



Organizing Authority

Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club

Ponce, Puerto Rico

Discover Caja de Muertos

October 30, 2026

Fellow Sailors:

The Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club and its organizing Committee has the pleasure of inviting you to the 3rd Edition of Discover Coffin Island that will be held on Friday October 30, 2026.

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 Boats racing on
- 1.3 Boats in CRUISING CLASS may sail with two head sails. The spinnaker pole is allowed.
- 1.4 Boats in jib & Main Class have to sail with one head sail only. 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 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.
- 1.7 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 26 ft.
- 2.2 There will be 3 (three) divisions for entry.
 - CSA RACING
 - CSA CRUISING
 - CSA JIB & MAIN
- 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 4 (four)). 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 Registration **MUST** be done using www.theclubspot.com no later than Friday October 30, 2026.
- 3.2 For Information and Registration please contact; Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club at 787-842-9003.

4. FEES

- 4.1 This event has no cost if the participant is registered in the Discover the Caribbean Regatta by Friday October 30, 2026 at 0900 hours. If participant is not registered for the Discover the Caribbean Regatta a \$50.00 + tax will be charged at PYFC office.
- 4.2 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, 4.7, 4.8 and 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 0800 hours to 0900 hours. Competitors shall register at the Registration Desk in PYFC Office.
 - 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 Marlin Room at 0930 hours on Friday October 30, 2026.

6. RACES

- 6.1 Only one race Around Coffin Island will be done, weather permitting.
- 6.2 The First warning signal is scheduled for 1100hrs on Friday October 30, 2026.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available in www.theclubspot.com
- 7.2 This regatta is working towards being a Green Regatta. Competitors can print their own SI or use the online SI.
- 7.3 The Race Committee will only supply the courses in print.



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

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Race will take place in the navigational waters adjacent to Ponce Bay towards Isla de Caja de Muertos.
- 8.2 Navigation Charts: All yachts are encouraged to carry on board a current copy of NOAA chart # 25638 Bahia de Ponce and Approaches.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Scoring will be done using Appendix A, A4 Low Scoring System.
- 9.2 A minimum of one (1) race will constitute a regatta.

10. SHORE FACILITIES

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

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Class trophies will be awarded to the first place in each class.

10 CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 There will be no special services of Customs or Immigration at the marina.
- 10.4 From 0800 to 1700 hours, you may call:
- 10.4.1 San Juan (787)253-4533 (4534,4535,4536)
 - 10.4.2 Mayagüez (787) 831-3342 (3342)
 - 10.4.3 Vieques (787) 741-8366
 - 10.4.4 Ponce (787) 841-3130 (3131,3132)
 - 10.4.5 Fajardo (787) 863-0950 (4075,0811,0102)
 - 10.4.6 Culebra (787) 742-0531
 - 10.4.7 Overnight (787) 253-4533 ,253-4536



11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 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.