



**Regata del Sol al Sol - April 30 to May 8, 2026**  
**The 53<sup>rd</sup> “LIII” Running of the “Race to Mexico”**

The REGATA DEL SOL AL SOL's Fifty Third 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 3 – See Section 12 - Safety**

**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. “SPYC Regata del Sol al Sol Safety Requirements” apply to this race. See “Documents and Forms” in Yacht Scoring.
- g. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2024-2025 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.
  - AIS Transponders are required per World Sailing Offshore 3.29.7.
  - Personal AIS Transponders are highly recommended
  - All boats are required to have VHF radios with channels 9, 16, 63, 68, 71, 72, & 77.
  - Satellite phones are not required but are 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, 63.1, & 63.3 will not apply.

- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5
- 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](http://www.regatadelsolalsol.org) and [www.yachtscoring.com](http://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](http://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 seven classes of boats:

- ORC
- PHRF-Spinnaker
- PHRF-Non-Spinnaker
- PHRF-Cruising
- PHRF-Multihull
- PHRF Double-handed Class
- PHRF Racer/Cruiser

b. Spinnaker classes shall hold either a current and valid ORC and/or PHRF certificate. A boat that holds both will automatically be dual scored.

- c. 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.
- d. Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class.
- e. All Cruiser entrants shall declare their intent to use a cruising spinnaker by midnight, Monday, April 13, 2026 by Emailing the [chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org](mailto: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 30, 2026.

4.8 No boat's entry is final without a completed and signed waiver online on Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://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](http://yachtscoring.com). This link can be found via the Regata del Sol al Sol website [www.regatadelsolalsol.org](http://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](mailto: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 2026 Rating Certificate and a check made payable to: "SPYC/Regata del Sol al Sol 2026" 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, 2026.

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. \$950.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid by December 31, 2025.
- b. \$1100.00 for boat entries postmarked, filed online, and paid after January 1, 2026 up to April 1, 2026.
- c. **The Final Entry and Payment Deadline is Monday, April 1, 2026.**

- 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. \$145.00 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, 2026.**
- 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 \$45 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, 2026, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$200.00 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after 2300 March 18, 2026 and before 2300 April 1, 2026 will receive a refund less a \$500.00 processing fee. After 2300 April 1, 2026, no refunds will be given.
  - b. Skipper or Crew that withdraw, in writing, prior to 2300 March 18, 2026, will receive a refund of their Skipper/Crew entry fee less a \$50.00 processing fee. Crew or Skipper withdrawing after 2300 March 18, 2026 and before 2300 April 1, 2026 will receive a refund less a \$75.00 processing fee. After 2300 April 1, 2026, no refunds will be given.
  - c. If any extra skipper or crew shirts are ordered, there is no refund.

## 6 DOCKAGE

6.1 SPYC docks will be available to competitors for this event. Initial request for docking must be indicated via Yacht Scoring during registration. Confirmation of your reservation must be made by calling the SPYC Dock Master as early as possible but no later than Friday, April 17, 2026. Contact SPYC Docks at 727-822-3227, dockmaster@spyc.org. Each boat's skipper will be responsible for procuring their own dockage

6.2 At Isla Mujeres: All reservations for dockage must be requested by emailing [enriquelimazuno@hotmail.com](mailto:enriquelimazuno@hotmail.com). Dockage will be handled by the Organizing Authorities in Mexico. They will have the final say as to dock assignments. Each boat's skipper will be responsible for procuring their own dockage.

## 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

<b>April 30, 2026</b>	1200-1700 1300-1700 1830-1900	Registration/Documentation/Transponder Pickup- SPYC Seminars: tentatively including Weather, Gulf Stream, Safety Skippers' Meeting-Location: SPYC - Each boat shall be represented by the Skipper and Navigator.
<b>May 1, 2026</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>First Warning for Start of Race -Tampa Bay</b>
May 8, 2026	1000	Regata Amigos Race* - Isla Mujeres
May 8, 2026	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

- 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.
- 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.

9.3 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 61.1.

## **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 60.3.

## 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 required that 2 of the crew has completed the **USSA Course "Safety at Sea"**.
- 12.3 This requirement can be met one of two ways:
- 12.3.1 A course will be offered in St Petersburg, FL on April 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>. You may register for this course using this link. <https://spyc.clubmanager.me/event/1477> Attendance is limited, sign up early.
- 12.3.2 Safety at Sea: Offshore (Units 1-15). This online course is an alternate course to take. It is hosted on US Sailing's online learning portal [www.firsttack.org](http://www.firsttack.org).

## 13 AWARDS

- Overall Winner
- First to Finish
- Each Class: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 ORC 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

Spinnaker PHRF Class

1st Spinnaker Class: TBD

2nd Spinnaker Class: TBD

3rd Spinnaker Class: TBD

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

1<sup>st</sup> Regata Amigos: Bruce Watters Nuestro Amigo Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 RRS 3, 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 500,000USD 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](mailto: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](http://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 30, 2026.
- 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](http://www.spyc.org) . Click on "Regattas", then click on "Accommodations".

## **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. The documents will be posted as soon as we receive them from the OA in Mexico.

## **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, 2026. To order, enter the information via one of the following methods:
  - a Complete the **Crew's Corner – Information Update** page at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16271>.

### ***Ordering Extra or Other apparel:***

1. Any additional shirts or apparel may be purchased through Coral Reef Sailing Apparel. [www.coralreefsailing.com](http://www.coralreefsailing.com).
2. The Regatta storefront will open in early 2026 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.

	Description	Date (all dates 2026)	Location
<b>St Petersburg Events (These are Included in Entry Fees)</b>			
	<b>Registration/Check-in</b>	Thursday, April 30 1200 - 1700	<b>St Petersburg Yacht Club</b>
	<b>Seminars</b>	Thursday, April 30 1300 - 1700	<b>St Petersburg Yacht Club</b>
	<b>Skipper's Meeting (Mandatory)</b>	Thursday, April 30 1700 – 1730	<b>St Petersburg Yacht Club</b>
	<b>Bon Voyage Dinner Party</b>	Thursday, April 30 1830 -2100	<b>St Petersburg Yacht Club</b>
	<b>Morning Coffee &amp; Sweets</b>	Thursday, April 30 0830 - 0930	<b>On the SPYC docks</b>
	<b>Race Start</b>	Friday, May 1	<b>Tampa Bay, FL</b>
<b>Isla Mujeres Timeline</b>			
	<b>Arrival of officials, race chasers, Committee &amp; Family members.</b>	Saturday, May 2	Isla Mujeres. <b>Race Headquarters</b> is located at Cabañas María del Mar, Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant
	<b>Welcome sailboats to Isla Mujeres</b>	Sunday, May 3 to May 6	Isla Mujeres Yacht Club dock (Lima Docks)
	<b>Open days to visit local venues</b>	Monday, May 4 to May 6	More information will be in your Race Packets
<b>Isla Mujeres Events (These are Included in Entry Fees)</b>			
	<b>Poker Run Registration (Golf Carts)</b>	Wednesday, May 6	Race Headquarters at Cabañas María del Mar, Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant.
	<b>Skippers &amp; Navigators' Cocktail Party</b>	Wednesday, May 6	Casa de las Rocas (Rocks House) Sponsored by the Isla Mujeres Yacht Club
	<b>Crew Party</b>	Wednesday, May 6	Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant
	<b>RDSAS Basketball Game</b>	Wednesday, May 6	Adjacent to Palacio Municipal Isla Mujeres - Central Plaza Downtown
	<b>Rum &amp; Coke Party</b>	Thursday, May 7	Blue Ballyhoo Restaurant and Bar
	<b>Poker Run Finish</b>	Thursday, May 7	Blue Ballyhoo Restaurant and Bar
	<b>Mayor's Reception</b>	Thursday, May 7	Palacio Municipal Isla Mujeres – Central Plaza Downtown

	<b>Regata Amigos Race</b>	Friday, May 8	Skippers Meeting at Race Headquarters.
	<b>Cocktails, Dinner &amp; Awards Presentation</b>	Friday, May 8	Buho's Beach Bar and Restaurant.

**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.**