



XXII Caribbean and Central American Games Veracruz 2014

J24 CLASS QUALIFICATION SERIES



Organizing Authority

Puerto Rico J-24 Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

The ***Puerto Rico J-24 Class Association*** is pleased to announce the Qualifying Events for the XXII Caribbean and Central American Games Veracruz 2014. These events will serve as the selection criteria for the teams that will be representing Puerto Rico at The Heroica Escuela Naval Militar in Antón Lizardo, Veracruz, Mexico, between the 14th and 30th of 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 and at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115093221948042/>

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 Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class (IJCA) 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.

- 1.3 Racing RRS 41, 44.3(a), 61.1(a) and 49.2 will be change as follows:

RRS 41: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to mooring and while not racing, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted by RRS 41(a) through (d) from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the organizing authority. If the RC displays Race Signal "AP over H", these additions to RRS 41 are suspended until a boat leaves her mooring again to proceed to the racing area. While racing, RRS 41 applies without modification. This also changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

RRS 44.3(a) is changed so that the yellow flag (code flag "I" is acceptable) used by a boat taking a scoring penalty shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.

RRS 61.1 (a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm.

RRS 49.2 is changed by deleting the second sentence. There will be no hiking between the lifelines.

- 1.4 In accordance with RRS 87, the following IJCA rules changes as follows:

IJCA rule 5.3: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at the registration require prior written approval of the Puerto Rico J/24 Class and will be approved in exceptional circumstances.

IJCA rule 8.1.1 is changed to allow two spinnakers to be carried while racing.

The spinnakers shall be nominated Spinnaker Number 1 and Spinnaker Number 2 by the boat's representative and stamped accordingly by the measurement team, during the measurement period. The use of Spinnaker Number 2 is permitted as per SI 19. This also change IJCA Class Rule 3.6.1 – Optional Equipment.

IJCA rule 8.8.8 and rule 8.8.9 are deleted. This also change IJCA Class Rule 3.7.3. The all-weight for racing value of 1330 kg to 1314kg.

- 1.5 Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat, and if assigned, will be used as identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers, if assigned, shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.6 Any question regarding these Sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the Puerto Rico J24 Class. The questions and answers will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board no later than 0800 of the following submission.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, this English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to boats of the Puerto Rico J-24 Class Association.
- 2.2 To be eligible to participate in the events the competitors must be current members in good standing of the Puerto Rico J-24 Class Association (RRS 75.2 Competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code).
- 2.3 For competitors that are not current members of the Puerto Rico J-24 Class Association, membership to the association will be available up to the time of registration for the first qualifying race on *29 September 2013*.
- 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 XXII Caribbean and Central American Games Veracruz 2014.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form for the *J-24 Class Qualification Series*.
- 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 *29 September 2013* (See 6.2).

3. QUALIFYING SERIES

- 3.1 These events will constitute the series of qualifying races for sailors representing Puerto Rico in The Heroica Escuela Naval Militar in Antón Lizardo, Veracruz, Mexico, between the 14th and 30th of November, 2014.
- 3.2 The first five positions at the end of the series will be eligible to represent Puerto Rico at the XXII Caribbean and Central American Games Veracruz 2014 based on requirements in the NOR from the Puerto Rico *J-24 Class*.
- 3.3 Places not able to be fulfilled by 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.

5. FEES

- 5.1 A \$95.00 fee will be charge for each competitor MEMBER of the *J-24 Class Association*, at the time of registration for each date, the morning of the event.
- 5.2 A \$40.00 fee will be charge for each competitor NON-MEMBER of the *J-24 Class Association*, 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 *J-24 Class Association membership*, and this series, is available by printing and completing the *J-24 Class* registration form and waiver of liability available at <http://www.sailingpur.org/WordPress2/index.php> 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 29 September 2013, before the skippers meeting, from 0800 hours to 0900 hours hours at the desk located in the area of "*Regatta Office Desk*".
- 6.3 All competitors that participate in the qualifying series should be register no later than the time specified on 6.2.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Dates of racing:

September 29-	Regatta #1	(Ponce, PYFC)
October 13-	Regatta # 2	(Ponce, PYFC)
October 27 -	Regatta # 3	(Ponce, PYFC)

November 8-	Regatta # 4	(Ponce, PYFC) (Discover The Caribbean Series)
November 9-	Regatta # 5	(Ponce, PYFC) (Discover The Caribbean Series)
November 10-	Regatta # 6	(Ponce, PYFC) (Discover The Caribbean Series)
December 1-	Regatta #7	(Ponce, PYFC) (Regatta Don Eddie Ramos)
January 31-	Regatta # 8	(San Juan, CNSJ) (SJ International Regatta)
February 1-	Regatta # 9	(San Juan,CNSJ) (SJ International Regatta)
February 2-	Regatta # 10	(San Juan,CNSJ) (SJ International Regatta)
April 27-	Regatta # 11	(Fajardo,PDR)
May 23-	Regatta # 12	(Heineken Int. Regatta,T.B.A.)
May 24-	Regatta #13	(Heineken Int. Regatta,T.B.A.)
May 25-	Regatta #14	(Heineken Int. Regatta,T.B.A.)
June 7-	Regatta #15	(Ponce, PYFC) (Festival Olimpico)
June 8-	Regatta #16	(Ponce,PYFC) (Festival Olimpico)

7.2 Number of races:

The series will consist of a minimum of **32** races between all **16** days. A minimum of **2** races per weekend scheduled should be completed in order to allow one throughout. Multiple races will be run on each day as time and weather conditions permit. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours.

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each race day is 1100 hours.

7.4 After the end of the races for each date a gathering will be held at 1630 hours, or other, as indicated in the skippers meeting of that date. Prizes will be awarded at this site after finishing positions area calculated.

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

1.1 The Race will take place in the waters adjacent to the PYFC and /or in the Ponce Bay.

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 at the boat yard of the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club.

13. CHARTER BOATS

13.1 As of today there are no boats available for charter through the *J-24 Class*.

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 *J-24 Class 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 J-24 Class 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information, please contact Mr. Fraitto Lugo: (787) 378-5032.

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