



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, Puerto Rico
November 14-15, 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 35th Edition of Discover the Caribbean Dinghy Regatta that will be held on November 14-15, 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 your 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 International Optimist Dinghy Association Class Rules, the Rules of the Laser Class Association and the Rules of the Sunfish Class International Racing Association, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and/or by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 There will be Nine (9) divisions for entry.
 - Optimist RWB, Green & Super Green
 - ILCA 4
 - Sunfish
 - 29er
 - 420
 - O'Day Mariner
 - Playero
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration in www.theclubspot.com and with the regatta committee at the Regatta Headquarters.
- 2.3 The Optimists competitors must be between 7 and 15 of age.
- 2.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to divide the Optimist class into as many as four fleets, designated as Red, White, Blue, and Green.
- 2.5 A minimum of three (3) boats for each class is required to constitute a class.
- 2.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to waive eligibility to vessels in order to allow fair and maximum participation.
- 2.7 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 Registration and payment in full shall be done using www.theclubspot.com no later than Friday, November 13, 2026.
- 3.2 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: Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & Sunfish No later than Oct 7, 2026	\$120.00	\$12.60	\$1.20	\$133.80
4.2	Regular Registration: Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & Sunfish Oct 8- Nov 13, 2026	\$140.00	\$14.70	\$1.40	\$156.10
4.3	Late Registration: Optimist, ILCA 4 & Sunfish At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.2)	\$160.00	\$16.80	\$1.60	\$178.40
4.4	Early Bird Registration: 29er, 420, Playero, & O'Day Mariner No later than Oct 7, 2026	\$170.00	\$17.85	\$1.70	\$189.55
4.5	Regular Registration: 29er, 420, Playero, & O'Day Mariner Oct 8- Nov 13, 2026	\$190.00	\$19.95	\$1.90	\$211.85
4.6	Late Registration: 29er, 420, Playero, & O'Day Mariner At Regatta Headquarters (See article 5.1.2)	\$210.00	\$22.05	\$2.10	\$234.15
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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, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6. 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 Regular Registration on Friday Nov. 13, 2026 from 0800 hours to 1800 hours at the Registration Desk in the PYFC Office.

5.1.2 Late Registration on Saturday Nov. 14, 2026, from 0800 hours to 1000 hours at the Registration Desk in the PYFC Office.

5.1.3 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 beach area at 1000 hours on Saturday Nov. 14, 2026.



5.3 Races

5.3.1 Races will be back-to-back.

5.3.2 The First warning signal is scheduled for 1130hrs on Saturday Nov 14 and 1000 hours Sunday Nov 15, 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 PYFC Beach Area.

7. RACING AREA

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

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 Golf and Beach area at the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club.

10 CHARTER BOATS

10.1 Three (3) fully equipped Sunfish (\$50.00/day) and One (1) 420 (\$95.00/day) sailboats are available to charter for a fee. Contact Jorge Santiago at (787)217-0631 or at leewardsailing@gmail.com

11 PRIZES

11.1 Optimist trophies will be awarded to the first 3 boats in each class, except for super green fleet, where all competitors will receive a medal in recognition of their participation.

11.2 One Best Female trophy will be awarded for the Optimists.



- 11.3 ILCA, Sunfish, 420, 29er, O'Day Mariner & Playero trophies will be awarded to the first 3 boats

12 HOTELS

- 12.1 HOTEL MELIA (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT -(787)842-0260, (787)842-0261
- 12.2 HOTEL BELGICA (6MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)844-3255
- 12.3 PONCE PLAZA HOTEL (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)813-5050
- 12.4 HOWARD JOHNSON (6 MILES/10 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)841-1000
- 12.5 PONCE HILTON (2 MILES/5 MIN. DRIVE); CONTACT – (787)259-7676
- 12.6 ALOFT PONCE (4 MILES/ 11 MIN. DRIVE) CONTACT – (787)861-7080

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.