



# 2024 Panama International Regatta

Organizing Authority: Sea Masters Academy Panama (SMAP)

January 26 - 28, 2024

Club de Yates Y Pesca de Panamá

## Notice of Race

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. RRS Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on the water, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing.
- 1.3. Appendix V Rule V1 (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) shall apply: The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.4. Appendix V Rule V2 (PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE) shall apply.

### 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available online before 1700h on Monday January 22, 2024
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, standard sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board on Sea Masters Academy Panama website.

### 3. Communication

- 3.1. The official online notice board is located at [seamasterspty.com/pir](https://seamasterspty.com/pir)

### 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to all RS Quest, Optimist, and WingFoil sailors from the continental Americas.
- 4.2. Sailors may only enter the event by registering online. Registration closes Monday, January 22, 2024 at 0930.

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

## 5. Fees

5.1. The entry fee per Adult-competitor is \$75

5.2. The entry fee per Youth-competitor is \$50

5.3. The boat charter fee is \$280 per RS QUEST boat

5.4. The boat charter fee is \$50 per OPTIMIST boat

5.5. A late entry fee of \$25.00 will go into effect on Monday, January 22 at 1200hrs (12:00 PM) ET

5.6. Entry fees are non-refundable on or after Monday, January 22 at 1200hrs (12:00 PM) ET

5.7. The entry fee includes:

5.7.1. Practice race on Friday, January 26 with happy hour afterwards

5.7.2. Two championship racing days

5.7.3. Open buffet on Saturday and Sunday after racing

5.7.4. Open bar for adult competitors only

5.7.5. Refreshments for youth competitors

5.7.6. Awards and prizes

## 6. Preliminary Schedule

6.1.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>Description</b>
Friday Jan. 26, 2024	1300 -1800	Registration at the regatta village CYP - <i>Club de Yates Y Pesca</i> - <i>SMAP tent</i>
	1345	Competitors' meeting
	1400	Boat launch
	1445	First Warning signal - Practice Race
	1700	Regatta Opening happy hour
Saturday Jan. 27, 2024	1000	Check-in at the regatta village CYP - <i>Club de Yates Y Pesca</i> - <i>SMAP tent</i>

	1130	Competitors' meeting
	1300	Boat launch
	1345	First Warning signal
	1700	No race start after this time
	Post Race	Open buffet and happy hour for competitors only!
Sunday Jan. 28, 2024	1130	Competitors' meeting
	1345	Boat launch
	1430	First Warning signal
	1730	No race start after this time
	Post Race	Open buffet and happy hour for competitors and anyone who has purchased a ticket

6.2. A maximum of 8 races are scheduled for Saturday and a maximum of 6 for Sunday. The Race Committee will target a 12-race series and sail an additional 2 races if conditions permit.

## 7. Venue

7.1. Racing will be on Bahía de Panamá in front of Club de Yates Y Pesca de Panamá.

## 8. Courses

8.1. Courses to be sailed will be a combination of reaching courses and windward/leeward courses.

8.2. Diagram of the courses will be available on the SIs - sailing instructions.

## 9. Time Limits

9.1. The target time for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 20 minutes.

9.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in the fleet that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

## 10. Scoring

10.1. One race completed will be considered a regatta.

10.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 10.3. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. This is the Low Point System.
- 10.4. A boat that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

## **11. Insurance**

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## **12. Prizes**

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place of each fleet. A minimum of 4 boats is required to be considered a fleet.

## **13. Media Rights**

- 13.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

## **14. Disclaimer of Liability & Risk Statement**

- 14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 14.2. RRS Rule 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 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.
- 14.3. Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19.
- 14.4. Prior to participating in this event, every competitor shall sign the SMAP Waiver of Liability. Competitors with incomplete waivers will be scored DNC and refunds will not be given.

## **15. Further Information**

- 15.1. For further information, please contact: Guillermo Gasperi, [info@seamasterspty.com](mailto:info@seamasterspty.com) , +507-6607-2941

## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)**

### **1. Parking**

Parking will be available in front of the Club house

### **2. Food & Drinks**

1. No food will be provided on Friday, only drinks post-race happy hour.
2. Food and beverage will be provided post racing on Saturday and Sundays, to competitors and volunteers only.
3. On Sunday, invitees may purchase a ticket pre-sold at \$25 / person to have access to the open buffet and open bar during happy hour.
4. Competitors, volunteers, and invitees who have purchased a ticket must wear the bracelet provided to access the buffet and happy hour.

### **3. Water**

Please bring refillable water bottles. Water Bottle refilling stations are located at regatta village as well as on the coach boat. Bottled water will not be provided.

### **4. Guest and family members**

We want to extend a warm welcome to all guests and family members of our competitors! To allow us to continue our mission of growing the sport of sailing by increasing access, safety, and competition for sailors of all types, we kindly request a donation starting at \$25 for each adult attendee to access the open bar and buffet available on Sunday 28.

This contribution will directly support our efforts to improve sailing for everyone, and in return, you'll enjoy access to a delicious buffet and refreshing drinks while connecting with fellow sailing enthusiasts. Consider it a way to invest in the future of the sport while savoring a well-deserved celebration!

Secure your spot with a pre-purchased donation or contribute \$30 on-site/at the event. . Each ticket comes with a bracelet that grants access to the open bar and buffet.

We understand this might be different from past events, and we sincerely appreciate your understanding and support. Your generosity helps us fulfill our mission and create a vibrant sailing community for generations to come.