



PUERTO RICO HOBIE 16 QUALIFICATION SERIES

Organizing Authority (OA)

Puerto Rico Hobie Cat Association Inc



NOTICE OF RACE

The *Puerto Rico Hobie Cat Association (PRHCA) Inc* is pleased to announce the Qualifying Series for the 2018 **Central American and Caribbean 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 **2018 Central American and Caribbean Games** from July 19 to August 3, 2018.

The venues and host for these Qualifying Series will be Escuela de Vela de Carolina, Club Nautico de San Juan and Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club; these may be changed at the discretion of the organizing authority at least two weeks before the series. If for any reason the series can't be completed, the PRHCA reserves the right to use any weekend after December 16-17, 2017 as an alternative date.

All notices and amendments will be posted at www.facebook.com/pages/Puerto-Rico-Hobie-Cat, www.puertoricohobiecat.com and/or www.sailingpur.org.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The World Sailing (Formerly ISAF) 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 Hobie 16 Class Rules as prescribed by International Hobie Class Association (IHCA) Rule Book 2017-2020 will 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.
- 1.4 Boats and crew will be weighed in at registration of the race series; and both thereafter boats and crew may be subject to reweighing at any point during the race series as set forth by Hobie 16 Class Rule 7; 8; IHCA General Rule #17 & 19.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 These race series are open to boats of the Hobie 16 Class as set forth by the IHCA General Rule #1.
- 2.2 To be eligible to participate in the events the competitors must be current members in good standing with PRHCA. RRS 75.1 and 75.2 shall apply. For competitors that are not current members of the PRHCA, membership application will be available upon request and at the time of registration.
- 2.3 All members of the selected teams must comply with the Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico (FVPR), the ODEPA Charter, and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the WORLD SAILING and the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (COPUR) eligibility requirements in order to represent Puerto Rico at the *2018 Central American and Caribbean Games*. Each competitor shall be registered as a WORLD SAILING Sailor on the WORLD SAILING website.
- 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 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games.
- 3.2 Series finishes will be considered in the recommendation to COPUR if at least the helm person is available to compete in the 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games. Competitors not able to compete in the 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games may be substituted in the recommendation to COPUR by the FVPR.
- 3.3 To constitute the series, three races must be sailed.

4. SCORING

- 4.1 Low Point System will apply unless the notice of race or sailing instructions specify another system; see RRS 90.3(a).
- 4.2 If a minimum of 6 races is completed, one throw-out will be allowed for the whole series.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 WORLD SAILING 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.
- 5.2 WORLD SAILING regulation 20.2.7 does not apply for this series. This changes WORLD SAILING regulation 20, Advertising Code.

6 FEES

- 6.1 A \$35.00 fee will apply for each competitor MEMBER (\$70 per boat) of the PRHCA, at the time of registration of the qualifying series.
- 6.2 NON-MEMBERS are not eligible to score points for these series.

7 REGISTRATION

- 7.1 Registration for the PRHCA and these series is available by printing and completing the PRHCA registration form and waiver of liability and bringing the completed form to the registration desk, the date of the first qualifying race.
- 7.2 A pre-race registration will be held the morning of the first qualifying race June 10th, 2017, before the skippers meeting.

8 SCHEDULE & VENUES

- 8.1 Registration & Weigh in: will be at the registration desk for each series from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m
- 8.2 Dates of racing:

Date	Venue
June 10 - 11, 2017	Escuela de Vela Balneario de Carolina
July 15 - 16, 2017	Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club, Ponce
August 19 - 20, 2017	Escuela de Vela Balneario de Carolina
November 3 -5, 2017	Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club, Ponce
December 16 -17, 2017	Club Náutico de San Juan

- 8.3 The scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race on each race day is 11 hours. Multiple races will be sailed on each day as time and weather conditions permit.
- 8.4 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1700 hours. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be hoisted after 1500 hours.
- 8.5 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.

9 IDENTIFICATION OF SAILS

- 9.1 Each boat shall carry a clearly visible sail number, on each side of the sail.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Sailing Instructions and courses to be sailed will be provided at the time of registration.

11 COURSES

11.1 Race courses will consist of *IHCA Standard Courses* as identified in the sailing instructions.

12. SHORE FACILITIES

12.1 Each competitor is responsible for transportation and storage of their boats and equipment for each day of races.

13. CHARTER BOATS

13.1 There are no boats available for charter by PRHCA; However, a competitor who is interested may follow Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico protocol to charter a boat. Breakdowns on charter boats shall not be grounds for redress against the Race Committee and/or Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 62.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing (Formerly ISAF) 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 WORLD SAILING 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

15.1 For further information, please contact:

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