



## 1er Festival de Velas de Salinas / BRISA SUR

February 16-18, 2024

Hotel Vista Bahía, Salinas, Puerto Rico

### Organizing Authority

**BORINQEN ISLANDS SAILING ASSOCIATION INC. [BRISA]**

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024. 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 One Design Class rules apply to all classes that are racing as One Design except as modified by the local or class rules, if any and except as modified, altered, or made inoperative by the NOR or the SI, to the extent permitted by such class rules.
- 1.3 Except One Design Classes, vessels in the yacht regatta will use the CSA Simplified handicap system. Only boats with an official 2022, 2023 or 2024 CSA Certificate will be allowed to race. Certificates may be obtained by contacting Puerto Rico's CSA Measurer Rafael Martinez, (787) 510-4817, and at [www.rjm4@gmail.com](mailto:www.rjm4@gmail.com)
- 1.4 Jib & Main Class participants shall use only Dacron Cruising sails and shall not use more than one headsail at any time. The use of the spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.5 Genoas more than 150% will not be allowed for all Cruising and Jib & Main Classes.
- 1.6 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 Regatta Headquarters (2nd floor Hotel Vista Bahia dining room).
- 2.2 This event will serve as a Qualifier Regattas for the IQ Foil, C420 and ILCA 6 youth classes to select the teams that will represent Puerto Rico at the 2024 Youth Sailing World Championships scheduled from 13–20 July 2024 in Lake Garda, Italy. This event will serve as part of the selection criteria for the teams that will be representing Puerto Rico at that event.
- 2.3 **CODE OF CONDUCT:** This Regatta will follow the conduct policy of World Sailing and Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico Codes of Conduct. Each person in the venue must understand and respect the roles of the different participants. These Codes apply to everyone (e.g., coaches, instructors, officials, parents, athletes, family members or visitors). Failure to observe them may result in the disqualification of the competitor.

### **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 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Regatta Headquarters (2nd floor Hotel Vista Bahia dining room).
- 4.2 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Regatta Headquarters (2nd floor Hotel Vista Bahia dining room). Such location will be marked with the BRISA Burgee.
- 4.3 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 FRIDAY, February 16:**

- 5.1.1 1800 hrs to 1900 hrs** - Last Day of Late Registration and waiver signatures at Marina de Salinas. This applies only for Big boats: CSA Jib & Main, Oday Mariners, Rhodes 19, and Nativos.
- 5.1.2 1900 hrs** - Skippers meeting for Big Boats at Marina de Salinas: (NOT FOR THE DINGHY COMPETITORS), following with a Cocktail.

#### **5.2 SATURDAY, February 17:**

- 5.2.1 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs** - Signature of Waivers at Regatta Headquarters-Hotel Vista Bahía (second floor of the dining room).
- 5.2.2 0900 hrs** - Skippers meeting for Dinghy Sailboats at Regatta Headquarters, Hotel Vista Bahía.
- 5.2.3 1100 hrs** - First Warning Signal back-to-back races to follow. No warning signal will be hoisted after 1600 hrs. Early dinner will be served from 1630hrs to 1830hrs at the Regatta Headquarters, Hotel Vista Bahía.
- 5.2.4 1730 hrs – 1830 hrs** - Cocktail at Regatta Headquarters, Hotel Vista Bahía

#### **5.3 SUNDAY, February 18:**

- 5.3.1 0800 hrs – 0900 hrs** - Breakfast at Regatta Headquarters, Hotel Vista Bahía
- 5.3.2 1000 hrs** - First Warning Signal, back-to-back races to follow. No Warning Signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours. Lunch will be served from 1500hrs to 1700hrs at the Regatta Headquarter, Hotel Vista Bahía.

**5.3.3 1600 hrs – 1700 hrs** - Cocktail at Regatta Headquarters, Hotel Vista Bahía

**5.3.4 1700 hrs** - Awards Ceremony at Regatta Headquarters, Hotel Vista Bahía.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

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

Race Committee Signal Vessel		
	Mariners & Rhodes	Class Flag
	C420	Class Flag
	Hobie Cat	Class Flag
	Wing Foils	Class Flag
	IQ Foil	Class Flag
	Sunfish	Class Flag
	Playeros	Pink Flag
	ILCA 4 & 6	Class Flag
	Optimist Green & Open Bic	Green Flag
	Optimist Advanced	Class Flag
	CSA Jib & Main	Yellow Flag
	Nativos	Class Flag
	Optimist Super Green	Green Flag

## 7. RACING AREAS

7.1 The navigable waters South to Salinas, better known as Bahía de Rincón, as shown in Appendix A.

7.2 There will be three Racing Areas for the competition: A, B and C.

7.3 If “L” is flying on shore, a Notice to Competitors has been posted. If “L” is flying afloat, come within hail or follow this boat.

7.4 **Racing Area A** will be designated for Optimist Green & Open Bic’s, Optimist Advanced, C420, Sunfish, ILCA 4 & ILCA 6 and Playeros classes. (See Courses in Appendix B).

7.5 **Racing Area B** will be designated for Mariners, Rhodes 19, Hobie Cats, Nativos, Wingfoils, IQ Foils and Jib & Main classes. (See courses in Appendix C and D).

7.6 **Racing Area C** will be designated for Optimist Super Green, in front of Hotel Vista Bahía. (See courses in Appendix E).

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be sailed at the discretion of the RCSV. Appendix B, C, D & E show the approximate configuration of the courses.

Although the RCSV 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 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. Except for Wingfoils and IQ Foils will be posted no later than two (2) minutes before each start. This changes RRS 27.1.

## **9. MARKS**

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

9.1.1 All marks in the Dinghy Classes are temporary buoys of different shapes, and are yellow, orange, or white.

9.1.2 The Big Boat Classes include temporary buoys as well as a permanent mark (R2).

9.1.3 The starting mark will be the RCSV with a staff displaying an orange flag and a yellow or orange mark.

9.1.4 Marks are to be left to PORT unless specified with (S), for Starboard.

9.2 Any floating device behind the RCSV or RC Finish Boat is considered part of the RC Boat. Competitors CAN NOT pass between the floating device and the RC Boat. Violators will be disqualified without a hearing.

## **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 All competing classes, except Optimist Super Green, IQ Foil and Wingfoil will have a 5 minute Start sequence. For Optimist Super Green, IQ Foil and Wingfoil the Stars sequence will be 3 minutes.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 The starting and finish lines will be considered obstructions once started and while racing.

10.5 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.

10.6 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.

10.7 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 courses that finish on the RCSV, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the RCSV and the finishing mark.

11.2 For courses that finish on the RC Finish Boat, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard end of the finish line and the port end starting mark.

11.3 Boats that have already finished shall avoid the finishing area.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

12.1 The time limit for each race will be sixty (60) minutes for all classes, except for Optimist Green that will be thirty (30) minutes.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. The Score for boats scored TLE shall be the number of finishers plus one. This changes rules 35.

12.3 Boats failing to complete a Course properly will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be the number of finishers plus one.

## **13. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters.

13.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, protesting yacht shall inform the RCSV of their intention to file a protest, as soon as reasonably possible after finishing the race. This changes rule 61 RRS.

13.3 The Protest Time Limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RCSV has docked.

13.4 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.

13.5 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.

13.6 Protest will be heard in approximately the order they were received, beginning as soon as POSSIBLE.

13.7 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

13.8 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.

## **14. SCORING**

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

14.2 The Low Point System (A4) will apply.

14.3 When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.4 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. And upon completion of 12 races, the worst 2 scores of the series will be excluded in total.

## **15. RADIO COMUNICATIONS**

15.1 **Racing Area A:** VHF channel 6.

15.2 **Racing Area B:** VHF channel 9.

## **16. SAFETY**

16.1 Safety requirements shall be observed in compliance with the USCG regulation.

16.2 All competitors must wear a PFD (Personal Flotation device) except for the following Classes: Jib & Main, Mariners, Rhodes 19.

16.3 Optimist Green and Optimist Super Green competitors shall display a ribbon on the top of the sail. This will be given by the Organizing Committee.

## **17. PRIZES**

17.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first three boats in each class.

17.2 The award ceremony will be at the Regatta Headquarters on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1700hrs.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing Organization's (WS) 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 there to) 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 BRISA Inc, its Officers and Directors, Somar's Lot, its docks, , Hotel Vista Bahía, Marina de Salinas, and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification. Competitors are to be acquainted with WS 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 BRISA Inc., Hotel Vista Bahía, Marina de Salinas, their agents, 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 must sign waiver of liability. Additionally, Risk Statement RRS States: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to

continue to race is hers alone. By participating in this event each competitor, parents or legal guardians agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

#### **19. RIGHT TO USE AND LIKENESS**

- 19.1 By participating in this Regatta, a competitor automatically grants BRISA 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 this Series. These pictures will be the property of BRISA Inc. or its Sponsors and may be used for any legitimate purpose.

APPENDIX A

Bahia de Rincón Sailing Areas

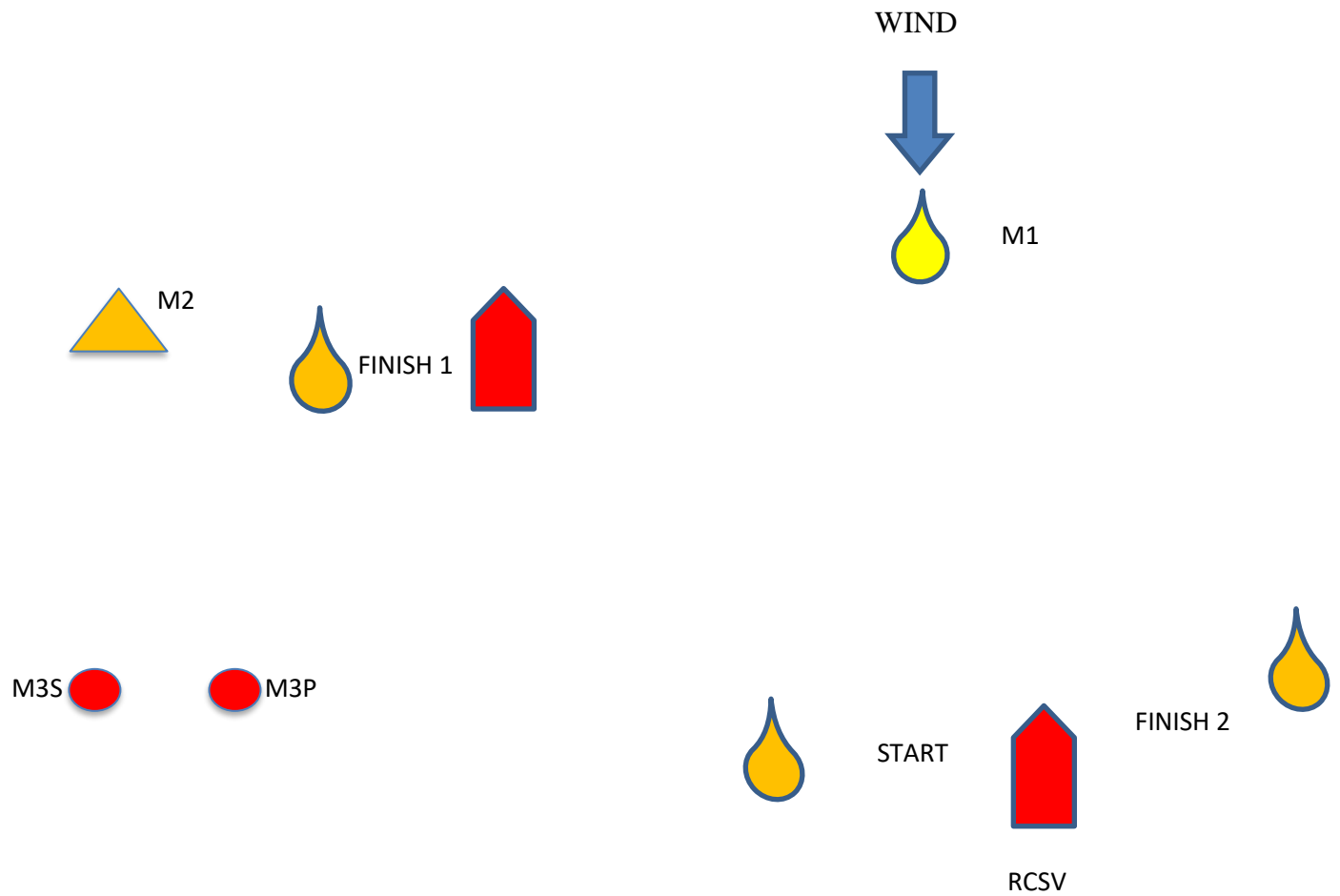




# APPENDIX B

## Courses for Racing Area "A"

1. S-M1-M2-M3SP-F1
2. S-M1-M2-M3SP-M2-M3SP-F1
3. S-M1-F2



## APPENDIX C

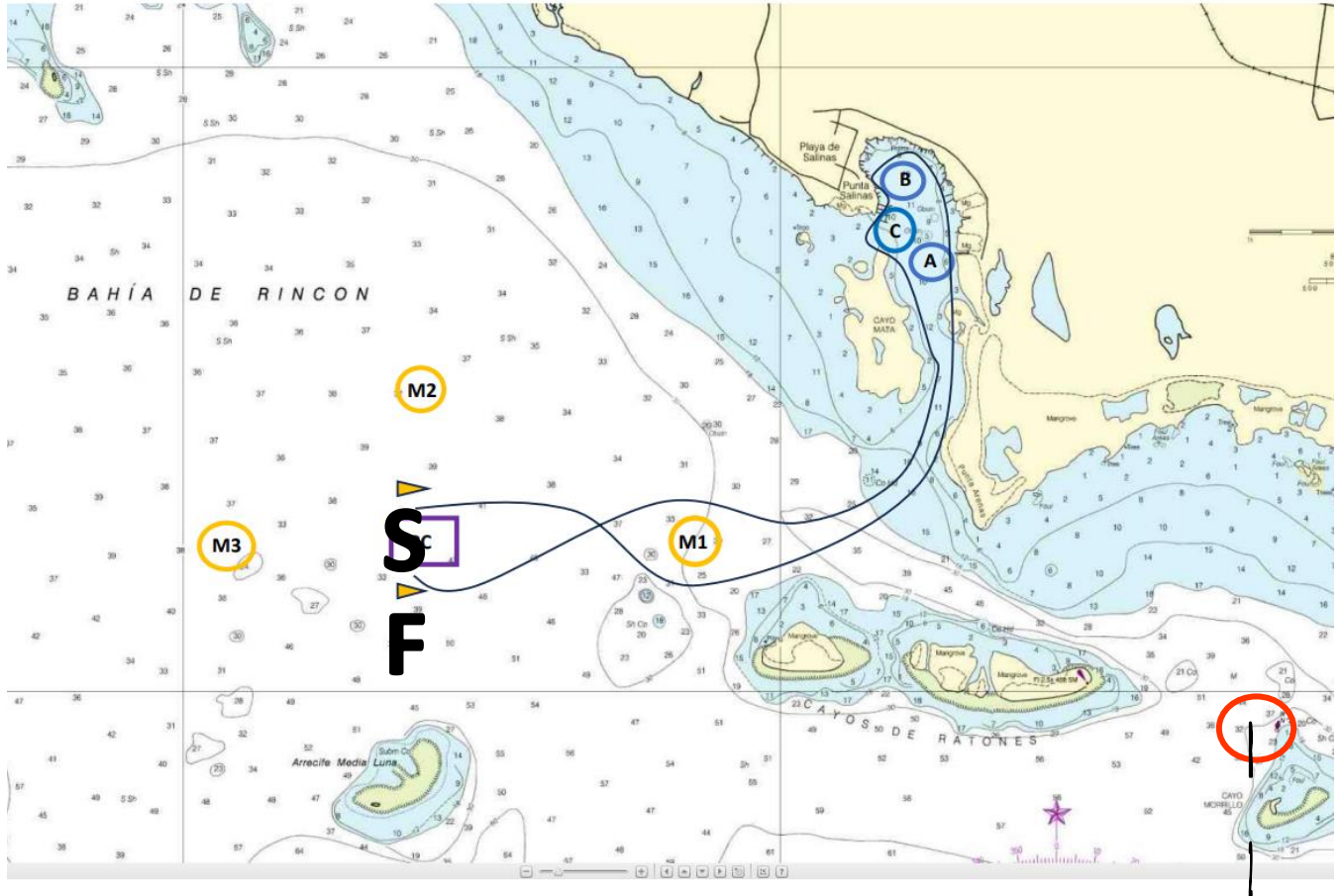
### Courses for Racing Area "B"

1. S-M1-F
2. S-M1-M3-M1-F
3. S-M1-M2-M3-F
4. S-R2-F (See Permanent Buoy R2 at Appendix D)
5. S-M1-A-B-C-F (See Appendix D)



APPENDIX D

Courses 5 for Racing Area "B"



## APPENDIX E

### Racing Area "C"

Optimist Super Green Fleet Course in front of Hotel Vista Bahía

#### 1. S – M1 – M2 – F

