



50th Anniversary

“L” Regata del Sol al Sol – April 26 to May 4, 2018

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

Preliminary Notice of Race

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020.

1.2 The following rules will also apply:

- a. IRC 2017 Rating Systems Rule
 - (1) In accordance with IRC Rule 21.6.1(b), a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- b. West Florida PHRF Handicap Rule
- c. ORC 2017 Rule
- d. Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- e. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.(IRPCAS)

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 2016-2017 Category 2, except as amended below.
 - Each boat shall have sufficient fuel on board, at the start, for running 150 miles.
 - 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.

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

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

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

1.6 The organizing committee may perform random inspections for compliance of the equipment.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The race is open to boats at least 30 feet in length, with a current West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF), IRC, and ORC Club Rating. Five or more entries in each rating system will constitute a rating class.

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 and navigator shall be Group 1 competitors as defined in World Sailing 22.2.1.

3.2 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.

3.3 The skipper shall complete documentation forms for his/her boat and crew prior to the skipper's meeting April 26, 2018.

3.4 A valid e-mail address is required for entry.

3.5 Entries will be limited to 50 boats.

3.6 Passports are required for all participants

4. CLASSES

4.1 There will be six classes of boats:

PHRF-Spinnaker

PHRF-Non-Spinnaker

PHRF-Cruising

PHRF-Multihull

ORC

IRC

4.2 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 WFPHRF Class/Division by the organizing authority.

4.3 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class.

4.4 All Cruiser entrants shall declare their intent to use a cruising-spinnaker by midnight, Monday, April 23, 2018 by E-mailing the chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org

5. ENTRY FEES & ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Boat Entry Fees schedule is as follows

\$695.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid by December 31, 2017.

\$795.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid between January 1 and February 28, 2018

\$895.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid after March 1, 2018 up to April 9, 2018

The Final Entry and Payment Deadline is Monday, April 9, 2018

5.2 Entry fees include the Mexican government fees and customs charges (subject to change), a transponder rental fee, & six regatta shirt (1 Skipper Shirt-5 Crew shirts) **Skipper and crew shirts must be ordered at the time of boat registration.**

5.3 Skipper/Crew Fees Per Person

\$150.00 – This fee includes Mexican Visa Fee & 1 Event Armband (2 SPYC activities & All Regata Events in Mexico.)

All Crew fees must be paid at the time of boat registration, also.

Skipper/ Crew/ Fees Final deadline is Monday, April 9, 2018

5.4 **Extra Event Armbands can be purchased on the Regata del Sol al Sol/Yacht Scoring website section purchase tickets and other items.**

5.5 **Extra Skipper & Crew Shirts and other items may be purchased from the Coral Reef Apparel website (link to be announced.)**

5.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form on the Regata del sol al Sol or SPYC websites. www.regatadelsolalsol.org or www.spyc.org. On line entries must send copy of current of rating certificate via email to chair@regatadelsolalsol.org or c/o SPYC/Regata del Sol al Sol by regular mail to 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg Florida, 33701.

If not entering online, Entry form, a current copy of a valid 2018 Rating Certificate and a check made payable to "SPYC/Regata del Sol al Sol 2018" should be sent to the Event Chair Elizabeth Pennington, SPYC/Regata del Sol al Sol by regular mail at 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL, 33701.

5.7 Entries will not be accepted after April 9, 2018.

5.8 Withdrawals

5.8(a) Boats that have entered and withdraw, in writing, prior to 2300 April 02, 2018, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$100 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after 2300 April 02, 2018 and before 2300 April 9, 2018 will receive a refund less a \$400.00 processing fee. After April 2300 April 9, 2018, No refunds will be given.

5.8(a) Skipper or Crew that withdraw, in writing, prior to 2300 April 02, 2018, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$25.00 processing fee. Crew or Skipper withdrawing after 2300 April 02, 2018 and before 2300 April 9, 2018 will receive a refund less a \$50.00 processing fee. After April 2300 April 9, 2018, No refunds will be given.

5.9 If any extra skipper or crew shirts are ordered, there is no refund.

6. DOCKAGE

6.1 At SPYC: All reservations for dockage before the event must be made with the SPYC Dockmaster (727- 822-3227) or e-mail to dockmaster@spyc.org Reservation information will follow.

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, and will have the final say as to dock assignments.

7. SCHEDULE

April 26, 2018	1000-1700	Registration and Documentation-SPYC – Seminars from 10AM- 4 PM
April 26, 2018	1830-1900	Skippers' Meeting-SPYC - Each boat shall be represented by the Skipper and Navigator.
April 27, 2018	1000	First Warning for Start of Race -Tampa Bay
May 04, 2018	1130	Regata Amigos - Isla Mujeres
May 04, 2018	1900	Awards Dinner- Isla Mujeres (time is subject to change)

*For more regatta event schedule information see the last page of this NOR.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing Instructions when available will be posted on the website at www.regatadelsolalsol.org

Final sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 From the starting line in the vicinity of the St. Petersburg Pier,

- 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;
- southwesterly, through the three center span piers and associated fenders of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge;
- out Southwest Pass, leaving flashing buoy "1" (FL 2.5 sec) 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.

9.2 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 this position: N 21° 16.707" N -- W 86° 45.329".

9.3 Mexican authorities require all boats, which are 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.

9.4 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

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be the number of places nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered in a class, or in a division if the class has been divided.

11. SAFETY

11.1 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who must insure 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.

11.2 It is strongly recommended that at least one person has completed the **USSA Course "Safety At Sea Seminar."**

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 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, where by 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.

12.2 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 from a publicized source available to all competitors free of charge. This restriction also applies to boat-to-boat transmissions for routing purposes.

12.3 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.

12.4 Protests alleging infringement of Notice of Race Part 13 shall only be initiated by the race committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

13. Scoring:

Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except that no score will be excluded. This Changes Appendix A2. Corrected times will be based on the boat's WFPHRF, ORC, or IRC rating and using a course distance of 456 nautical miles.

14. Perpetual Trophies:

Overall Winner: Casco Miguel Aleman Trophy (All Classes)

First to Finish: Secretaria de Marina Trophy

1st Spinnaker Class: Consejo de Clubs de Florida Trophy

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

3rd Spinnaker Class: Ciudad de San Petersburg Trophy

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

1st Cruising Class: Secretaria de Turismo Trophy

2nd Cruising Class: Mapa Mundi Con Zodiaco Trophy

3rd Cruising Class: Ross Trophy

1st Multihull Class License Pedro Joaquin Coldwell Trophy

1st Racer/Cruiser Class: Trofeo de Arte Mayan

Most Participation: Lita Trophy

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

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

Special Trophies: Special Awards will be given to the top vessels that competed in the St. Petersburg-Habana Race and the Regata del Sol al Sol.

More Information to follow.

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.

15. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitor has read RRS4, 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 d 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 therefor, 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.

16. Additional information:

16.1 To obtain general information about the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Email: sailingsecretary@spyc.org

To obtain specific information regarding the regatta contact Elizabeth (Beth) Pennington Chairman at epennin09@earthlink.net

General Information:

1. 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). On the Home page click on the menu item "Sailing". Scroll down and click on "SPYC Guest Card". Fill out the information and click "Submit".

2. The Club requests you and your crew members to submit this form 48 hours in advance of April 26, 2018.

3. Everyone may pick up their cards at the Front Desk upon arrival.

4. For Hotel-Motel Accommodations near SPYC go to the SPYC website at www.spyc.org

Click on Sailing then Regattas and Scroll to Bottom, and then click on Accommodations for the area where you wish to stay.

[See next Page for SPYC and CdYIM for Full Regatta Schedule](#)

Preliminary Regatta Event Information

These Events, Dates, and Times are subject to change
Final Schedule will be sent with Skippers Packets and posted on the website
SPYC Events-Included in Entry Fee

<u>Kick-Off Party</u>	Saturday, February 10, 2018	6:30 PM -for Skippers & Crews who have paid their Entry Fees by February 7 this dinner is included All others- \$40 Inc each (Further information to follow)
<u>Seminars on Registration Day</u>	Thursday, April 26, 2018	10 AM to 5 PM Approximate times Complimentary to all participants
<u>Bon Voyage Dinner Party</u>	Thursday, April 26, 2018	6:30 PM after Skippers' Meeting 7:00 Dinner: Tickets are included with each armband Extra tickets can be purchased for \$40.00 Inc each
<u>Start of the Race</u>	Friday, 27, 2018	10:00 AM <u>Island Events Included with Armbands</u>
<u>Arrival of wives, officials, race chasers, Committee, vessels &, Family members.</u>	Saturday April 28, 2018	Various times
<u>Welcome sailboats to the Isla Mujeres Yacht Club dock (Lima dock)</u>	Sunday April 29 to April May 1, 2018	Various times
<u>Open days visit local reefs Mayan Ruins</u> <u>More information in your Race Packets</u>	Monday ,April 30 to May 1, 20187	"Tulum" or "Chichen-itza" Make tour reservations at docks.
<u>Golf Cart Poker Run Registration</u>	Wednesday, May 2, 2018	10:00 AM Register & begin the <u>Poker Run</u> Armbands required-All Colors accepted
<u>Cocktail party offered at the Rock House</u>	Wednesday, May 2, 2018	1:00 PM -Purple Armbands only Cocktail party (<u>Casa de las Rocas</u>) The Isla Mujeres Yacht Club sponsors this event to honour Skippers, Navigators and Dignitaries
<u>Events below dates and times are subject to change. Check with Race Headquarters Daily for information</u>		
<u>Crew Party Buhos- This Party may be Combined with Skippers Reception above.</u>	Wednesday, May 2, 2018	1:00 PM - All Crew and guests Are required to wear armbands
<u>Annual Basketball Game</u>	Wednesday, May 2, 2018	7:00 PM -All who wish to attends
<u>Bally Hoo's Rum & Coke Party</u>	Thursday, May 3, 2018	12:30-PM Bally Hoo's on the Lima Docks – Armbands required- All colors
<u>Poker Run Finish</u>	Thursday, May 3, 2018	3:30-5:00 Cabanas Poolside Poker Run cards for Margaritas 4:30 Deadline for cards to be turned in. 5:00 PM Prizes given out
<u>Mayor's Reception</u>	Thursday, May 3, 2018	7:00 PM -All Participants and Guests Welcome
<u>Amigos Race Skippers meeting</u>	Friday, May 4, 2018	10:00 a.m. Regata Amigos Skipper's meeting (Race Headquarters). 10:30-11:00 a.m. Children, 8 to 12 years old, will get on sailboats at Lima dock.
Loading of vessels		

Vessels leave docks

11:30 a.m. All vessels depart Lima dock for starting area

Start of the Race

12:00 p.m. Start of the 47 Regata Amigos

Special Cocktail Party

Friday May 4, 2018

06:00 p.m. Farewell cocktails for sailors and special guests. Cabañas María del Mar Buhos Pavilion)

Awards Presentation

Friday May 4, 2018

08:00 p.m. Solemn trophy presentation to the winner of Regatta del Sol al Sol and Regatta Amigos 2015 (Awards Dinner Cabañas María del Mar Buhos Pavilion)

Happy Hours might be evening or afternoon The Schedule of Happy Hours will be posted on the morning of each event by 11 AM Mexico time at Race Head Quarters. Armband allows entrance to & enjoyment of each locations special Happy Hours.

