



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, Puerto Rico
Oct. 30- 31, Nov. 1, 2026

Fellow Sailors:

The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club (PYFC), its board of directors and its organizing Committee has the pleasure of inviting you to the 36th Edition of Discover the Caribbean Regatta that will be held on October 30 to November 1 ,2026.

The history of sailing in our Club has been distinctive since its beginning. We have worked hard to provide you with better facilities, digital resources to facilitate registration, communication, and payment in the following website (<https://www.theclubspot.com>), track you results, in addition to the social activities offered every day after finishing the race.

We hope that you can join us!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. David E. Kerr
Race Committee Chairman

Eng. Gabriel J. Bonnin
Regatta Director

Mr. Ashok P. Duggal
Commodore

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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 The regulations of the IC-24 class Rules 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 Boats racing on Classes will use the CSA Simplified Rating handicap system. Only boats with an official 2024-2026 CSA Simplified Rating will be allowed to race in Jib & Main Class. CSA Simplified Ratings Form may be downloaded from www.theclubspot.com. For questions and support please contact the Puerto Rico CSA measurer Rafael Martinez rjm4@email.com.
- 1.4 Boats in CRUISING CLASS may sail with two head sails. The spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.5 Boats in Jib & Main Class must sail with one head sail only. The use of the spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.6 Genoas more than 150% will not be allowed for all Cruising and Jib & Main Classes.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a minimum LOA 16 feet.
- 2.2 There will be Six (6) divisions for entry.
 - Jib & Main
 - Cruising
 - Racing
 - IC-24
 - Nativos 17
 - Hobie 16
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration in www.theclubspot.com and with the regatta committee at the Regatta Headquarters.
- 2.4 The Race Committee according to the number of entrants will determine the number of classes within a division. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries in the classes as they deem appropriate.
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- 2.5.1 **Classes:** The acceptance of yachts in a specific class is entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee. Classes will generally be arranged according to rating and will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
- 2.5.2 **Crew:** Minimum crew in all classes shall be 2 (two). No crew may be omitted or substituted unless permission is received in advance from the race Committee Chairman. All requests must be submitted in writing.
- 2.6 A minimum of three (3) boats for each class is required to constitute a class.
- 2.7 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 2.8 Participants MUST be active members of its Class Associations (RRS 75.2). If you are not a current member of a class, membership to the appropriate association will be available at registration for a nominal fee.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Regular registration and payment in full shall be done using www.theclubspot.com no later than Thursday October 30, 2026.
- 3.2 All visiting vessels will have free dock for two weeks one before and one after the event.
- 3.3 For Information and Registration please contact our Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club Office at 787-842-9003.

4. FEES

		FEE	10.50%	1%	TOTAL
4.1	Early Bird Registration: (See Article 3.1) No later than Sept 30, 2026	\$275.00	\$28.88	\$2.75	\$306.63
4.2	Regular Registration: (See article 3.1) Oct 1- Oct 29, 2026	\$350.00	\$36.75	\$3.50	\$390.25
4.3	Late Registration: At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$395.00	\$41.48	\$3.95	\$440.43
4.4	Early Bird Registration: Hobie 16/Nativos 17 (See Article 3.1) No later than Sept 30, 2026	\$150.00	\$15.75	\$1.50	\$167.25
4.5	Regular Registration: Hobie 16/ Nativos 17 (See article 3.1) Oct 1- Oct 29, 2026	\$175.00	\$18.38	\$1.75	\$195.13



4.6	Late Registration: Hobie 16/ Nativos 17 At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.1)	\$200.00	\$21.00	\$2.00	\$223.00
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4.8 An **11.5%** IVU tax is going to be charged at registration, as per PR government.

4.9 For a registration to be considered as complete it must be paid in full at the moment of registration and within the deadlines expressed in 4.1 through 4.9. Failure to comply with the payment within the deadlines a registration will be considered incomplete and charged the rate at the payment date.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Skippers check in and Late Registration

5.1.1 At Regatta Headquarters on Friday October 30, 2026 from 1600 hours to 2000 hours. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk at the PYFC Pool area.

5.1.2 All competitors must complete registration before the Skipper's meeting.

5.2 Skippers Meeting

5.2.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held at the PYFC Pool area at 2030 hours on Friday October 30, 2026.

5.3 Races

5.3.1 Races will be back-to-back.

5.3.2 The First warning signal is scheduled for 1100hrs on Saturday Oct 31 and Sunday Nov 1, 2026.

5.3.3 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1400 hours on Sunday.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available in www.theclubspot.com

6.2 This regatta is working towards being a Green Regatta. Competitors can print their own SI or use the online SI.

6.3 The Race Committee will only supply the courses in print.

6.4 A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted in the Official Notice Board in the Marlin Room.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Ponce Bay.

7.2 Navigation Charts: All yachts are encouraged to carry on board a current copy of NOAA chart # 25638 Bahia de Ponce and Approaches.



8. SCORING

- 8.1 Scoring will be done using Appendix A, A4 Low Scoring System.
- 8.2 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 8.3 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.4 When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her (1) worst score.
- 8.5 When from eleven (11) to fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

9. SHORE FACILITIES

- 9.1 Boats will be accommodated at the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club.
- 9.2 Contact PYFC Dock Master at 787-842-9003 or by VHF Channel 68 for slip assignment.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first 3 places in each class.

11 HOTELS

- 11.1 HOTEL MELIA (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT -(787)842-0260, (787)842-0261
- 11.2 HOTEL BELGICA (6MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)844-3255
- 11.3 PONCE PLAZA HOTEL (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)813-5050
- 11.4 HOWARD JOHNSON (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)841-1000
- 11.5 PONCE HILTON (2 MILES/5 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)259-7676
- 11.6 ALOFT PONCE (4 MILES/ 11 MIN. DRIVE) CONTACT – (787)861-7080

12 CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

- 12.1 Service is available Monday through Saturday from 0800 to 1630 hours at the ports of Entry in San Juan, Fajardo, Ponce, Mayagüez, Vieques, and Culebra. USA registered Boats not carrying aliens on board may clear customs by phone. Be aware that when Clearing customs by phone, ONLY THE SKIPPER is permitted off the yacht while the Procedure is being completed. A violation of the procedure could result in severe Penalties.
- 12.2 Aliens must clear Immigration before entering. A new requirement for non-U.S. Citizens wanting to gain entry to the U.S. by way of a non-commercial vessel--for Example a private sailboat--is that he or she must have a visa.
- 12.3 There will be no special services of Customs or Immigration at the marina.
- 12.4 From 0800 to 1700 hours, you may call:
 - 12.4.1 San Juan (787)253-4533 (4534,4535,4536)
 - 12.4.2 Mayagüez (787) 831-3342 (3342)
 - 12.4.3 Vieques (787) 741-8366
 - 12.4.4 Ponce (787) 841-3130 (3131,3132)
 - 12.4.5 Fajardo (787) 863-0950 (4075,0811,0102)



12.4.6 Culebra (787) 742-0531

12.4.7 Overnight (787) 253-4533 ,253-4536

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation 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 The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club Organization and all persons involved in the organization under whatever Qualification. Competitors are to be acquainted with RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule "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 Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club 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.