

PR OPTIMIST/SNIPE/HOBIE QUALIFIER 2

March 25-26, 2023

Organizing Authority: Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico (PUR)

and

Hobie Fleet #133/ Snipe Fleet #591/ PROA

hosted by: Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by – “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Elimination (NOE) or the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.” This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 Black Flag shall not be used for Hobie and Snipe classes. This deletes RRS 30.4.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the gazebo of the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club Beach.
- 2.2 There will be a **Competitor’s Meeting** on Saturday March 25, 2023 at 0900 at the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club Beach
- 2.3 Other competitors’ meetings may be scheduled as required.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it shall take effect, except for any change to the schedule of races which will be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or the protest time limit of the previous day it shall take effect, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ race signal AP. *This modifies Race Signal AP.*

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There shall be two (2) days of racing (March/25 – March/26) for Hobie and Optimist and only one (1) day of racing for Snipe (March/25)
 - 5.1.1 March/25 – 1st Warning 1030
 - 5.1.2 March/26 – 1st Warning 1000
 - 5.1.3 On Sunday– (March/26), there will be no warning signal after 1400

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be:
 - 6.1.1 Hobie 16 Class Flag with Hobie Insignia
 - 6.1.2 Snipe Class Flag with Snipe Insignia
 - 6.1.3 Optimist Class Flag with Optimist Insignia

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be located in the Ponce Bay area.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Addendum “A” shows the combined standard courses for Optimist, Hobie and Snipe, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be based on the sailing conditions.
- 8.2 The leeward mark may be a single mark or a gate. If the leeward mark is a single mark, it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal the RC shall display the designated course number for each race.
- 8.4 For course 1 for Snipe a small inflatable ball may be set as an offset mark at Mark 1A (1A_{is}).

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding and Gate Marks for Snipe and Hobie will be **orange** inflatable mark.
- 9.2 Rounding and Gate Marks for Optimist will be **yellow** inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a white, yellow or orange inflatable mark , or float with a staff displaying an Orange and Blue flag, respectively.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the starting mark as described in Instruction 9.3.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 Shortening or lengthening the next leg of the course shall not be by more than 50% of the original leg length. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag a RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark as described in Instruction 9.3.
- 12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Any competitor taking a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 or 44.2 should notify the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race and should also inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved.
- 13.2 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for Hobie Class. *This changes RRS 44.1.*
- 13.3 The Race Committee will attempt to post a list of Race Committee Actions prior to the end of the protest time limit (See SI 15.2, below.)
- 13.4 The Race Committee Signal Boat will attempt to post the sail numbers of boats identified as OCS and ZFP during the previous start. Failure to post will not be grounds for redress.
- 13.5 A boat that did not finish shall be scored DNF by the Race Committee without a hearing and shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of finishers. This changes RRS Appendix A4.
- 13.6 APPENDIX V2 will be used for Hobie class.

PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES [DP][NP]

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Time Limit	Initial Weather Mark Target Time
Hobie	40 minutes	80 minutes	35 minutes	8-13 minutes
Snipe	45 minutes	90 minutes	45 minutes	10-16 minutes
Optimist	45 minutes	80 minutes	35 minutes	10-15 minutes

- 14.2 Should the first boat fail to reach the weather mark within the Initial Weather Mark time Limit or finish within the aforementioned Race Time Limit the Race Committee shall abandon the race.

- 14.3 For Optimist, boats failing to finish within twenty (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored a DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A4, and RRS Appendix A5.
- 14.4 For Hobie and Snipe, boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored a DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A4, and RRS Appendix A5.
- 14.5 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, award points to a boat equivalent to the boat's position in a race. The Race Committee determines the method and order. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board as described in instruction 2.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening will be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 Protests and requests for redress will have a filing fee of \$25.00 due at the time of filing.
- 15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Vessel has docked after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the RC signals "No more racing today," whichever is later. *This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.*
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings shall be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the notice board.
- 15.5 Notices of RC or Protest Committee (PC) protests will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 15.7 In addition to the requirements in RRS 61, a competitor's intent to protest should be reported to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS 61.
- 15.8 A panel of national judges will be on site to hear protests and requests for redress. Requests for appeals for jury decisions may be submitted to the Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico (FVPR) within 30 days from the jury hearing.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 The Low Point Scoring System shall be used as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 16.3 When four (4) or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number to the RC Signal Vessel before the start of the first race each day (and the first race following any postponement ashore). A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number.
- 17.2 Competitors shall wear a life jacket at all times while on the afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Such device shall verifiably meet the requirements of either the sailor's national authority or of the government regulations that apply in the racing area. This changes RRS 40. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee, and may result in disqualification.
- 17.3 The life jacket must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the life jacket to prevent snagging. The life jacket may also be worn in such a way that a full trapeze harness is secured over the life jacket
- 17.4 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.5 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and the class Representative.
- 17.6 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP][NP]

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 Hobie class boats may carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving international channels. All radio communications between the RC and Competitors will be on VHF channel **06**
- 19.1 Various race information may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing.
- 19.2 Except in an emergency and before the first Warning Signal on each race day until the end of the last race of the day, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

20 AWARDS

- 20.1 Rankings will be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22 SPECIAL NOTES

- 22.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark vessels shall be scored Did Not Finish. *This changes RRS rule A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 22.2 The RC may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.
- 22.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel, including spectator boats, shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.4 Support boats may not communicate in any way with competitors while racing, except in case of emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the jury after a hearing.

For more information please contact the appropriate representative for your class or the event:

Principal Race Officer: Diana Emmanuelli 787-378-6829

IHCA Representative: Emanuel Vidal 787-464-0420

SCIRA Representative: Raul Rios 787-507-0276

PROA Representative: Pablo Méndez-Lázaro 787-517-2551

PYFC Representative: Gabriel Bonnin 787-635-0456

PYFC Office 787-842-9004

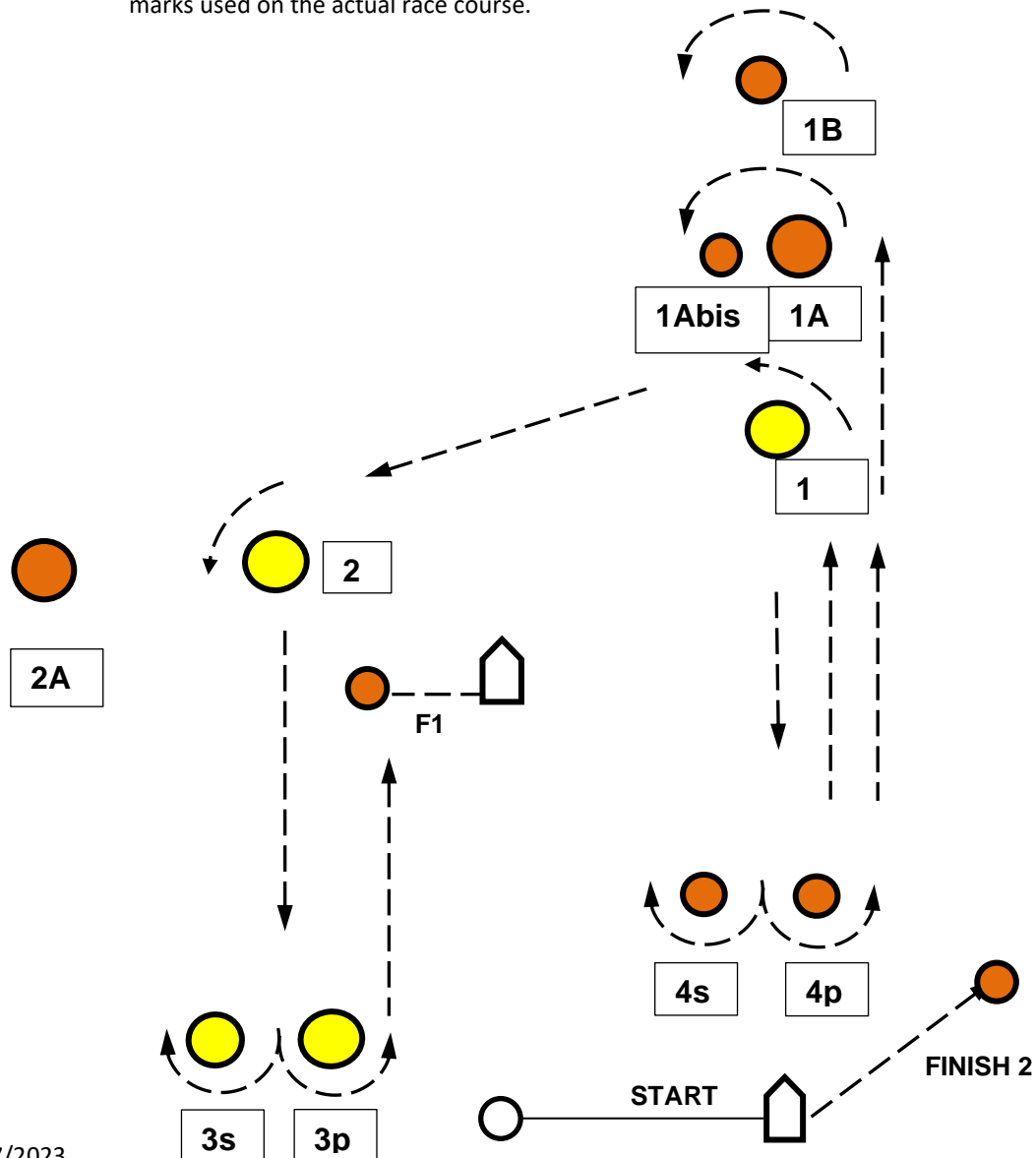
Addendum A – Illustrating the Course

Course No.	Course	Finish
1 HOBIE	(S) 1B 4s/4p 1B	(F2)
2 HOBIE	(S) 1B 4s/4p 1B 4s/4p 1B	(F2)
1 SNIPE	(S) 1A (A1bis) 4s/4p 1A (A1bis) 4s/4p	(F2)
2 SNIPE	(S) 1A 2A 4(P) 1A 4(P)	(F2)
3 SNIPE	(S) 1A 2A 4(P) 1A 2A 4(P)	(F2)
1 OPTIMIST	(S) 1 2 3s/3p	(F1)

[S = Start], [1 = Optimist Weather Mark] [1B = Hobie Weather Mark] [1A = Snipe Weather Mark], [2 = Optimist Reaching Mark], [2A = Snipe Traingle Reaching Mark] [3s/3p = Optimist Leeward Mark], [4s/4p = Hobie/Snipe Finishing Mark], [F1 = Optimist Finish], [F2 = Hobie/Snipe Finish]

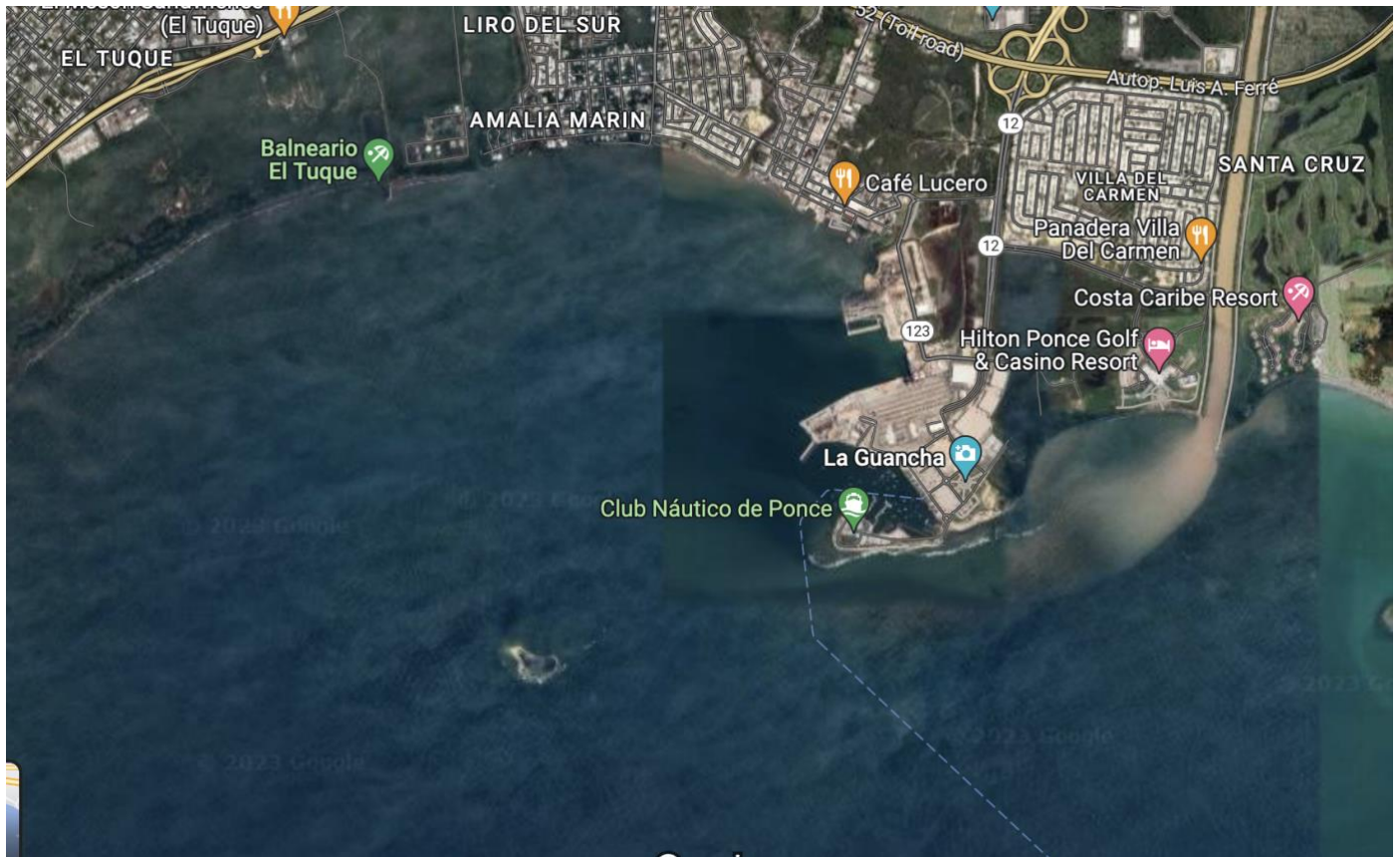
NOTES:

Colors and/or shape of marks used in illustrations may not accurately represent the actual color or shape of marks used on the actual race course.



Addendum B – Racing Area

THE PONCE BAY AREA AND SURROUNDING WATERS WILL BE THE RACING AREA FOR OPTIMIST, HOBIE AND SNIPE.



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