
	1030 hours	First Warning Signal
Sunday, June 12, 2011	1030 hours	First Warning Signal
Friday, June 24 or Saturday, June 25, 2011	Refer to NOR Copa Olímpica	Registration and Skipper's meeting in Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club, Ponce, PR

Saturday, June 25, 2011 **Refer to NOR** First Warning Signal
Copa
Olímpica

Sunday, June 26, 2011 **Refer to NOR** First Warning Signal
Copa
Olímpica

7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each race day is specify in the NOR of each event or will be amended in the official bulletin board.

7.3 Any change to the Schedule of events or to the NOR shall be posted in advance no later than two weeks before the day it will take effect.

8. SCORING

8.1 Three races are required to be completed between all three events to constitute a series.

8.2 (a) When only three races have been completed, a boat's series (PRHCA Elimination Series for Pan-American Games 2011) score will be the total of races completed between all three events.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all the races scores of the three events excluding her worst score.

9. IDENTIFICATION OF SAILS

9.1 Each boat shall carry a clearly visible sail number, on each side of the sail. No other type of identification shall be used.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration time in each event.

11. VENUE

11.1 Venues will vary refer to Schedule, 7.0.

12. COURSES

12.1 IHCA Standard courses will be used.

12.2 All marks are to be left to port, except gates.

12.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

13. SHORE FACILITIES

13.1 No storage facilities are available at this time for boats. Each competitor is responsible for transportation and storage of their boats during and after the events.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gibe, is required.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, 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 Puerto Rico Hobie Cat Association 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 Puerto Rico Hobie Cat Association 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information, please contact PRHCA at 787-210-2321 or 568-8873.
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