



Copa de Naciones Vela Panamericana

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VALLARTA YACHT CLUB, PARADISE VILLAGE
BAHÍA DE BANDERAS, MEXICO

INTERNATIONAL CLASSES: LASER, LASER RADIAL, SUNFISH, LIGHTNING, SNIPE,
HOBIE CAT 16, RS:X (MALE AND FEMALE) BIC TECNO 293, J 24

CLASSIFYING EVENT, FOR MEXICAN COMPETITORS, FOR PAN AMERICAN GAMES OF
GUADALAJARA 2011

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Copa de Naciones “Vela Panamericana” will be governed by the rules as defined in ISAF’s Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Federación Mexicana de Vela shall not apply.
- 1.3 For Mexican crews whose races will be classifying events, Class Notices for these events shall also apply.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority for Copa de Naciones “Vela Panamericana” is the Federación Mexicana de Vela, Pan American Sailing Federation and Vallarta Yacht Club.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising shall be Category C of ISAF Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Competitor boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the classes mentioned.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the form which appears on web page www.velapanamericana.com and depositing the entrance fee via PAY PAL no later than 05 October at 15:00. Late registrations will be received up to 15:00 on 15 October, subject to an additional penalty of 50% of the registration fee set forth in paragraph 4.3 of this Notice of Race. No registrations will be accepted after this final date and time.

4.3 Registration fee shall be US\$100 (US DOLLARS) for each competitor.

4.4 Accreditation: All competitors shall be accredited by appearing personally at the Race Office of the host Club on Wednesday 20 October 2010 from 09:00 to 17:00 after having met with the requirements of paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 above.

4.5 Team Leaders, Coaches and Delegates must also be accredited by completing the related form which appears on the event's web page. www.velapanamericana.com, where they must register their team's support boats. The deadline for this accreditation shall be the same as that for competitors. There will be no fee for this accreditation.

4.6 There shall be no reimbursement of registration fees after the close of registrations. Reimbursement prior to closing of registration shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and minus a 30% penalty to cover administrative costs.

4.7 For any given class to be eligible to compete, there must be a minimum of three boats entered and competing.

5. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 20 October	Arrival and accreditation
Thursday, 21 October	10:30 Skippers Meeting 12:00 Warning signal – first race of the day
Friday, 22 October	11:00 Racing

Saturday, 23 October 11:00 Racing

Sunday, 24 October 11.00 Racing

Awards ceremony

On Sunday, 24 October, no warning signal shall be given after 16:00.

5.1 A total of eight races are scheduled for all classes except RS:X and Bic Techno 293, for which twelve races are scheduled.

6. RACE AREA AND COURSES

6.1 The race area shall be in Banderas Bay, approximately in front of Paradise Village.

6.2 The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

6.3 Distribution of classes and the number of race courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

7. MEASUREMENT

Every boat shall present a valid certificate of measurement. In addition, there may be daily measurement.

8. CLOSED PARK

All boats shall remain in the closed park in front of the host club from the first day of scheduled racing for each class until the end of all protest hearings on the last day of the championship.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions for the regatta will be available at 11:00 on Wednesday, 20 October.

10. PENALTIES

For the Hobie Cat 16 class, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that one turn is required, including one tack and one gybe.

11. SCORING

11.1 Completion of a minimum of three races is required to constitute the series.

11.2 If less than 5 races are completed, the score of each boat shall be the sum of all its points.

11.3 If 5 or more races are completed, the score of each boat shall be the sum of all its points, excluding the points of its worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be identified with a white flag displaying the letters identifying the country with which they are associated.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing nor shall she receive radio transmissions which are not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first three places of each Class.

15. DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors take part in this regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race: It is the exclusive responsibility of a boat to decide if it takes part in a race or whether it should continue to race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any responsibility for material damage, injury or death resulting from or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16. CLEAN WATER

Any waste accumulated aboard a boat while sailing shall not be discarded overboard. Discarding waste overboard may be grounds for disqualification or other penalty as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

17. RENTAL BOATS

The Organizing Committee may facilitate the obtaining of rental boats , depending on availability. Information on the event web page www.velapanamericana.com.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have third party liability insurance coverage in the sum of \$25,000 USD per event or its equivalent.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Federación Mexicana de Vela:
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