



Organizing Authority
Club Náutico de San Juan
San Juan, PR



DINGHY SERIES
May 6-7, 2017

Sailing Instructions

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 Rules of participating ONE DESIGN Sunfish, 420, Hobie Cat, Snipe, Laser and Optimist classes will apply, except as modified, altered or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Academia de Vela at CNSJ.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours of the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Academia de Vela at CNSJ.
- 4.2 If the AP flag is displayed ashore, when it is dropped, no race will begin for at least 30 minutes.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday May 6, 2017 and Sunday May 7, 2017.
- 5.2 Mandatory Skippers Meeting at 1000hrs at the Academia de Vela facilities.
- 5.3 The warning signal for the first race on Saturday will be 1200hrs and Sunday will be 1100hrs.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hrs. on Saturday; no warning signal will be hoisted after 1500 hrs. on Sunday.

5.5 Multiple races will be run each day as time and weather conditions permit it. The Race Committee will endeavor to schedule back-to-back races each day.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The following class flag are designated for the following classes:

Race Committee Signal Vessel		
	Hobie Cat 16	Class Flag
	420	Class Flag
	Laser	Class Flag
	Sunfish	Class Flag
	Optimist	Class Flag

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The navigable waters in the San Juan Bay as shown in Appendix A. NOAA Chart #25670

7.2 There will be two venues for competition.

7.3 Bahia Urbana will be for Optimist Green

7.4 Cataño area will be for Optimist, Laser, Sunfish, Hobie 16 and 420's.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses diagram in Appendix B will be sailed at the discretion of the RC. Appendix B shows the approximate configuration of the courses including the order in which the marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Although the RC will attempt to set courses that comply with these illustrations, failure to duplicate them precisely shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

8.2 Left Blank for future use.

8.3 Mark GATE is leeward mark in the form of a Gate (marks 4S and 4P), boats shall pass through the gate between 4S and 4P. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

8.4 This gate may be replaced by a single mark, Mark 4 to be left to port.

8.5 The course number designation for the course to be sailed by each class will be posted no later than four (4) minutes before each start for that class by the Race Committee Signals Vessel displaying the designated numeral pennant. This changes RRS 27.1.

9. MARKS

9.1 All the marks for the race series are as described :

- 9.1.1 All marks are temporary buoys of different shapes and are yellow, orange and white in color.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the RCSV with a staff displaying an orange flag and a yellow or orange mark.
- 9.3 Marks are to be left to PORT unless specified with (Stbd), for Starboard.

10. THE STARTS

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end of the starting line and the port end starting mark.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.3 The starting line will be considered an obstruction once started and while racing.
- 10.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will start soon, the orange flag on the staff designating the starting line will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed.
- 10.5 The orange flag on the staff designating the starting line will be removed, with no sound signal, when the race committee determines that it will not promptly make the warning signal for the next race in a sequence of races.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 For all courses that finish on the RCSV, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port finishing mark.
- 11.2 Boats that have already finished shall avoid the finishing area.

12. CHANGE OF COURSES AFTER THE START

- 12.1 A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat in that class has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration, except for all courses that are configured with permanent buoys.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 Left Blank.
- 13.2 For all ONE DESIGN Classes.
 - 13.2.1 Boats failing to finish within the Time Limit after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

13.2.2 Time limits in minutes for the regatta are as follows:

Class	Time Limits
Hobie Cat 16 & 420	10
Laser, Sunfish & Optimist	15

14. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest shall be written on forms available at the Academia de Vela in CNSJ
- 14.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, protesting yacht shall inform the RCSV of their intention to file protest, as soon as reasonably possible after finishing the race. This changes rule 61 RRS.
- 14.3 The Protest Time Limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RCSV has docked.
- 14.4 A notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible indicating the time when Protest Time started and the time when it will end for each course and class.
- 14.5 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The inclusion of a sail number of a boat on the Official Notice Board shall be considered as notice that a representative should attend a hearing as indicated.
- 14.6 Protest will be heard in approximately the order they were received, beginning as soon as practical.
- 14.7 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - 14.7.1 within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 14.7.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 14.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 The Low Point System (A4) will apply.
- 15.3 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total her race scores excluding her (1) worst score.
- 15.5 When from eleven (11) to fifteen (15) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

16. RADIO COMUNICACION

- 16.1 The official radio communication is VHF channel 6.
- 16.2 The Race Committee Signal Boat will endeavor to call by radio boats that are OCS. Failure to hail OCS or sequence in which they are called are NOT grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 RRS.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1 Safety requirements shall be observed in compliance with the USCG regulation and as written in these sailing Instructions.
- 17.2 In addition to the USCG Regulations all boats shall comply with Appendix D.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first three boats in each class.
- 18.2 The award ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Academia de Vela at CNSJ beginning at 1700 hours.

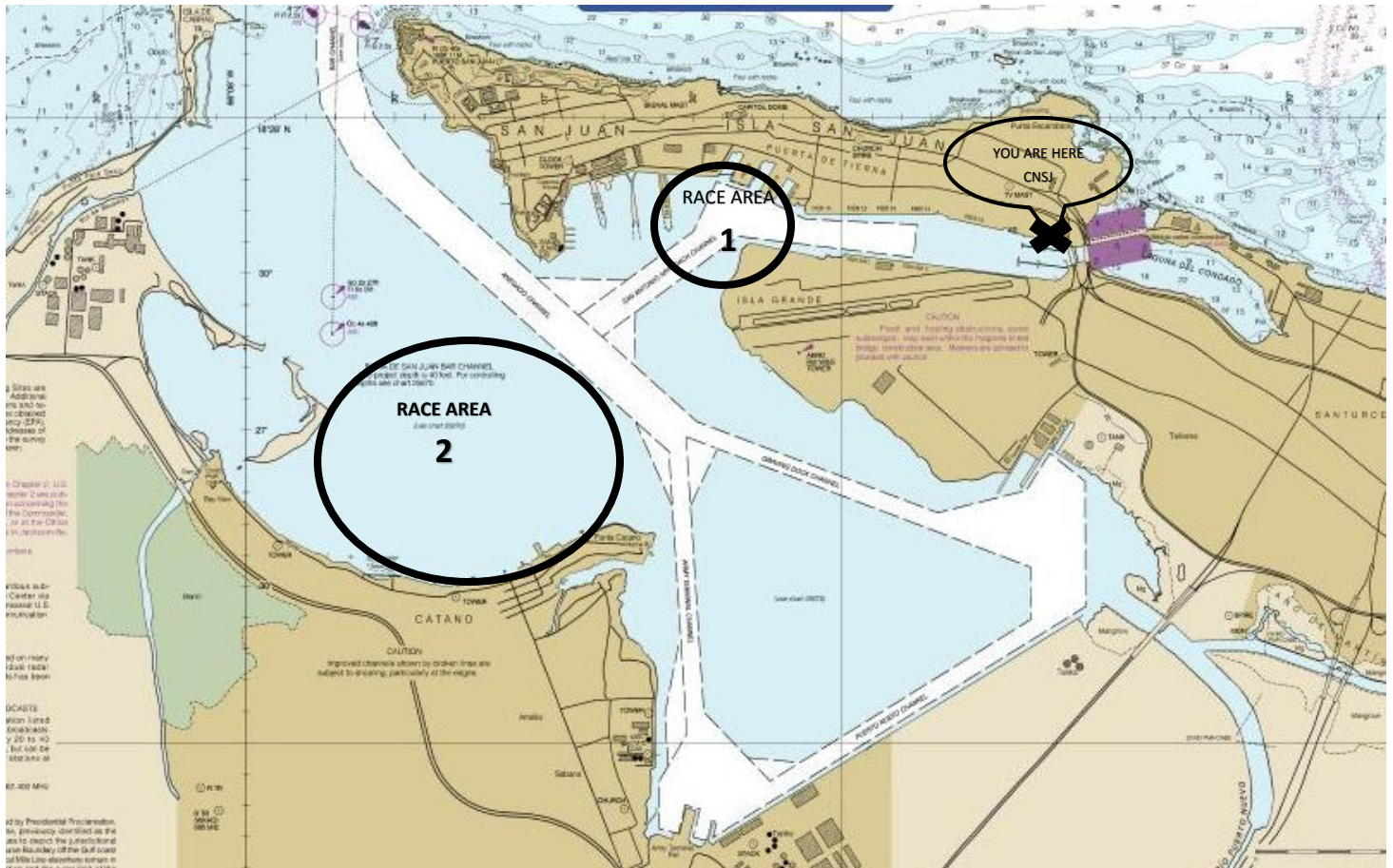
19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participating in the regatta are entirely at their own risk. Competitors agree to be bound by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), by Sailing Instruction (SI), the Notice of Race (NOR) and any additional information to the SI or to the NOR. Competitors agree to take any responsibility for nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, the crew ability and safety requirements. 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 Club Nautico de San Juan and all its members, the sponsors and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for their behavior and dress of yacht's crew, representative and guest. Competitors are to be acquainted with 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 Puerto Rico Match Racing, Inc. and Club Nautico de San Juan 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.

20. RIGHT TO USE AND LIKENESS

- 20.1 By participating in the CNSJ Dinghy Series Regatta a competitor automatically grants the CNSJ Dinghy Series Organizing Committee and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the CNSJ Dinghy Series, without compensation.

Appendix A



Appendix B

AREA 1

Courses-Area 1

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AREA 2

Courses

HOBIE CATS/ 420

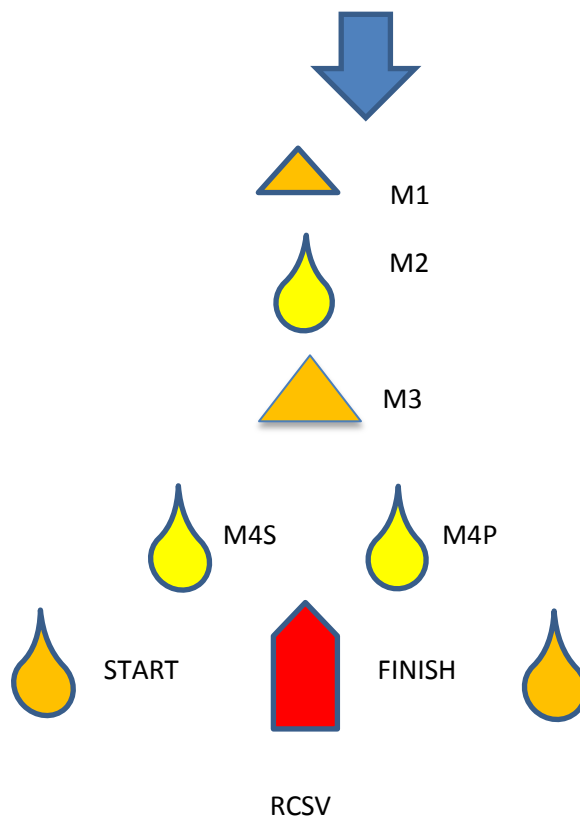
1. S-M1-F
2. S-M1-GATE-M1-F

SUNFISH/LASER

1. S-M2-F
2. S-M2-GATE-M2-F

OPTIMIST

1. S-M3-F
2. S-M3-GATE-M3-F



Appendix C

Safety Requirements

1. Dinghy competitors must wear a PFD (Personal Flotation device)