

# PUERTO RICO LASER CLASS 2014 QUALIFICATION SERIES

Organizing Authority

**“Puerto Rico Laser Class”**

## NOTICE OF RACE

The **“Puerto Rico Laser Class” (NOC)** is pleased to announce the Qualifying Events for the 2014 Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe. These events will serve as the selection criteria for the teams that will be representing Puerto Rico at the XXII Juegos Centro Americanos y del Caribe at Veracruz México from 14 to 30 November 2014.

The venue for the event may also 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](http://www.sailingpur.org) and on Facebook at “laser class PUR”.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The 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 rules may be modified, altered or made inoperative by the Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 The Rules of the “International Laser Class Association” (NOC) shall be in full force and effect, except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to Laser boats, Standard (male) and Radial (female).
- 2.2 To be eligible to participate in the events the competitors must be current members in good standing of the “Puerto Rico Laser Class” (NOC) (RRS 75.2 Competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code).
- 2.3 For competitors that are not current members of the (NOC), membership to the association will be available up to the time of registration for the first qualifying race on 10 January 2014.
- 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 “Juegos Centro Americanos y del Caribe 2014”.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration form from the (NOC).
- 2.6 Registration for this series will NOT be available after the end of the pre-race registration period for the first qualifying race on January 10, 2014 (See 6.2).

### 3. QUALIFYING SERIES

- 3.1 These events will constitute the series of qualifying races for sailors representing Puerto Rico in the “Juegos Centro Americanos y del Caribe 2014”.
- 3.2 The first five positions at the end of the series will be eligible to represent Puerto Rico at the “Juegos Centro Americanos y del Caribe 2014”, based on requirements in the NOR from the “**Puerto Rico Laser Class**” (NOC).
- 3.3 Places not able to be fulfilled by a competitor for positions described in 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 related to tobacco and alcoholic beverages and/or manufacturers is prohibited.
- 4.3 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 A \$60.00 fee will be charged to each competitor MEMBER of the “**Puerto Rico Laser Class**” (NOC), at the time of registration for each date, the morning of the event.
- 5.2 A \$60.00 fee will be charged to each competitor NON-MEMBER of the “**Puerto Rico Laser Class**” (NOC), at the time of registration for each date, the morning of the event.
- 5.3 NON-MEMBERS are not eligible to score points for this series.

### 6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration for the “**Puerto Rico Laser Class**”, and this series, is available by printing and completing the (NOC) registration form and waiver of liability available at “**Puerto Rico Laser Class**” (NOC ) Facebook page and bringing the completed form to the registration desk, the date of the first qualifying race.
- 6.2 A pre-race registration will be held the morning of the first qualifying race “January 10, 2014”, before the skippers meeting, at the desk located in the area of “Regatta Office”.
- 6.3 All competitors that participate in the qualifying series should be registered no later than the time specified on 6.2.

### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Dates of racing:

Date	Time	Event
January 10-12	1000	Race 1, Salinas
June 14-15	0900	Race 2, Ponce

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June 28-29

0900

Race 3, Ponce

## 7.2 Number of races:

The series will consist of a minimum of **15** races between all **3** weekends. One discard will be allowed for every five races, not to exceed 5 discards for the series. Multiple races will be run on each day as time and weather conditions permit.

No warning signal will be hoisted after 1700 hours.

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each race day is 1200 hours.

7.4 After the end of the races for each date a gathering will be held as indicated in the skippers meeting of that date.

7.5 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. IDENTIFICATION OF SAILS

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

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration time.

## 10. VENUE

10.1 The racing area will be in the waters adjacent to "Salinas and/or Ponce". The racing area may be changed, at the discretion of the Laser Class of Puerto Rico (Organizing Authority), to any other area in Puerto Rico, with a 2 (two) week previous notice to competitors duly registered.

## 11. COURSES

11.1 Race courses will consist of Windward – Leeward, Windward – Leeward- Triangle courses as identified in the sailing instructions.

## 12. SHORE FACILITIES

12.1 No storage facilities are available at this time for boats. Each competitor is responsible for transportation and storage of their boats the day of the event.

12.2 Launching of boats could be done anywhere at "beach area".

## 13. CHARTER BOATS

13.1 As of today there are no boats available for charter through the (NOC).

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 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 **“Puerto Rico Laser Class”** (NOC) 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 Laser Class”** (NOC) 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.

## **15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 15.1 For further information, please contact 787-637-9500 or 787-444-2366, [www.sailingpur.org](http://www.sailingpur.org) and on Facebook **“laser class PUR”**.