



Regata del Sol al Sol “LII” - April 26 to May 3, 2024

The REGATA DEL SOL AL SOL's Fifty-Second Running from St. Petersburg, FL to Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico

The St. Petersburg Yacht Club, jointly with the Club de Yates de Isla Mujeres, is the Organizing Authority (OA).

Notice of Race

AMENDMENT 1 – January 7, 2024 - See changes to Dockage item 6.1 and new Addendum containing nearby marinas

AMENDMENT 2 – January 26, 2024 - See changes to Eligibility and Entry Section 4. Item 4.2 was amended to remove requirement that navigator was required to be Group 1. Item 4.3 was added (and following items renumbered) to limit Group 3 competitors to two (2) per boat.

AMENDMENT 3 – April 2, 2024 – See changes to Schedule – Section 8. First Warning on April 26, 2024 is changed to 1100. See changes to Penalty System – Section 10.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 This regatta is an Official St. Petersburg Yacht Club Ocean Racing Series and S.P.O.R.C. event

1.3 The following rules will also apply:

- a. West Florida PHRF Current Handicap Rule
- b. ORC Current Rule
- c. The Current Equipment Rules of Sailing. (Safety Equipment Requirements SER Ocean)
- d. The Current International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. (IRPCAS)
- e. Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from 1800 to 0630 local time.
- f. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2022-2023 Category 2, except as amended below.
 - Each boat shall have sufficient fuel on board, at the start, for running 150 miles. This changes 3.28.3.
 - All boats are required to have VHF radios with channels 9, 16, 63, 68, 71, 72, & 77.
 - AIS Transponders are not required but highly recommended.
 - Every vessel entered shall carry the appropriate nautical charts.
 - Each skipper or owner shall declare his or her vessel's eligibility and shall affirm that the vessel complies with any and all equipment requirements for this race.

1.4 World Sailing National authority prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 will not apply.

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1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

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1.6 If there is a conflict between Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7

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1.7 The Organizing Authority may perform random inspections for compliance of the equipment.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing Instructions when available will be posted on the website at www.regatadelsolalsol.org and www.yachtscoring.com . Final sailing instructions will be available at registration.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on Yacht Scoring at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry transponders. The rental fee for the transponders is included in the entry fee. Information about the transponders will be sent to each skipper. The Regatta organizer will provide an agreement form for the transponders, whereby the skipper agrees to be responsible for the replacement cost of the transponder should they lose, damage, or not return the transponder in the manner described in the agreement. This agreement will state skipper name, vessel name, final date of return, and current credit card information.
- 3.3 From the time of their preparatory signal until they have finished or withdrawn from the race, competitors may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from a publicized source available to all competitors free of charge. This restriction also applies to boat-to-boat transmissions for routing purposes.
- 3.4 General use of the Internet and publicly available web sites to obtain weather and Gulf of Mexico current information including National Weather Service data is permitted. Weather routing data developed specifically for the race may not be received while racing.
- 3.5 Protests alleging infringement of Notice of Race Part 3 shall only be initiated by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The race is open to boats at least 30 feet in length, with a current West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) or ORC Rating Certificate. Five or more entries in each rating system will constitute a rating class.
- 4.2 **The skipper shall be a current member of a yacht club or sailing organization, and the boat shall have a crew of at least four persons. The skipper shall be a Group 1 competitor as defined in World Sailing 22.2.1.**
- 4.3 **In all Classes, the crew shall contain no more than two (2) Group 3 competitors as defined in World Sailing 22.2.2.**

4.4 CLASSES

- a. There will be six classes of boats:
 - ORC
 - PHRF-Non-Spinnaker
 - PHRF-Cruising
 - PHRF-Multihull
 - PHRF Double-handed Class
 - PHRF Racer/Cruiser
- b. Classes may be divided into two or more divisions. If a class does not have enough entrants, these boats will be placed in the appropriate ORC or WFPHRF Class by the Organizing Authority.
- c. Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class.
- d. All Cruiser entrants shall declare their intent to use a cruising spinnaker by midnight, Monday, April 15, 2024 by Emailing the chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org

- 4.5 Entries will be limited to 50 boats.
- 4.6 The skipper is the person in charge of the boat and crew while the boat is racing. Unless otherwise designated on the entry form, the owner will be considered the skipper.
- 4.7 The skipper shall complete documentation forms for his/her boat and crew prior to the skipper's meeting April 25, 2024.
- 4.8 No boat's entry is final without a completed and signed waiver online on Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) for each participating crew member and skipper.
- 4.9 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form on Yacht Scoring at yachtscoring.com. This link can be found via the Regata del Sol al Sol website www.regatadelsolalsol.org or the SPYC website <http://www.spyc.org/regattas>.
- a. Online entries must send a copy of the current of rating certificate via email to chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org or by regular mail:

c/o SPYC/Regata del Sol al Sol
11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg Florida, 33701
 - b. If not entering online, the Entry form, a current copy of a valid 2024 Rating Certificate and a check made payable to: "**SPYC/Regata del Sol al Sol 2024**" should be sent by regular mail to:

Event Chairman, SPYC/Regata del Sol al Sol
11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL, 33701.
 - c. Entries will not be accepted after April 1, 2024.
- 4.10 Passports are required for all participants
- 4.11 A valid email address is required for entry.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 **Boat Entry Fees** schedule is as follows
- a. \$750.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid by December 31, 2023.
 - b. \$850.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid between January 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024.
 - c. \$950.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid after March 1, 2024 up to April 1, 2024.
 - d. **The Final Entry and Payment Deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024.**
- 5.2 Entry fees include the Mexican government fees for boats (subject to change), a transponder rental fee, & six regatta shirts (**1 Skipper Shirt & 5 Crew shirts**)
- 5.3 Fees per Crew are additional: **Skipper/Crew Fees Per Person**
- a. \$130.00 per person – This fee includes 1 Event Armband (SPYC activities & All Regatta Events in Mexico.)
 - b. **Skipper/Crew Fees Payment Final Deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024.**
- 5.4 The Skipper or designee shall make only one payment for ALL Crew members.
See "Other Information – Race Apparel" at the end of this document for Requesting Complimentary Shirt Sizes and the method of ordering and paying for extra shirts, armbands, and

SPYC dinner tickets.

5.5 Mexico’s “Visitor FMM” (Forma Migratoria Multiple de Visitante sin permiso para realizar actividades remuneradas) for Skipper & Crew are not included in the above fees.

- a. The fee is approximately US \$35 per person but subject to changes in exchange rates.
- b. This fee **MUST** be paid at the dock when you are clearing customs upon arrival in Isla Mujeres
- c. The Skipper or designee **MUST** make one payment for ALL Crew members via credit card.

5.6 Withdrawals

- a. Boats that have entered and withdraw, in writing, prior to 2300 March 18, 2024, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$200.00 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after 2300 March 18, 2024 and before 2300 April 1, 2024 will receive a refund less a \$500.00 processing fee. After 2300 April 1, 2024, no refunds will be given.
- b. Skipper or Crew that withdraw, in writing, prior to 2300 March 18, 2024, will receive a refund of their Skipper/Crew entry fee less a \$50.00 processing fee. Crew or Skipper withdrawing after 2300 March 18, 2024 and before 2300 April 1, 2024 will receive a refund less a \$75.00 processing fee. After 2300 April 1, 2024, no refunds will be given.
- c. If any extra skipper or crew shirts are ordered, there is no refund.

6 DOCKAGE

6.1 **The docks at the St Petersburg Yacht Club Marina will be under construction during this regatta. Please refer to the NOR Addendum for marinas local to SPYC.**

6.2 At Isla Mujeres: All reservations for dockage must be requested on the entry form and will be handled by the Organizing Authorities in Mexico. They will have the final say as to dock assignments.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

7.2 Advertising shall be restricted to World Sailing Advertising Code 20.2.2, 20.2.3.

8 SCHEDULE

April 25, 2024	1000-1700	Registration/Documentation/Transponder Pickup- SPYC
	1200-1700	Seminars: tentatively including Weather, Gulf Stream, Safety
	1830-1900	Skippers’ Meeting-SPYC - Each boat shall be represented by the Skipper and Navigator.
April 26, 2024	1100	First Warning for Start of Race -Tampa Bay
May 3, 2024	1000	Regata Amigos Race* - Isla Mujeres
May 3, 2024	1800	Awards Dinner* - Isla Mujeres (time is subject to change)

*For more regatta event schedule information see the addendums at the end of this NOR.

9 THE COURSE

9.1 STARTING LINE - In the vicinity of the St. Petersburg Pier.

9.2 COURSE

- a. After Starting, Southerly to the "C" Cut Lower Range tower (Iso R 6s 56ft PA- (N 27° 39.81' W 82° 37.18') leaving it to starboard.
- b. Southwesterly, through the three center span piers and associated fenders of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge.
- c. Out Southwest Pass, leaving flashing buoy "1" (FL 2.5 sec) bell to port.
- d. To the finish line off Isla Mujeres, maintaining a distance of at least 15 miles off the coast of Cuba at all times.

9.3 The course will not be shortened after the start and the finishing line will not be moved. This changes RRS 32.1. The location of the finish line will be within ½ mile of position: N 21° 16.707" -- W 86° 45.329".

9.4 Mexican authorities require all boats planning to enter Mexico to cross the finish line in order to record the time of their entry into the country, even if they have withdrawn from the race.

9.5 The rated distance for this race will be 456 miles. This distance is not subject to protests or requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For the waters of Tampa Bay, east of Southwest Channel Lighted Buoy #3:

The Scoring Penalty RRS 44.3 will apply when a boat may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2. The One-Turn Penalty will apply when a boat may have broken RRS 31.

10.2 For all other waters, including the Gulf of Mexico, Yucatan Strait and Caribbean Sea:

The Scoring Penalty RRS 44.3 will apply when a boat may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2. A boat may not take a Two-Turns Penalty; this changes rule 44.1. The One-Turn Penalty will apply when a boat may have broken RRS 31. The Scoring Penalty will be the number of places nearest to 20% (or two (2) places) of the number of boats entered in a class, or in a division if the class has been divided. Penalties for any infractions of the Racing Rules outside of those for Part 2 and Part 3 may be made at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

10.3 An Alternative Acknowledgement form will be available at the Protest Desk for those who have taken a Penalty and must be turned in no later than four hours after your finish time. This Changes RRS 64.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 Scoring for the PHRF classes will be calculated by using the WFPHRF Rating with Time on Distance (ToD) and a course distance of 456 nautical miles.
- 11.3 Scoring for the ORC vessels will be calculated by using the ORC Time on Time All Purpose ratings (ToT).

12 SAFETY

- 12.1 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by experienced crew who are physically fit. The Skipper of the boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear, and must ensure all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that all aboard know where it is kept and how it is used.
- 12.2 It is strongly recommended that at least one person has completed the **USSA Course “Safety at Sea”**

13 AWARDS

- Overall Winner
- First to Finish
- Each Class: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Corrected Time Overall
- Prizes will also be awarded as deemed necessary by the organizing authorities.

13.1 Perpetual Trophies:

Overall Winner: Casco Miguel Aleman Trophy (All Classes)

First to Finish: Secretaria de Marina Trophy

Spinnaker Class

1st Spinnaker Class: Consejo de Clubs de Florida Trophy

2nd Spinnaker Class: Club De Yates de St. Petersburgo Trophy

3rd Spinnaker Class: Ciudad de San Petersburgo Trophy

Non-Spinnaker Class

1st Non-Spinnaker Class: Gobierno de Quintana Roo Trophy

2nd Non-Spinnaker Class: Club de Yates de Isla Mujeres Trophy

3rd Non-Spinnaker Class: Gobernador de Yucatan Trophy

Cruising Class

1st Cruising Class: Secretaria de Turismo Trophy

2nd Cruising Class: Mapa Mundi Con Zodiaco Trophy

3rd Cruising Class: Ross Trophy

Multihull

1st Multihull Class License Pedro Joaquin Coldwell Trophy

Racer/Cruiser

1st Racer/Cruiser Class: Trofeo de Arte Mayan

Most Participation: Lita Trophy

Best Finish-First Time Entry: The Christopher Nelson Trophy (For boat not winning any other perpetual trophy)

Regata Amigos

1st Regata Amigos: Bruce Watters Nuestro Amigo Trophy

2nd Regata Amigos: Don Fernando Ponce G. Canton Trophy

Friendship Trophy: License Jose de Jesus Lima Trophy

Sportsmanship Trophy: Enrique Lima Commodore's Trophy

Best Finish of a Mexican Skippered Vessel: Commodore Esteban Lima Zuno Trophy

Prizes will also be awarded as deemed necessary by the organizing authorities.

Perpetual Trophies are the property of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and Isla Mujeres Yacht Club. After the awards presentation has been completed all trophies must be returned to the trophy table.

14 Disclaimer of Liability and Personal Conduct

- 14.1 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta. This modifies RRS 76.
- 14.2 Competitor has read RRS3, Decision to Race, and acknowledges the risks to life, limb and property inherent in competitive sailing and assumes those risks. Competitor for himself/herself and his/her crew, their heirs, personal representatives and assigns, hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the St Petersburg Yacht Club, The Club de Yates Isla Mujeres, its officers, members, sponsors, employees, volunteers, race officials and agents, and each of them (the "Releasees"), for all loss or damage, and any claim of damage thereof, on account of injury to the person or property or resulting death, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise, both ashore or at sea, as a consequence of participation in Regatta activities.

15 INSURANCE

Each competing boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 300,000USD per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage through the end of the event shall be supplied as part of completing check-in.

16 Additional information:

16.1 To obtain specific information regarding the regatta contact Paul Goodman, Chairman at chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org

16.2 St. Petersburg Yacht Club Visitors

SPYC requests that everyone who does not have reciprocity get a Guest Card using a Visa or MasterCard credit card. This can be done online (www.spyc.org) as follows:

- On the Home page click on the menu item "Regattas".
- Click on "SPYC Guest Card".
- Fill out the information and click "Submit".
- The Club requests this form be submitted 48 hours in advance of April 25, 2024.
- Cards may be picked up at the Front Desk upon arrival.

16.3 For Hotel-Motel Accommodations near SPYC go to the SPYC website at www.spyc.org . Click on "Regattas", then click on "Accommodations".

Addendum – Dockage at St Petersburg Yacht Club

The docks at the St Petersburg Yacht Club Marina will be under construction and not available during this regatta. Please refer to the below information for marinas local to SPYC. Competitors are responsible for making their own docking arrangements in St Petersburg.



Regatta Docking Options

- St. Petersburg Municipal Marina
 - Contact: (727) 893-7329
 - [Request Dockage](#)
- The Harborage Marina
 - Reservations may be booked online through Dockwa
 - [Request Dockage](#)
- The Vinoy Marina
 - Contact: (727) 824-8022

All three marinas are accepting short-term transient vessels. Sailors must make their own reservations in advance. Space is limited so reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

Addendum – Documents for Travel to Mexico

Very Important Mexico Information & Other Information

All documents and directions that you will need for the United States and Mexico Governments will be in "Documents" Section on the Yacht Scoring Page.

Addendum – Race Apparel

Complimentary Shirts:

1. Each paid entry will receive 6 shirts: 1 Skipper Shirt and 5 Crew shirts.
2. Shirt sizes must be specified before April 1, 2024. To order, enter the information via one of the following methods:
 - a Complete the **Crew's Corner – Information Update** page at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=16271>.
 - b Complete the Skipper and Crew Shirt Order Form in the **Event Documents** section in Yacht Scoring. This form must be completed and emailed to chairman@regatadel solalsol.org on or before April 1, 2024.

Ordering Extra or Other apparel:

1. Any additional shirts or apparel may be purchased through Coral Reef Sailing Apparel. www.coralreefsailing.com.
2. The Regatta storefront will open in January 2024 for purchases.
3. The Regata del Sol al Sol logo MAY NOT be used in any way without the express permission of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

Addendum – Regatta Event Information - These Events, Dates, and Times are subject to change. Final Schedules will be sent with Skippers Packets and posted on the Yacht Scoring website as well as at Race Headquarters in Isla Mujeres.

	Description	Date (all dates 2024)	Location
St Petersburg Events (These are Included in Entry Fees)			
	Registration	Thursday, April 25 1000 - 1700	St Petersburg Yacht Club
	Seminars on Registration Day	Thursday, April 25 1200 - 1700	St Petersburg Yacht Club
	Skipper's Meeting (Mandatory)	Thursday, April 25 1830	St Petersburg Yacht Club
	Bon Voyage Dinner Party	Thursday, April 25 1900	St Petersburg Yacht Club
	Race Start	Friday, April 26	Tampa Bay, FL
Isla Mujeres Timeline			
	Arrival of officials, race chasers, Committee & Family members.	Saturday, April 27	Isla Mujeres. Race Headquarters is located at Cabañas María del Mar, Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant
	Welcome sailboats to Isla Mujeres	Sunday, April 28 to May 2	Isla Mujeres Yacht Club dock (Lima Docks)
	Open days to visit local venues	Monday, April 29 to May 2	More information will be in your Race Packets
Isla Mujeres Events (These are Included in Entry Fees)			
	Poker Run Registration (Golf Carts)		Race Headquarters at Cabañas María del Mar, Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant.
	Skippers & Navigators' Cocktail Party	Wednesday, May 1	Casa de las Rocas (Rocks House) Sponsored by the Isla Mujeres Yacht Club
	Crew Party	Wednesday, May 1	Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant
	RDSAS Basketball Game	Wednesday, May 1	Adjacent to Palacio Municipal Isla Mujeres - Central Plaza Downtown
	Rum & Coke Party	Thursday, May 2	Blue Ballyhoo Restaurant and Bar
	Poker Run Finish	Thursday, May 2	Blue Ballyhoo Restaurant and Bar
	Mayor's Reception	Thursday, May 2	Palacio Municipal Isla Mujeres – Central Plaza Downtown
	Regata Amigos Race	Friday, May 3	Skippers Meeting at Race Headquarters.
	Cocktails, Dinner & Awards Presentation	Friday May 3	Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant.