

PUERTO RICO SNIPE CLASS QUALIFICATION SERIES

Organizing Authority
Puerto Rico Snipe Class

NOTICE OF RACE

The Puerto Rico Snipe Class is pleased to announce the Qualifying Events for the 2015. These events will serve as the selection criteria for the team that will be representing Puerto Rico at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada from July 10 to 26, 2015.

The venue for this Qualifying Series 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

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 Snipe 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 boats of the Snipe Class.
- 2.2 To be eligible to participate in the events the competitors must be current members in good standing of the Snipe 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 on February 21, 2015.
- 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 upcoming Pan American Games in Toronto 2015.
- 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 first race has been completed.

3. QUALIFYING SERIES

- 3.1 These events will constitute the series of qualifying races for sailors representing Puerto Rico in the Pan American Games Toronto 2015.

- 3.2 The first position at the end of the series will be eligible for selection pre requirements Puerto Rico at the Pan American Games Toronto 2015 and requirements in the NOR from the Puerto Rico Snipe Class, (NOC).
- 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.
- 4.3 Advertising should comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 4.4 Advertising displayed by individual competitors should comply with the RRS and Regulation 20.3.1.2
- 4.5 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series.

5. FEES

- 5.1 A \$ 40.00 fee will be charged for each competitor MEMBER of the Snipe Class at the time of registration for each date, the morning of the event.
- 5.2 A \$50.00 fee will be charged for each competitor NON-MEMBER of *the Snipe 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 *Snipe Class* and this series, is available by printing and completing the (NOC) registration form and waiver of liability 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, February 21, 2015, before the skippers meeting.
- 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:

Date	Time	Event
February 21-22, 2015	9:00 AM	Eliminatoria Clase Snipe
March 19-22, 2015	6:00PM	Don Q Regatta (Miami, Fl)

7.2 Number of races:

The series will consist of a minimum of **3** races. A minimum of **5** races scheduled should be completed in order to allow one throw out. Multiple races will be run on each day as time and weather conditions permit.

No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours on Sunday February 22rd.

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, 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 Bahia de San Juan and Key Biscayne 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 Storage facilities will be available. Each competitor is responsible for transportation and storage of their boats the day of the event.

12.2 Launching of boats could be done in accordance with the NOR for each event or designated place.

13. CHARTER BOATS

13.1 As of today there are 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 Snipe Class and FVPR or any affiliated club or any

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 P.R. Snipe Class, the Organizing Committee 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.

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