



**Winter Cup Regatta**  
**16 & 17 de Diciembre 2023**  
Club Náutico de San Juan, San Juan, Puerto Rico



## **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 Rules of participating ONE DESIGN: ILCA and Optimist classes 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 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## **2. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

2.1 All boats that intend to compete shall check in with the RCSV upon arrival to the racing area. Failure to do so could constitute grounds for disqualification.

2.2 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.

## **3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Academia de Vela at CNSJ and/or [www.theclubspot.com](http://www.theclubspot.com)

## **4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTION**

4.1 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.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Academia de Vela at CNSJ.

5.2 If the AP flag is displayed ashore, when it is dropped, no race will begin for at least 30 minutes.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17, 2023.

6.2 Mandatory Competitors Meeting at 1030 hrs at the Academia de Vela facilities for ILCA 4, & Optimist (Red/White/Blue) on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

6.3 Mandatory Competitors Meeting at 1100 hrs at the Academia de Vela facilities for Optimist Green & Super Green on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

6.4 Eight (8) races are scheduled. Four races will be sailed on Saturday. One extra race may be sailed on Saturday. The decision will be made by the Race Committee and will depend on weather conditions. On Sunday up to 3 races may be sailed.

6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1130 hrs.; the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 1030 hrs.

6.6 No warning signal will be hoisted after 1500 hrs. on Saturday; no warning signal will be hoisted after 1330 hrs. on Sunday.

## 8. CLASS FLAG

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

Race Committee Signal Vessel	
Optimist Advanced (White, Blue, Red)	Optimist Class Flag
ILCA	ILCA Class Flag
Optimist Green	TBD
Optimist Super Green	TBD

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 The navigable waters in the San Juan Bay and Cataño Bay as shown in Attachment C. NOAA Chart #25670

8.2 There will be two venues for competition: Race Area #1 – Bahía Urbana, and Race Area #2 - Cataño.

8.3 Race Area # 1, Bahía Urbana area, will be limited to the Optimist Green and Optimist Super Green.

8.4 Race Area #2, Cataño area, will be for Optimist Advanced (White, Blue & Red) and ILCA 4 Fleets.

## 9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses diagram in Attachments A & B will be sailed at the discretion of the RC. Attachments A & B shows the approximate configuration of the courses including the order in which the marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Although the RC will attempt to set courses that

comply with these illustrations, failure to duplicate them precisely shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

9.1.1 All marks are temporary buoys of different shapes and are yellow, orange, and white in color.

9.2 Mark GATE in Attachment B, is leeward mark in the form of a Gate (marks 3S and 3P), boats shall pass through the gate between 3S and 3P. The boats have to pass complying with RRS 28.2(c). This gate may be replaced by a single mark, Mark 3 to be left to port.

9.3 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. This changes RRS 27.1.

## **10. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

## **11. THE STARTS**

11.1 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.

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

11.3 The starting line will be considered an obstruction once started and while racing.

11.4 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.

11.5 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.

11.6 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1 For all courses that finish on the RCSV, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port finishing mark.

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

### 13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 For all ONE DESIGN Classes the time limits for the race are as follows:

Time limits in minutes for the regatta		
	TIME LIMIT after 1 <sup>st</sup> boat arrives	TIME LIMIT to arrive to first mark
ILCA 4	20mins	20mins
Optimist Advanced (White, Blue and Red)	20mins	20mins

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish” (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

### 14. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest shall be written on forms available at the Academia de Vela in CNSJ.

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

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

14.4 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.

14.5 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.

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

14.7 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

14.7.1 Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

14.7.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

14.8 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.

## **15. SCORING**

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

15.2 The Low Point System (A4) will apply.

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

15.4 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.

## **16. TRASH DISPOSAL**

16.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee vessels.

## **16. RISK STATEMENT**

16.1 RRS 3 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 and the responsible adult 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.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

17.1 The official radio communication is VHF channel 6.

## **18. SAFETY**

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

18.2 All competitors must wear a PFD (Personal Flotation device)

## **19. PRIZES**

19.1 Class awards will be given to the first three boats in each class.

19.2 The awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 17, at the Club Náutico de San Juan facilities starting at 3:30 pm.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participating in the regatta are entirely at their own risk. Competitors agree to be bound by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), by Sailing Instruction (SI), the Notice of Race (NOR) and any additional information to the SI or to the NOR. Competitors agree to take any responsibility for nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, the crew ability and safety requirements. 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 Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico, Club Náutico de San Juan and all its members, the sponsors and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for their behavior and dress of yacht's crew, representative and guest. Competitors are to be acquainted with 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 Federación de Vela de Puerto Rico and Club Náutico de San Juan 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.

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

21.1 By participating in the 2023 Winter Cup Regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authorities 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 the Regatta without compensation.

# Attachment A

## RACE AREA #1 (Bahía Urbana)

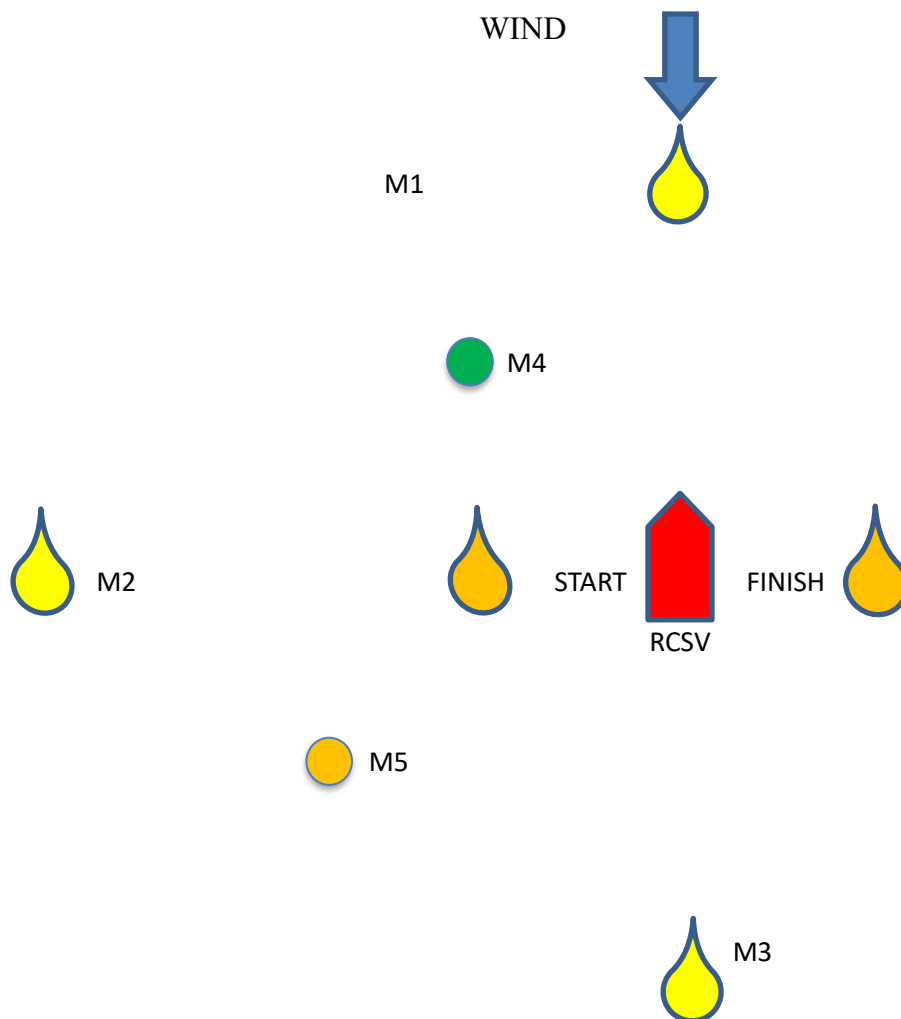
### Courses

#### Optimist Green

1. S-M1-M2-M3-F
2. S-M1-M2-M3-MI-M2-M3-F

#### Optimist Super Green

1. S-M4-M5-F



# Attachment B

## RACE AREA #2 (Cataño)

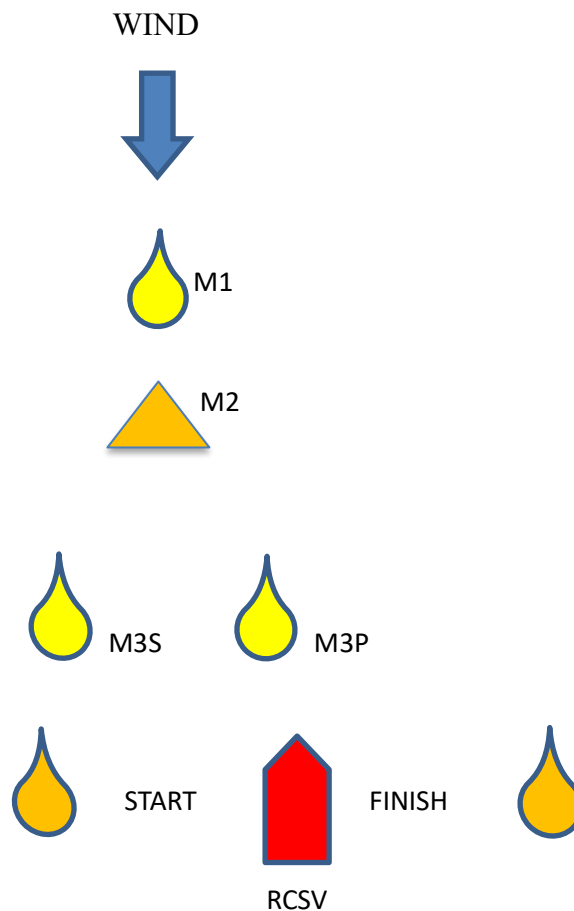
### Courses

#### ILCA 4

1. S-M1- F
2. S-M1-Gate-M3S/M3P-MI-F
3. S-M1-Gate-M3S/M3P-M1-GATE-M3S/M3P-M1-F
4. S-M2-GATE M3S/M3P-M2-F

#### Optimist Advanced (Red/White/Blue)

1. S-M2-F
2. S-M2Gate-M3S/M3P-M2-F





# Attachment C

## NOAA Chart #25670

### 1. Racing Areas

