



# NOTICE OF RACE

Panama Bay, 06 - 08 February, 2026



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# 2026 Panama International Regatta

**February 06 - 08, 2026**

**Ocean Reef Islands Marina**

## **Organizing Authority**

Sea Masters Academy Panama (SMAP) is the Organizing Authority, with the support of Sail Panama (*the Member National Authority recognized by World Sailing*), Optimist Sailing Panama (*the Panamanian member of the International Optimist Dinghy Association–IODA*), and Laser Sailing Panama (*the National District Member for Panama within the International Laser Class Association–ILCA, Central & South America Region*).

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## **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 Tuesday February 03, 2026
- 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](http://seamasterspty.com/pir)



## **4. Eligibility and Entry**

- 4.1. The event is open to all RS Quest, Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, RS AERO 7 sailors from planet Earth.
- 4.2. Sailors may only enter the event by registering online. Registration closes Monday, January 05 at 1200hrs (12:00 PM) ET. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

## **5. Fees**

- 5.1. Entry fee per competitor is \$135
- 5.2. RS QUEST boat charter fee is \$350
- 5.3. ILCA, OPTIMIST, RS AERO boat charter fee is \$150 for SMAP members
- 5.4. ILCA, OPTIMIST, RS AERO boat charter fee is \$225 for non-SMAP members
  - 5.4.1. A discounted "Hull-Only" charter rate is available. Competitors may choose to rent only the hull and provide all other components themselves.
- 5.5. A late entry fee of \$25.00 will go into effect on Monday, January 05 at 1200hrs (12:00 PM) ET
- 5.6. Entry fees are non-refundable on or after Monday, January 05 at 1200hrs (12:00 PM) ET
- 5.7. The entry fee includes:
  - 5.7.1. Three championship racing days
  - 5.7.2. Open buffet on, Saturday and Sunday after racing
  - 5.7.3. Awards and prizes
  - 5.7.4. Official tec-shirt
  - 5.7.5. Race clinic on Thursday afternoon

## **6. Preliminary Schedule**

- 6.1.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>Description</b>
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Wednesday FEB. 04, 2026	10:00 -13:00	Registration at <b>WSC office - Ocean Reef Islands Marina Water Sport Center</b>
Thursday FEB. 05, 2026	09:00 -13:00	Panama Canal - Miraflores Lock & Museum tour
	16:00 - 17:30	Clinic session for those who sign up
	18:00	Weather lecture and happy hour at <b>CLUB DE YATES Y PESCA</b>
Friday FEB. 06, 2026	08:00 -11:00	Registration at <b>WSC office - Ocean Reef Islands Marina Water Sport Center</b>
	11:30	Competitors' meeting
	11:45	Boat launch
	12:30	First Warning signal
	17:00	No race start after this time
		*No buffet available on this day!
Saturday FEB. 07, 2026	8:00	Check-in at <b>WSC office - Ocean Reef Islands Marina Water Sport Center</b>
	9:00	Competitors' meeting
	9:30	Boat launch
	10:00	First Warning signal
	17:00	No race start after this time
	18:00	Open buffet at venue
Sunday FEB. 08, 2026	9:30	Competitors' meeting at <b>WSC office - Ocean Reef Islands Marina Water Sport Center</b>
	10:30	Boat launch
	11:00	First Warning signal
	16:30	No race start after this time
	18:00	Awards and Prizes



6.2. A maximum of three (3) races are scheduled for Friday, a maximum of four (4) races for Saturday, and one (1) long-distance race is scheduled for Sunday, weather permitting. If conditions do not allow, two (2) short-course races may be sailed instead. The Race Committee intends to conduct a maximum of twelve (12)-race series.

## **7. Venue**

7.1. **Racing Venue:** Ocean Reef Islands Marina - Water Sport Center. The racing will take place in Bay of Panama in front of JW Marriott Punta Pacifica and the Southeast of Club de Yates Y Pesca

## **8. Courses**

8.1. Courses to be sailed will be an Olympic (Gold) Course - mid course start, triangle, windward/leeward, upwind finish for the ILCA and RS Quest fleet.

8.2. Opti Green fleet will do a triangle course.

8.3. 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. By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, the OSP, and the sponsors of the championship, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

## **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**

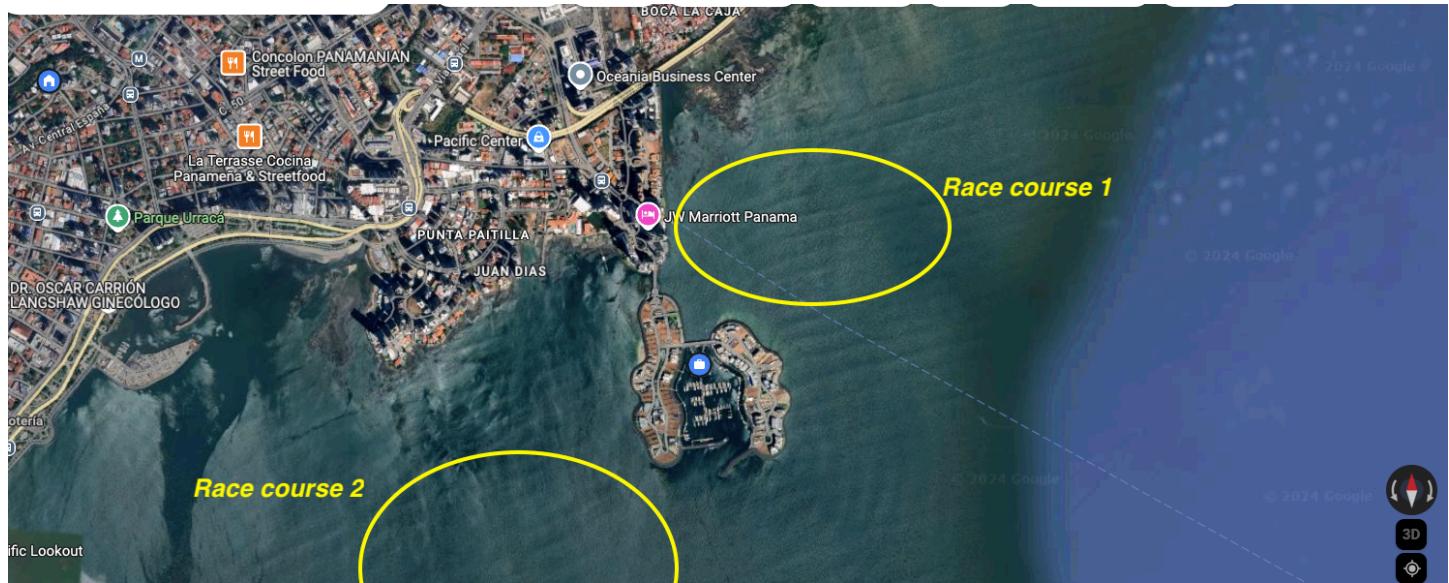
- 15.1. For further information, please contact: Guillermo Gasperi, [clubseamasters@gmail.com](mailto:clubseamasters@gmail.com), +507-6607-2941



## Attachment 1: Racing Area

### Race courses:

- **Race course 1: when winds are N or NE**
- **Race course 2: when winds are WNW or NW**



*View from Race Course 1*



**Aerial view of Race course 1 and regatta venue**



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

### **1. Behaviour**

All competitors and volunteers are expected to comply with the regulations of the host club and maintain proper conduct at all times. Misconduct, whether on shore or afloat, and regardless of whether it results in damage to the facilities, may be subject to investigation by the Race Committee. The committee reserves the right to convene a hearing and impose a scoring penalty as deemed appropriate.

### **2. Parking**

At Ocean Reef Islands Marina: parking will be available at the marina parking lot, golf carts will take competitors to the Water Sport Center.

At Club de Yates Y Pesca de Panama: parking will be available in front of the Clubhouse.

### **3. Food & Drinks**

1. No food will be provided on Friday. Competitors are invited to join us for happy hour at Ocean Reef Island Water Sport Center
2. Food and beverage will be provided post racing on Saturday and Sundays, to competitors and volunteers only.

### **4. 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.

### **5. Race clinic**

A race clinic will be held on Thursday, February 05, 2026 led by Coach Alberto Olivo. The fee for the clinic is \$100 per day, which includes the use of a boat.

### **6. Coach boats**

Coach boats will be available in limited quantities. The daily rental price will range from \$150 to \$250, depending on the type of boat, plus the cost of gasoline.

### **7. Miscellaneous**

Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (maximum size: 61cm x 91cm).



## 8. Sailing Conditions

Daytime Air temperature	29-31°C (84-88°F)
Water temperature	26-29°C (79-84°F)
Prevailing Wind direction	N, NE, NW
Wind speed	Max 22 Knots / Min 10 Knots
Hours of good wind	7
Tides and currents	<i>Tidal range: up to 5 meters / currents: 0.5 up to 2.5 Knots</i>

## 9. Visa Requirements

Visas may be required by some nationalities. Delegations should contact their travel agency or Consulate in their country to inquire about all Visa and entry requirements. Citizens of many countries in the Americas and Europe do not need a visa for short visits (up to 90 days).

## 10. Spectators Boat

A spectator boat may be arranged for parents and guests throughout the event at a minimum cost per person per day throughout the event. More information will be provided closer to the event.

## 11. How to Submit Your Payment

Payments can be made via:

- Bank transfer: Please ensure that an additional \$40 is included in your total to cover international bank wire fees.
- Credit card or PayPal: through our website <https://www.seamasterspty.com/pir>

To request bank details or assistance, please contact Guillermo Gasperi at [clubseamasters@gmail.com](mailto:clubseamasters@gmail.com)