

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 Hobie 16 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 to the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (COPUR) the athletes 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 Náutico 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 this 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 Hobie 16 classes subject to these eligibility rules.
- 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 16 May 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 compete in the elimination series and 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.
- 2.4 Competitors may participate in the eliminations series regatta only if eligible to represent COPUR under IOC, ODEPA, ISAF and COPUR nationality rules. Nationality rules shall apply to all members of the crew.

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- 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.
- 2.7 The registration desk will be at the premises of the Sailing Area, on the West side of the parking.

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) the athletes 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**
 - ° Hobie 16 Open*

**Open* means that the crew may be all male, all female, or a combination of the two.

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 charged for each competitor MEMBER of the respective classes (NOC), at the time of registration for each date on the morning of the event.
- 5.2 NON-MEMBERS are not eligible to compete in 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.
- 6.2 A final registration will take place at 0930 hours of the first qualifying race on 16 May 2015, before the skippers meeting.

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6.3 All competitors that are eligible to 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
16 May 2015	0930 hours	Registration
	1000 hours	Skipper's Meeting
	1100 hours	1 st . Warning Signal
17 May 2015	1000 hours	1 st . Warning Signal

7.2 Number of races:

The series will consist of a minimum of 3, and a maximum of 8 races. A minimum of 5 races scheduled shall be completed to allow a boat's worst score to be excluded. This changes Appendix A # A2.

No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hours on Saturday, 16 May 2015, and after 1400 hours on Sunday, 17 May 2015.

7.3 Any change to the Schedule of events for the first day of racing 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. This Changes Appendix G and RRS 77.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration time and at the FVPR web page; www.sailingpur.org

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 courses as identified in the sailing instructions.

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.

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. For such

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boats, RRS 78.2 shall not apply and is thus modified. 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 The Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, the Club Náutico de San Juan, COPUR, the Classes, CACSO and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and waiving and releasing them from such responsibility, including claims of negligence. 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 Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, the Club Náutico de San Juan, COPUR, the Classes, CACSO, the sponsors and their agents, will 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.

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