



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTOCOL 2016

1. References:
 - a. Reglamento DRD sobre *Carta Verde y Eventos Sustentables* de 2016
 - b. Acuerdo, DRD y DRNA para Eventos Sustentables, junio, 2015
 - c. International Sailing Federation Environmental Guidance

2. As Regatta Director and on behalf of the Organizing Committee, I take this opportunity to give all sailors a very warm welcome to this prestigious event now in a new venue, Puerto del Rey Marina! Our main priority is to ensure excellent race management in an environmentally sustainable event. We are expecting exceptional sailing conditions promising for a spirited competition, and at land, the traditional tropical festive environment hosted by our sponsors. Our host, Puerto del Rey Marina (PDR), the Regatta Organizing Committee of the Puerto Rico Sailing Federation (PRSF) and our sponsors, have worked tirelessly to bring you an fantastic event which requires the observance of this protocol by all.

3. Preventing environmental damage and promoting environmental protection is one of PRSF and PDR's core values. As such, promoting awareness and taking environmental protection measures during our regattas is an integral part of our common mission. In the interest of sustainability, observance of local and federal statutes, we hereby adopt of the following measures:
 - a. All Competitors are responsible for observing local and federal statutes regarding the protection of endangered species such as manatees and sea turtles. Therefore, all competitors, vessels, including safety boats and race committee boats, will be familiar with the Special Authorization to be issued by the Puerto Rico's Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) that will be posted in the event page.

 - b. Paper Reduction Policy: Copies of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, their amendments and other notices to sailors will not be distributed in paper; those will be posted at the event page at Yachtscoring.com, and at the event's Official Notice Board. As a paper reduction measure, copy of the Sailing Instructions will not be distributed to competitors. One course sheet will be distributed to competitors during the skipper's meetings therefore, we urge you to reduce the use of paper by using personal electronic means, or at least only print your own documents from the event page.

 - c. Sailors are reminded that they shall not discharge any trash overboard (RRS 55), as well as on shore facilities. Secure loose items to stop them from blowing overboard.

 - d. Puerto Del Rey Marina is a Blue Flag Marina, as such all competitors are urged gather aluminum and plastics in different bags to be deposited in the bin located close to the entrance of dock #51. Non-recyclable trash will be deposited in designated bins located within other dock entrances. Trash bins will also be placed for said purposes in the proximity of Dock 85. Use toilet facilities on shore whenever possible and use a holding tank if one is fitted onboard.

 - e. As a local regulatory requirement, prior to the commencement of every event, the Organizing Authority through the Principal Regatta Officer and his or her staff shall follow the instructions established by DRNA in all Special Marine Event Permit. If an endangered species could cause an interference with a competitor, the race will be stopped and shall not commence until the area is clear of such species. Safety and/or mark boats will patrol the course before the race to ensure that no protected species are in the area and will notify the Principal Regatta Officer that the course is clear.



f. RCV's and mark boats shall avoid anchoring on coral reefs or Talasia sea grass. We urge all to motor forward to the anchor when recovering it rather than dragging the anchor back to the boat.

g. Avoid unnecessary fuel consumption when operating RIBs or other powered craft used as safety/mark boats. Prevention of oil and fuel spills will be observed by all participating vessels including those of the OA. No fueling is permitted within the docks. All vessels must use the fueling facilities at the marina. Conservative use of water is urged.

h. We suggest carpooling to get to the marina and back, not only because parking is limited, but to reduce carbon emissions. Sharing car space when possible is always the more environmentally sound option.

As we endeavor to bring you an excellent and memorable regatta with an extraordinary on-shore activities, we are also committed to pursue excellence in environmental protection. Therefore, we truly appreciate your participation in this traditional sailing event and urge you to observe this protocol.

Cordially,

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