



PUERTO RICO **Heineken**[®] INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority

Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico

CEIBA, PUERTO RICO

JUNE 11th – 12th 2016

1. RULES

- 1.1 This 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 RRS may be modified, altered or made inoperative by the Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 The regulations of the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA), the CSA Minimum Safety Requirements, the International J-24 Class Association (IJCA) Rules as modified by the Caribbean J-24 Class Association, the IC-24 class Rules and the Puerto Rico Sailing Federation's Environmental Protocol will apply, except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such rules.
- 1.3 The regatta will use two handicap systems. The CSA handicap system will be used for the CSA Spinnaker Racing Class and any other class that wish to race under this system. Only boats with an official 2015 CSA Certificate will be allowed to race in CSA Classes. Boats racing on PHRF Classes (PHRF Jib & Main and RAYA) will use the SE Florida 2016 PHRF handicap system. Only boats with an official 2016 US PHRF of SE Florida certificate will be allowed to race in PHRF classes. Certificates may be obtained at www.phrfsef.com.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA) in all or any of the races, if applicable.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a minimum LOA of 19 feet.
- 3.2 The following divisions are expected.

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| Melges 32 | CSA Spinnaker |
| PHRF Jib & Main | J-24 |
| IC-24 | RAYA |
| Hunter 21' 6" | Mariner 19' |

- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the regatta committee.

- 3.4 The Regatta Committee will determine the number of classes within a division or the number of divisions according to the number of entrants.
- 3.4.1 Jib & Main Class participants shall use only sails, which were declared as part of their sail inventory when obtaining the PHRF certificate. Only one headsail shall be used at any time and spinnakers, bloopers, or specialized sails will not be allowed. (Specialized sails are any sail flown free and not hanked on). The Regatta Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries in the Jib & Main class as they deem appropriate.
- 3.4.2 **Classes:** The acceptance of boats in a specific class is entirely at the discretion of the Regatta Committee. Classes will generally be arranged according to rating and will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
- 3.4.3 **Crew:** Minimum crew in all classes shall be as stated in SI 3.4.4. Maximum crew shall be in accordance to the CSA Caribbean Rating Rule. A list of crewmembers and their weights shall be filled out and turned in by the Skipper before the Skippers Meeting. No crew may be omitted, or substituted, unless permission is received in advance from the Race Committee Chairman. All requests must be submitted in writing.
- 3.4.4 **Minimum crew for all classes shall be as follows:**
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| Melges 32 | 5 | CSA Spinnaker | 4 |
| PHRF Jib & Main | 4 | J-24 | 4 |
| IC-24 | 4 | RAYA | 4 |
| Hunter 21.6' | 3 | Mariner 19' | 2 |
- 3.5 A minimum of 3 boats is required to constitute a class.
- 3.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 3.7 Boat owners shall be active members of its Class Associations (RRS 75.2). If you are not a current member of a class, membership to the appropriate association will be available at registration for a nominal fee.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Registration SHOULD be done using the Yacht Scoring Program no later than Friday, June 10th at noon.
- 4.2 For Information and Registration please contact David Kerr at (787) 638-4878 or dkerrpr@aol.com.
- 4.3 For a registration to be completed it must be paid in full by the deadlines indicated, otherwise the registration will be considered incomplete. The rate to be paid will be based on the date final payment is received.
- 4.4 Paid registration fees may be reimbursed upon request in writing to Mr. Jose Albiñana (josemariaalbinana@yahoo.com) by May 25th, 2016.

5. FEES

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| 5.1 Super Early Bird Registration: | No later than May 1 st , 2016 | \$100.00 |
| 5.2 Early Bird Registration: | May 2 nd – June 3 rd , 2016 | \$150.00 |
| 5.3 Regular Registration: (See 4.1) | June 4 th – June 10 th , 2016 (1200 hrs.) | \$250.00 |

5.4 Late Registration at Captain's Lounge. (See 6.1.1)

\$350.00

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Skippers check in and Late Registration:

6.1.1 At Captain's Lounge, on Friday, June 10th, 2016, from 1700 hrs. to 1930 hrs. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk.

6.1.2 All competitors must complete registration, which includes proper completion, execution, and delivery of the "Waiver Form" to the Captain's Lounge, by 1930 hrs. on Friday June 10th, 2016. The "Waiver Form" is available under the Documents & Forms link in the Yacht Scoring.

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2758>

6.2 Skippers Meeting

6.2.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held in the Regatta Headquarter (BIG TENT) at 2000 hrs. on Friday, June 10th, 2016.

6.3 Races

6.3.1 Races will be back to back with the first schedule warning signal at 1100 hours Saturday and Sunday.

6.3.2 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hrs. on Saturday and after 1400 hrs. on Sunday.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will only be available at the regatta web site in Yacht Scoring:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2758>.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Bahia Demajagua.

8.2 Navigation Charts: All yachts are encouraged to carry on board a current copy of NOAA charts # 25650 and 25663.

9. SCORING

9.1 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.

9.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.3 When from five (5) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.4 In the event that more than ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

10. SHORE FACILITIES

10.1 For boats requiring docks, Puerto Del Rey Marina will provide free slip space for 10 consecutive days **overall** before and/or after the race dates. Utilities not included.

10.2 Travel lift or finger launched trailer boats will be launched and retrieved once, at no charge, courtesy of Puerto Del Rey. They must be launched or retrieved only during regular working hours and only after receiving a Launch or Retrieve permit from the Dry Stack office.

- 10.3 Racers must make prior coordination with Puerto Del Rey Marina's Dray Stack Office and reserve time and date of launching and hauling out their boats. Boat washing cannot be performed in the Dry Stack area; it will only be permitted at the boatyard known as the "15 Cuerdas".
- 10.4 All centerboard boats such as O'Days 19, J-70 or other are required to use the Dry Stack Ramp.
- 10.5 A mother ship will be allowed for one member of each racing team. This mother ship will have the same privileges as the registered boat. Owners of the mother ship will need to register with Mr. José Albiñana (josemariaalbinana@yahoo.com) by June 1st, 2016.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class.
- 11.2 Additionally cash prizes will be distributed to the participating classes. Detail will be provided at a later date.

12. CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

- 12.1 Service is available Monday through Saturday from 0800 to 1630 hours at the ports of entry in San Juan, Fajardo, Ponce, Mayagüez, Vieques, and Culebra. USA registered boats not carrying aliens on board may clear customs by phone. Be aware that when clearing customs by phone, ONLY THE SKIPPER is permitted off the yacht while the procedure is being completed. A violation of the procedure could result in severe penalties.
- 12.2 Aliens must clear Immigration before entering. A new requirement for non-U.S. citizens wanting to gain entry to the U.S. by way of a non-commercial vessel--for example a private sailboat--is that he or she must have a visa.
- 12.3 There will be no special services of Customs or Immigration at the marina.
- 12.4 From 0800 to 1700 hours, you may call:
 - San Juan (787)253-4533 (4534, 4535, 4536)
 - Mayagüez (787) 831-3342 (3342)
 - Vieques (787) 741-8366
 - Ponce (787) 841-3130 (3131, 3132)
 - Fajardo (787) 863-0950 (4075, 0811, 0102)
 - Culebra (787) 742-0531
 - Overnight (787) 253-4533, 253-4536

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 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 Organization, Puerto Del Rey Marina, 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 Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico 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.

14. INSURANCE

14.1 EACH PARTICIPATING BOAT SHALL BE INSURED WITH VALID THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE.

15. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

15.1 IC24

The Heineken Regatta is a ranking point's event for the following IC24 Ranking Series:

- IC24 Caribbean Championship Series
- IC24 PR Ranking Series
- IC24 Heineken Star Cup