

PUERTO RICO QUALIFICATION SERIES

Organizing Authority
FEDERACIÓN DE VELA DE PUERTO RICO

NOTICE OF RACE

Qualifying Series for the 2015 Pan American Games

The ***Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico (FVPR)*** is pleased to announce the Qualifying Series for the 2015 Pan American Games. These events will serve as part of the selection criteria for the teams that the FVPR will use to recommend the competitors to the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (COPUR) to represent Puerto Rico at the *2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada from July 10 to 26, 2015.*

The venue and host for this Qualifying Series and will be the Club Nautico de San Juan and may be changed at the discretion of the organizing authority at least two weeks before the event. All notices and amendments will be 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 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of respective Classes eligible to participate 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 Sunfish, Hobie 16 and Snipe classes.
- 2.2 To be eligible to participate in the events the competitors must be current members in good standing of the respective Puerto Rico class association. RRS 75.1 and 75.2 shall apply. For competitors that are not current members of the respective classes (NOC), membership to the classes will be available up to the time of registration on February 28, 2015.
- 2.3 All members of the selected teams must comply with the Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico (FVPR), the ODEPA Charter, the IOC, the ISAF and the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (COPUR) eligibility requirements in order to represent Puerto Rico at the *2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada.* Each competitor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor on the ISAF website.

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- 2.4 Competitors may represent COPUR only if eligible to represent COPUR under IOC, ODEPA, and COPUR nationality rules. Nationality rules shall apply to all members of the crew.
- 2.5 Upon request of the OA, each competitor shall present proof of nationality at the time of registration.
- 2.6 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration form for the Series. RRS 75.1 applies.

3. QUALIFYING SERIES

- 3.1 These events will serve as part of the selection criteria for the teams that the FVPR will use to recommend the competitors to the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (COPUR) to represent Puerto Rico at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada from July 10 to 26, 2015.
- 3.2 Series finishes will be considered in the recommendation to COPUR if at least the helm person is available to compete in the 2015 Pan American Games. Competitors not able to compete in the 2015 Pan American Games may be substituted in the recommendation to COPUR by the FVPR.
- 3.3 There shall be competition in the following events and classes:
 - ° **Event Category**
 - ° Sunfish Open*
 - ° Snipe Open*
 - ° Hobie 16 Open*

**Open* means that the crew may be all male, all female, or a combination of the two.
***Mixed* means that the crew must include at least one male and at least one female

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 ISAF regulation 20.2.7 does not apply for this series. This changes ISAF regulation 20, Advertising Code.

5. FEES

- 5.1 A \$40.00 fee will be charge for each competitor MEMBER of the respective classes (NOC), at the time of registration for each date, the morning of the event.
- 5.2 NON-MEMBERS are not eligible to score points for this series.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Registration for the respective classes (NOC), 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.

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- 6.2 A pre-race registration will be held the morning of the first qualifying race February 28, 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 27 , 28 and March 1, 2015	10:00AM	Skipper's Meeting
February 27, 2015	9:30 AM	Registration
March 1, 2015	After racing	Awards

- 7.2 Number of races:

The series will consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 races. A minimum of 5 races scheduled shall be completed to allow one throughout. A maximum of 3 races will be run on each day as time and weather conditions permit, except that 1 additional race per day may be held if a prior day's racing less than 3 races were completed. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours on Sunday March 1.

- 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 for the first day of racing or to the NOR shall be posted 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.

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 of San Juan Harbor.

11. COURSES

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

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12. SHORE FACILITIES

- 12.1 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 in accordance with the SI .

13. CHARTER BOATS

- 13.1 There are no boats available for charter through the (NOC). However, a competitor may follow Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico protocol to charter boats. Breakdowns on charter boats shall not be grounds for redress against the Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 62.

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 of the participating classes (NOC) 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 participating classes (NOC), the FVPR, the CNSJ, the Organizing Authority, Race 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

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