



“L” Regata del Sol al Sol
The St. Petersburg Yacht Club (USA) and the Club de Yates de Isla Mujeres (MEX)
April 26-May 4, 2018

Sailing Instructions

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), and the 2018-2019 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 2, amended to read that each boat shall have sufficient fuel on board, at the start, for running 150 miles. 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 An Inspector designated by the organizing committee may perform random inspections for compliance of the equipment.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the SPYC dock and at regatta headquarters located at Buhos, Maria del Mar, Isla Mujeres.

3. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

A change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SPYC 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. Schedule of Races One race is scheduled

Friday, April 27, 2018 - 1000 First Warning Signal

6. Order of Starts, Classes, & Class Flags

First Start	Spinnaker Class	Yellow Flag
Second Start	Non-Spinnaker & Multihull Classes	Purple Flag
Third Start	Cruising Class	White Flag

7. Course:

- * From the starting line in the vicinity of the old St. Petersburg Pier, southerly to the "C" Cut Lower Range tower (Iso R 6s 56ft (N 27° 39.81' W 82° 37.18') 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.

8. The Start and Starting Line

8.1 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.

8.2 Before the first warning signal each boat shall sail past the stern of the signal boat and hail her name and sail number, which will be acknowledged. If unable to check in orally 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.

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

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

8.5 Order of starts is listed in SI #6.

8.6. The race committee may change the location of the starting line in response to certain weather conditions. It 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.**

8.7 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.

8.8 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).

9. Recalls

9.1 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)

9.2 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.

10. The Finish

10.1 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.

10.2 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.

10.3 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 10.2.

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

10.5 Each boat will be given a number on a card to be used for reporting their finish to the race committee. This card shall be displayed when crossing the finish line (illuminated at night). This number shall also be communicated to the race committee on VHF Channel 16.

10.6 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. Boats Entering Mexico

Mexican authorities require all support boats and sailboats (even if they have withdrawn from the race) to cross the finish line in order to record the time of their entry into the country.

12. Penalty Systems

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The 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. Alternate Penalty Acknowledgement forms must be turned in no later than four hours after your finish time. This Changes RRS 64.

13. Protests

13.1 A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the race committee on VHF Channel 16 immediately after finishing.

13.2 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.

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

15. SAFETY

15.1 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.

15.2 The organizing authority will conduct an informal net throughout the race. Information regarding this procedure will be distributed no later than the skippers' meeting.

15.3 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.

15.4 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 727-822-3873; race headquarters at the Hotel Maria del Mar; 011 52-1 998 877 0179; race headquarters 011 52-1 998 187 2519; Enrique Lima's Cell # 011 52-1 998 845 2534; George Pennington's Cell # 727-580-5431; Beth Pennington's Cell # 727-992-3344.

15.5 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.

16. Communications

16.1 Each boat shall carry a transponder.

16.2 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 #8.8.

16.3 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.

16.4 Protests alleging infringement of SI Paragraph 16 shall only be initiated by the race committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

17. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

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 St. 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 Muni Con Zodiaco Trophy

3rd Cruising Class: Ross Trophy

1st Multihull: License Pedro Joaquin Coldwell Trophy

Most Participation: Lita 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

The Christopher Nelson Trophy: Best Time – First Time Entry

Best Finish of a Mexican Skipped Vessel-Commodore Esteban Lima Zuno Trophy

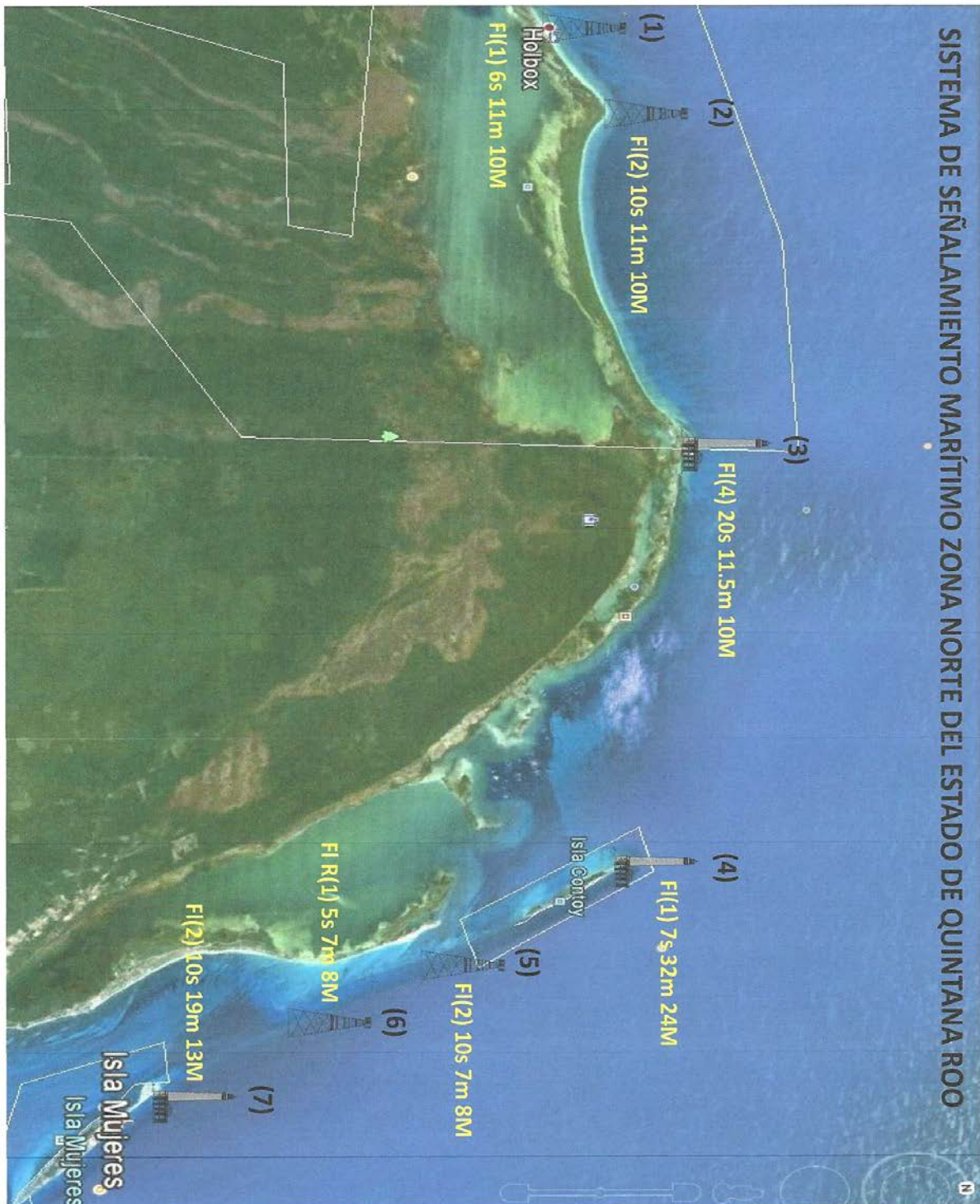
Prizes will also be awarded as deemed necessary by the organizing authorities.

Perpetual Trophies are the property of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and the Isla Mujeres Club de Yates. After the awards presentation has been completed all trophies must be returned to the trophy table. For Further information concerning trophies see the "L" Regata del Sol al Sol Notice of Race.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 "Decision to Race." The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of the SPYC, and all those involved in these 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.

Eastern Mexico Lighthouse Descriptions



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Eastern Mexico Lighthouse Coordinates



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- Approximate translations of locations above:**
1. Beacon at Holbox
 2. Beacon at Point Francisca
 3. Lighthouse at Cape Catoche
 4. Lighthouse at Contoy Island
 5. Beacon at the Dormitory
 6. Beacon at the summit of Cabezo
 7. North Point Lighthouse Island Women

