



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

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

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

Amendment 1, April 25th, 2024 - Section 6 is changed as shown in red below. There are now two starts. We are combining starts due to size of the classes. First warning remains at 11:00am.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The event will be governed by Current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the US Sailing Prescriptions for Monohulls (or Multihulls), the Current ORC rules and the 2022-2023 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 2, amended as per the NOR section 1.
- 1.2 This is a WFPHRF Category 1 Regatta amended to say that all Classes may utilize electric and/or hydraulic winches, auto-pilots and wind vane steering.
- 1.3 Between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise, Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be replaced by Part B, the Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS), otherwise known as The Navigation Rules.
- 1.4 An Inspector designated by the organizing committee may perform random inspections for compliance of the equipment.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board in Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com) and at regatta headquarters located at Buho's, Hotel Cabañas Maria del Mar, Isla Mujeres.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may make broadcasts ashore on the VHF **Ch 63** before, during, or after racing for Safety and Race Committee Communications to competitors. The timing, order of the broadcast, or the failure of competitors to hear the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 60.19(b).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

A change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0700 on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located on the east side of the SPYC clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 Minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULES

5.1 One race is scheduled

5.2 Thursday, April 25, Registration and Check-In from 1000 to 1300 and 1500 to 1700 – St Petersburg Yacht Club
Thursday, April 25, Seminars (see [St Petersburg Events \(regatadelosolsol.org\)](http://St Petersburg Events (regatadelosolsol.org))).

5.3 Friday, April 26 - 1100 First Warning Signal

6. ORDER OF STARTS, CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS:

First Start	Racer/Cruiser & Multihull & Spinnaker	Purple Flag
Second Start	Cruising Class	White Flag



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7. MARKS

7.1 The check in location will be a Race Committee boat located just east of the St. Petersburg Pier. This “RC Check-In” boat will fly a Race Committee flag and the “L” flag.

7.2 The starting line will be at the Race Committee Signal boat, located in the vicinity of the St Petersburg Pier.

8. COURSE AND MARKS:

- From the Starting Line in the vicinity of the St. Petersburg Pier
- Southerly to the “C” Cut Lower Range Mark (Iso R Gs 56 ft (approximately 27° 39.81’ N - 082° 37.18’ W) Leaving it to Starboard.
- Southwesterly through the center three spans and associated fenders of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge;
- Out Southwest Pass, leaving flashing buoy G “1” Fl G 2.5s Bell to port;
- To the finish line off Isla Mujeres, maintaining a distance of at least 15 miles off the coast of Cuba at all times.

The course will not be shortened and the finishing line will not be moved. This changes RRS 32.1. The rated distance for this race is 456 miles. This distance is not subject to protests or requests for redress.

9. THE START

9.1 Before the first warning signal each boat shall sail between the St. Petersburg Pier and the “RC Check-In” boat from South to North and hail her name and sail number, which will be acknowledged. Please try to do this between 10:00am and 10:30am. If unable to check in verbally before the first warning signal, she shall hail the Race Committee Signal boat on VHF channel 63 and state her position relative to the starting line.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the starting mark, a yellow tetrahedron.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and of boats whose warning signal has been made.

9.4 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

9.5 Order of starts is listed in SI #6.

9.6 The Race Committee may change the location of the starting line in response to certain weather conditions. The RC Signal boat will display flag “L” and proceed to the new location. Should the Race Committee pass a mark or marks of the course enroute to the new location, that mark will be eliminated from the designated course. **The new starting line will then be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a government mark.**

9.7 If the starting line is moved, the rated distance of the race will be adjusted accordingly. The adjusted distance is not subject to protests or requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.

9.8 A designated observer may announce all visual signals being displayed by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 63. Information reported by the designated observer is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor’s responsibility to observe the Race Committee’s signals that govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

10. RECALLS:

10.1 The Race Committee Signal boat will attempt to hail OCS Boats on VHF Channel 63. The delay of such a hail or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

10.2 After a General Recall, the recalled class’s next warning signal will be made after the first attempt to start all other classes. If there is more than one recalled class they will start in their original order.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finish at Isla Mujeres will be between a Mexican Navy ship (located NNE of Anvil Rock, within ½ mile of this position: N 21°16.707’ N -- W 86°45.329’, and a nearby mark, which is a small white buoy with a white flag and flashing white light.

11.2 If the ship is not on station at the time of finishing, competitors shall record the time of passing the mark, keeping it to port.



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11.3 If neither the finish ship nor the buoy are on station at the time of finishing, competitors shall record their time when Anvil Rock light, described as a flashing green light, bears 220 degrees at a distance of 0.5 nautical mile. This changes SI 11.2.

11.4 Competitors shall submit their finish time to the Race Committee at Regatta Headquarters no later than four (4) hours after their finish.

11.5 Each boat will be given a Bow Number on a card to be used for reporting their finish to the Race Committee. **DO NOT ATTACH THIS TO YOUR BOW.** This card shall be displayed so it is visible to the Mexican Navy ship when crossing the finish line (illuminated at night) This number shall also be communicated to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 16.

11.6 Boats shall report to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 16 approximately one hour before finishing at Isla Mujeres and again just before crossing the finishing line

11.7 See SI Addendums for Approaches to Isla Mujeres and Finish Instructions

12. ALL BOATS ENTERING MEXICO:

Mexican authorities require all support boats and sailboats (even if they have withdrawn from the race) to cross the finish line to record their official time of their entry into Mexico for customs/immigration purposes.

13. PENALTY SYSTEMS

13.1 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.

13.2 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.

13.3 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.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 16 immediately after finishing.

14.2 Protest forms are available at regatta headquarters. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee no later than 4 hours after the finishing time of the protesting yacht. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15. SCORING: The low point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.

16. SAFETY

16.1 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.

16.2 If a boat's engine is operated for propulsion while racing, the details of the operation shall be logged and reported to the Race Committee within the protest time.

16.3 Boats withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee by radio, satellite phone, or e-mail as soon as possible.

Persons and numbers to contact: St. Petersburg Yacht Club +1 727-822-3873; race headquarters at the Hotel Maria del Mar; +52-1 998 877 0179; race headquarters +52-1 998 187 2519; Enrique Lima's Cell # +52-1 998 845 2534; Paul Goodman's Cell: +1 727-418-6141.

16.4 If unable to contact regatta authorities, a boat shall notify the U.S. Coast Guard that it has withdrawn from the race and state its position and destination.



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17. COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 Each boat shall carry a transponder.

17.2 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 by broadcast from a public source available to all competitors without charge. This restriction also applies to boat-to-boat transmissions, except for SI #9.8.

17.3 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.

17.4 Protests alleging infringement of SI Paragraph 16 shall only be initiated by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

18. PRIZES

Perpetual Trophies are the property of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and the Isla Mujeres Club de Yates. After the awards presentation has been completed all trophies must be returned to the trophy table. Plaques are awarded for each place listed.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Prize	Perpetual Trophy
Overall Winner:	Casco Miguel Aleman Trophy (All Classes)
First to Finish:	Secretaria de Marina Trophy
Spinnaker Class	1 st : Consejo de Clubs de Florida Trophy
	2 nd : Club De Yates de St Petersburgo Trophy
	3 rd : Ciudad de St Petersburgo Trophy
Cruising Class	1 st : Secretaria de Turismo Trophy
	2 nd : Mapa Muni Con Zodiaco Trophy
	3 rd : Ross Trophy
Cruising A	1 st
	2 nd
	3 rd
Cruising B	1 st
	2 nd
	3 rd
Multihull Class	1 st : License Pedro Joaquin Coldwell Trophy
	2 nd : The Christopher Nelson Trophy
	3 rd : Trofeo de Arte Mayan
Racer/Cruiser	1 st : Gobierno de Quintana Roo Trophy
	2 nd : Club de Yates de Isla Mujeres Trophy
	3 rd : Gobernador de Yucatan Trophy
Most Participation	Lita Trophy
Best Finish for a Mexican Boat	Commodore Esteban Lima Zumo Trophy
Regata Amigos	1 st : Bruce Watters Nuestro Amigo Trophy
	2 nd : Don Fernando Ponce G. Canton Trophy
Friendship Trophy	License Jose de Jesus Lima Trophy
Sportsmanship Trophy	Enrique Lima Commodore's Trophy
Prizes will also be awarded as deemed necessary by the Organizing Authorities	

19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 “Decision to Race.” The Organizing Authorities, the Sponsors, the Race Committee, Officers and Board of Directors of the SPYC, and all those involved in these



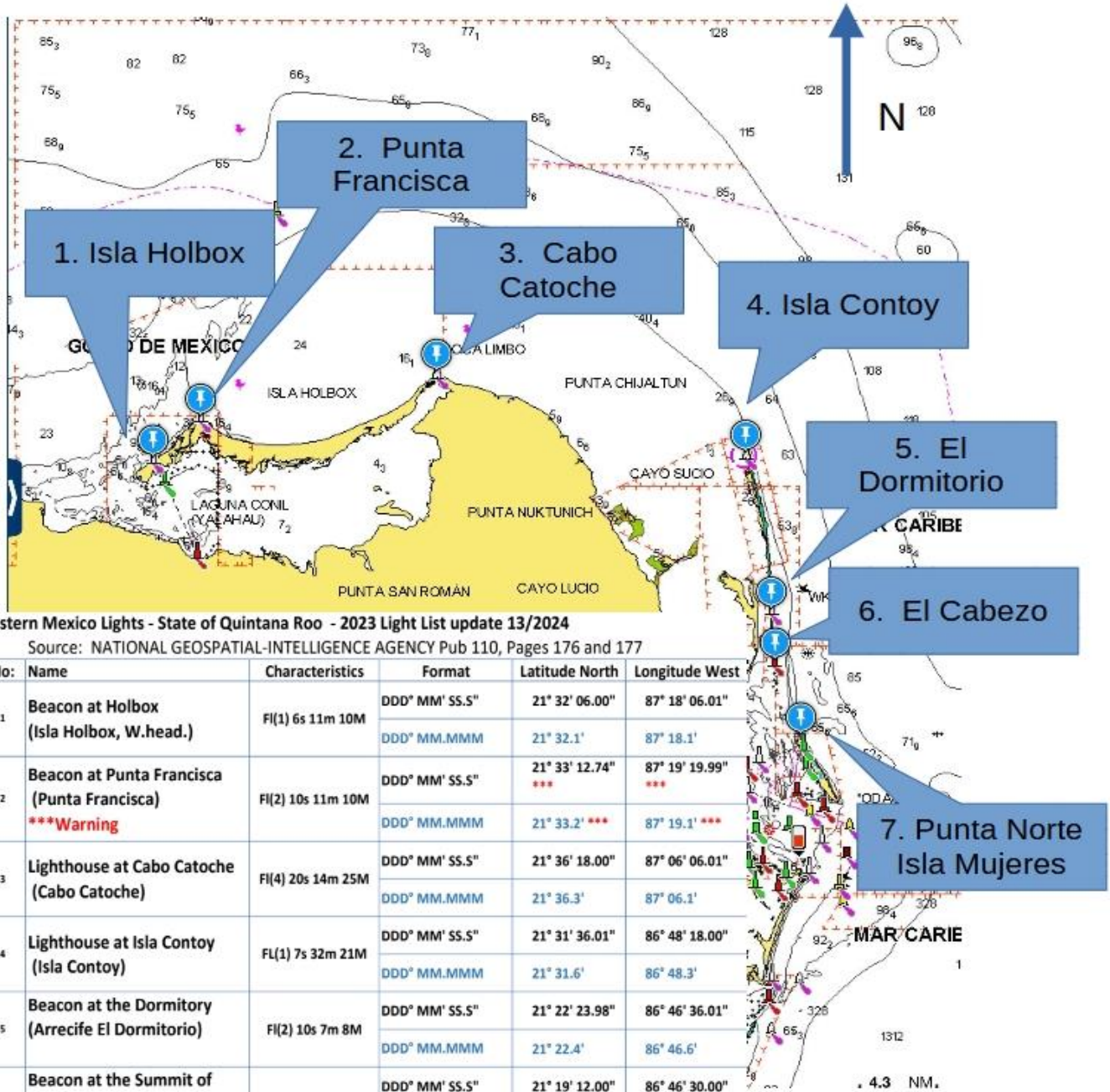
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organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.



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Addendum A: Eastern Mexico Lighthouse Locations (Not for Navigation)



Eastern Mexico Lights - State of Quintana Roo - 2023 Light List update 13/2024
Source: NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY Pub 110, Pages 176 and 177

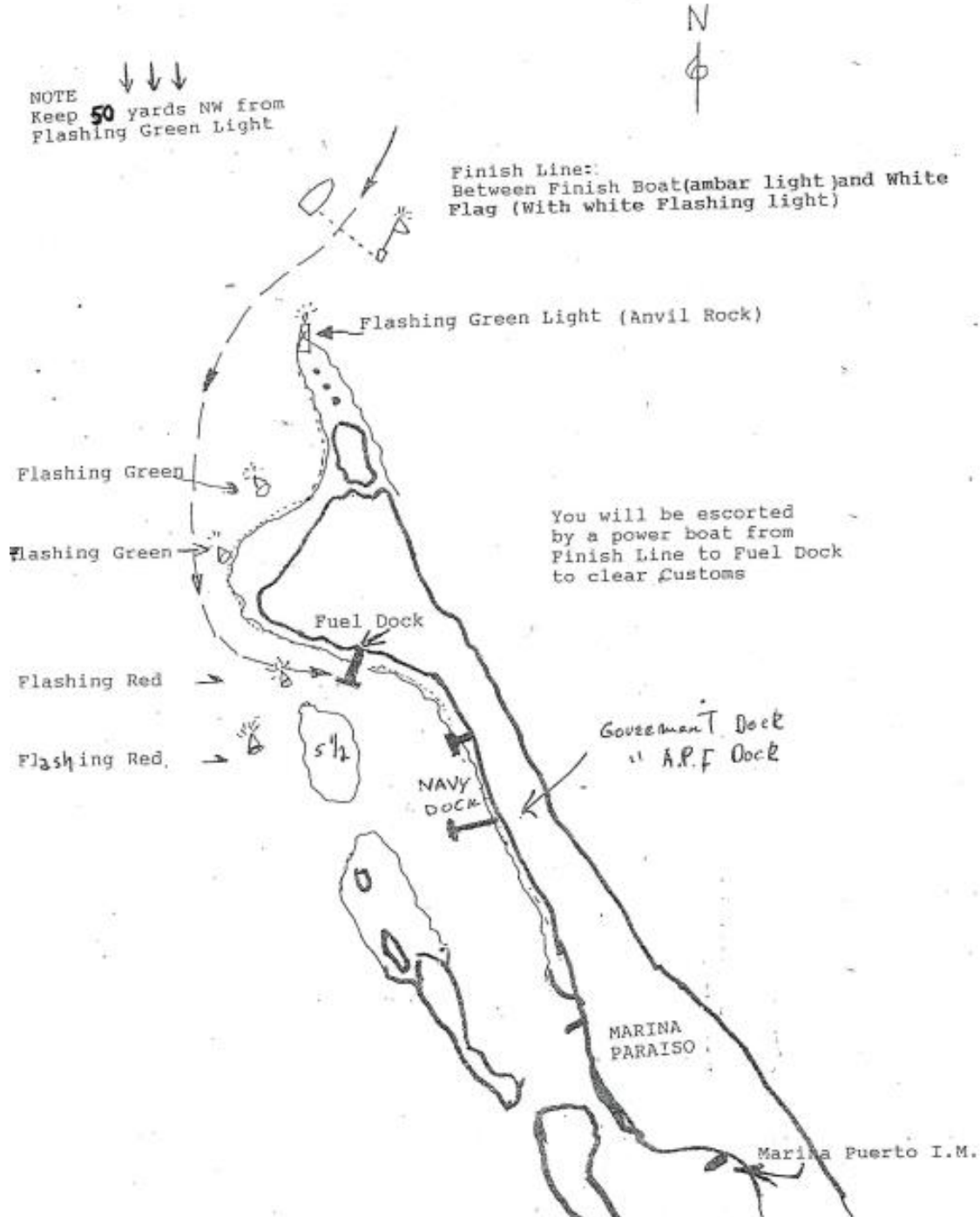
No:	Name	Characteristics	Format	Latitude North	Longitude West
1	Beacon at Holbox (Isla Holbox, W.head.)	Fl(1) 6s 11m 10M	DDD° MM' SS.S"	21° 32' 06.00"	87° 18' 06.01"
			DDD° MM.MMM	21° 32.1'	87° 18.1'
2	Beacon at Punta Francisca (Punta Francisca) ***Warning	Fl(2) 10s 11m 10M	DDD° MM' SS.S"	21° 33' 12.74"	87° 19' 19.99"
			DDD° MM.MMM	21° 33.2' ***	87° 19.1' ***
3	Lighthouse at Cabo Catoche (Cabo Catoche)	Fl(4) 20s 14m 25M	DDD° MM' SS.S"	21° 36' 18.00"	87° 06' 06.01"
			DDD° MM.MMM	21° 36.3'	87° 06.1'
4	Lighthouse at Isla Contoy (Isla Contoy)	Fl(1) 7s 32m 21M	DDD° MM' SS.S"	21° 31' 36.01"	86° 48' 18.00"
			DDD° MM.MMM	21° 31.6'	86° 48.3'
5	Beacon at the Dormitory (Arrecife El Dormitorio)	Fl(2) 10s 7m 8M	DDD° MM' SS.S"	21° 22' 23.98"	86° 46' 36.01"
			DDD° MM.MMM	21° 22.4'	86° 46.6'
6	Beacon at the Summit of Cabezo (Arrecife El Cabezo)	Fl R(1) 5s 7m 8M	DDD° MM' SS.S"	21° 19' 12.00"	86° 46' 30.00"
			DDD° MM.MMM	21° 19.2'	86° 46.5'
7	North Point Lighthouse Isla Mujeres (Punta Norte)	Fl(2) 10s 19m 13M	DDD° MM' SS.S"	21° 15' 47.99"	86° 45' 00.00"
			DDD° MM.MMM	21° 15.8'	86° 45.0'

*** There is an obvious error in the location of the Punta Francisca light in the Light List.



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Addendum B: Approximate Finish Line Location (Not to Scale, Not for Navigation)





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ADDENDUM C:

1. FINISH LINE:

The finish at Isla Mujeres will be between a Mexican Navy Patrol ship (located NNE of Anvil Rock, within ½ mile of this position: N 21°16.707' N -- W 86°45.329', and a nearby mark, which is a small white buoy with a white flag and flashing white light. (See Sailing Instructions, 11.1)

THE NAVY PATROL SHIP WILL HAVE A REVOLVING AMBER LIGHT AND A R.C. FLAG. THE

THE COMMANDER OF THE SHIP WILL BE TAKING 'THE OFFICAL FINISH TIMES AND FORWARDING THEM TO THE RACE COMMITTEE

CHANNEL # 16 VHF CHANGING TO 22 OR 68 FOR OPERATING CHANNELS.

THE PARTICIPATING BOATS MUST LEAVE THE NAVY BOAT TO STARBOARD

AS YOU APPROACH THE FINISH YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR “BOW NUMBER”. IF AT NIGHT, PLEASE ILLUMINATE THE NUMBER.

2. ESCORT BOATS

ESCORT BOATS WILL HAVE A FLASHING BLUE LIGHT. THEY WILL ESCORT THE FLEET TO THE LIMA DOCK FOR OFFICIAL CUSTOMS ENTRY REGULATIONS AFTER FINISHING. SEE ADDENDUM C.

CHANNEL # 16 VHF CHANGING TO OR 68 FOR OPERATING CHANNELS.

SPANISH LANGUAGE TERMS

SPANISH	ENGLISH
YA TERMINE	I HAVE FINISHED
SIGAME	FOLLOW ME
AYUDA	HELP ME
REMOLQUE	TOW ME IN
CABO	LINE

3. AT SEA IN CASE OF NEED

OPEN WATER PATROL SHIP IN THE VICINITY OF CONTOY ISLAND

CHANNEL # 16 VHF CHANGING TO OR 68 FOR OPERATING CHANNELS.

SPANISII LANGUAGE TERMS

SPANISH	ENGLISH
SIGAME	FOLLOW ME
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4. FIFTH NAVAL COMMAND BASE

THE COMMAND OF THE NINTH MEXICAN NAVAL FLEET AND LAND FORCES FOR THE CARRIBEAN AND THE NORTH COAST OF THE YUCATÁN PENINSULA, GULF OF MEXICO IS AT ISLA MUJERES.

CHANNEL # 16 VHF CHANGING TO OR # 68 FOR OPERATION CHANNELS

THE ISLA MUJERE YACHT CLUB AND THE ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB COMMITTEE WILL BE MONITORING THE-SAME CHANNELS AND FREQUENCIES FROM SUNDAY APRIL 28 10:00HRS UNTIL ENTRY OF THE LAST COMPETING VESSEL. IN CASE OF CHANGES OF NAVAL VESSELS THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL ADVISE FINISHING BOATS.



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Addendum: D

Additional Support Craft

The vessel shown below is also an escort vessel to assist regatta participants in reaching the Lima family docks for immigration clearance. The vessel is named "Barrabas" is owned by the Lima family and will be operated by one or more of their employees.

