



X REGATA AL SOL
NEW ORLEANS - COZUMEL OCEAN RACE
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SAMURAI – Overall Winner 1977 – Allen Borne, Owner-Skipper

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The REGATA AL SOL from its inception in 1965, has served as a demonstration of the friendship that exists between the people of Mexico and the United States. The enthusiastic reception our yachtsmen always receive is an example of hospitality difficult to equal and more difficult to forget.

Since we have little opportunity to reciprocate with our Mexican hosts, we can at least show by our attitude of camaraderie that their efforts are recognized and appreciated.

Once again we will be offered a typical Mexican Fiesta, with music and dancing outdoors, to which Friends of the Regata, as well as participants, are welcome.

The Committee conveys the thanks of all the participants to the Gulfport Yacht Club and Commodore Henry Kremer for its traditional hospitality and his valuable help.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible a yacht must have a minimum deck length of 30', and must be single-hulled, self-righting, properly rigged and ballasted, with enclosed cabin, watertight, self-bailing cockpit and positive closures on all thru-hull fittings.

2. EQUIPMENT

The Committee suggests adherence to the Offshore Racing Council Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment, Category 2 - but the following is a mandatory minimum:

An operative VHF-FM transceiver, having Channel 68 in addition to the Coast Guard emergency channel, and the usual ship-to-ship channels.

Sufficient charts - 2 compasses (one permanently mounted) - 2 anchors and rodes - 2 bilge pumps (one manual) - regulation running lights and extra running lights with separate power source (kerosene acceptable) - sufficient life jackets - life raft or dinghy capable of supporting the entire crew - fire extinguishers - flashlights.

Adequate lifelines and stanchions, bow and stern pulpit - life ring with flag float, automatic water light, dye marker and whistle attached - flares or Very pistol with cartridges - safety harness for each crew member - first aid kit - bolt cutters.

Racing numbers shall be displayed in accordance with USYRU rules.

EACH SKIPPER HAS THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS CREW AND THE SEAWORTHINESS OF HIS VESSEL.

Neither the establishment of minimum equipment standards nor any inspections that may be performed by the Race Committee shall in any way limit the Skipper's responsibility, or confer any such responsibility on the Committee. The entry form constitutes the Skipper's certificate of compliance with these conditions, and any breach or violation of these requirements is subject to protest.

3. MANAGEMENT

The Cozumel Race is sponsored by the Southern Yacht Club, the Club de Yates de Cozumel, and the Mexican National Tourist Council. It is administered by the Mexico Race Committee of Southern Yacht Club, which has full power to interpret and enforce these conditions. The decision of the Race Committee regarding eligibility is not subject to protest.

4. CLASSES-RATINGS-ENTRIES

The fleet will be divided into two general divisions:

I.O.R. DIVISION, which will be sailed under the International Offshore Rule, as administered by USYRU, and requires a valid I.O.R. certificate dated January, 1979, or later, to accompany the entry form. Skipper must certify that no change affecting the yacht's rating has been made or will be made after the date of measurement.

CRUISING DIVISION, which will be sailed under the Performance Handicap Rating Formula. The Race Committee will assign PHRF numbers to any yacht which does not have one, and may change the number of any yacht which has been altered since rating. These assigned ratings are not subject to protest.

Each division will be divided into classes reflecting the number of entries. Classes will be announced at the Skippers' meeting.

Cruising Division yachts which have valid I.O.R. ratings are eligible for fleet prizes.

Entries shall be on the official form only and shall be accompanied by IOR certificate, PHRF Number, or both as the case may be, as well as a check for \$50.00, payable and mailed to:

Mexico Race Committee
Southern Yacht Club
P.O. Box 24070
New Orleans, La. 70184.

5. TIME ALLOWANCES

Time allowances will be calculated in accordance with the USYRU time tables, the yacht's rating, and a distance of 600 miles, adjusted by a factor of .80.

6. CREW - DOCUMENTATION

Each yacht shall have a minimum of four in the crew, of which the skipper and navigator shall be amateurs. There is no maximum.

Each crew member is required to have a Mexican Tourist Card, which is provided without charge by any Mexican Consulate or Tourist Office upon presentation of proof of U.S. Citizenship. In New Orleans, the Mexican Consulate is located in the International Trade Mart Building, and the Mexican Tourist Office is in One Shell Square. Forms for Tourist Cards may also be obtained from the Race Committee.

In addition to the above, crew lists must be furnished to the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans at least 48 hours before the start of the Race. Forms for this list will be furnished entrants by the Race Committee.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH SKIPPER TO SECURE PROPER DOCUMENTATION FOR HIS YACHT AND CREW.

7. RIGHT OF WAY RULES

The International Rules of the Road at Sea shall govern throughout the Race except that from the Warning Signal until a yacht has rounded the western tip of Ship Island the current USYRU Right of Way Rules shall apply.

8. RADIOS

The short range of VHF radios provides serious communications problems. The Race Committee will attempt to set up a system using a designated communications yacht, or yachts, which will per-

mit a daily position check on each participant. Details will be given at the Skipper's meeting.

SKIPPER'S MUST RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATING THEIR POSITION WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Their is no restriction on type or use of radios except that no yacht shall receive coded weather or other pertinent information not available to the others.

9. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

Protests must be given verbally to the Race Committee as soon as possible after the Race, and must be filed in writing within six hours of the finish of the protesting yacht.

Fouling of a buoy or another yacht at the start shall be subject to a penalty of one hour. At the discretion of the Race Committee, other infractions of the rules may receive time penalties instead of disqualification, except that failure to display proper lights shall result in disqualification.

10. ABANDONMENT OF RACE

Due to the distance involved and the international character of the race, it is imperative that notice of withdrawal from the race be given immediately upon such action, by radio if possible to the U.S. Coast Guard, Mexican or U.S. Navy, Club de Yates of Cozumel, or Southern Yacht Club. Radio frequencies and cable addresses of these agencies will be given at the skippers' meeting.

11. ENGINES

Auxiliary engines may be used only to assist in the recovery of a man overboard or for charging batteries. In the later case propeller shafts must be securely locked while engine is running.

12. START—COURSE—SIGNALS

The start shall be between the Committee Boat and a Flag Marker placed 2-1/2 miles east of the Gulfport Ship Channel. All yachts are required to depart the Mississippi Sound via Ship Island Pass.

All yachts must stay to the east of the line of red beacons and buoys marking the east side of the Gulfport Ship Channel until they reach lighted buoy No. 56, which is hereby make a mark of the course and must be left to starboard.

Isla Mujeres is also a mark of the course and must be left to starboard. Yachts may not cross the reef line north of Mujeres and must

leave the southern tip of the island to starboard.

Yachts must not sail closer than thirty miles from the Cuban Coast, remaining north and west of the following line:

From a point 23°20' N—83°40' W, drawn in a south-westerly direction to a point 22°10' N—85°23' W, thence south by west to a point 21°41'—85°30' W.

STARTING TIME: 10:50 C.D.T.—Warning (White Signal)
10:55 —Preparatory (Blue Signal)
11:00 —Start (Red Signal)

Postponement signal shall be the hoisting of Code and Answering Pennant "AP" (Red and white vertical stripes) accompanied by two guns. Postponement shall be for five minutes minimum. Warning gun will be fired 1 minute after lowering of postponement signal.

Recall signal shall be the hoisting of the First repeater pennant (yellow triangle on blue field) accompanied by blast on horn.

Premature starters will be recalled individually by sail number over the P.A. system from the Committee Boat or the Stake Boat.

The FINISH LINE will be between the light marking the entry of BANCO PLAYA HARBOR (north side of entrance) and a Mexican naval vessel anchored offshore. Full details of finish line including identification of the finishing vessel will be given at Skippers' meeting.

13. TROPHIES

Fleet trophies include:

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO TROPHY - First in fleet, corrected time.

MIGUEL ALEMAN TROPHY — First to Finish

CLUB DE YATES DE ISLA MUJERES TROPHY — Navigator of first yacht in fleet, corrected time.

Second, fleet corrected time.

Ony yachts having valid I.O.R. ratings are eligible for fleet trophies, except First to Finish Trophy. Cruising Division yachts must furnish valid I.O.R. rating certificates with entry in order to qualify for fleet trophies.

Class Trophies:

First and second in each class.

Cruising Division:

First and second.

All yachts will receive race mementos.

TRAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS

There will be a mandatory Skippers' Meeting at 6:00 PM, Friday, April 20, at the GULFPORT YACHT CLUB. ALL PARTICIPATING YACHTS MUST BE REPRESENTED.

The Gulfport Yacht Club will offer a cash bar during the meeting, followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 PM (also cash).

Dock space may be arranged with the Manager of Gulfport Yacht Club, Mr. Bill Bradley (601) 863-6796, with the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor Dockmaster, Mr. Robert Moody (601) 863-4384, or with the Broadwater Beach Marina four miles east.

Motel rooms are available at the Best Western, Gulfport, which is within walking distance of the Yacht Club, or at Holiday Inn, Admiral Benbow, Howard Johnson, or Broadwater Beach, all within a distance of four miles.

All travel arrangements will be handled by MARINER TRAVEL, Mr. Tony Rainold (504) 834-4475.

FULL INFORMATION ON SOCIAL EVENTS ON COZUMEL WILL BE SENT TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.



Records

TIARE — 1st to finish — Tom Coleman — Skipper

PREVIOUS WINNERS

I REGATA — 1965:

“ISLA MUJERES”, 44’ yawl, Isla Mujeres Y.C., Felix Mier y Teran.

II REGATA — 1966:

1st Corr. Time & Class “A”:

“CAL GAL”, Cal 36, GBCA, Fred Maudlin.

1st to finish & 3rd Corr. Time:

“CHANDELLE”, Cal 40, SYC, Cal Hadden.

2nd Corr. Time & 1st Class “B”:

“REBEL”, Alberg 35 Yawl, GBCA, Howard Williams.

III REGATA — 1967:

1st Corr. Time & Class “A”, 1st to finish:

“TIARE”, Cal 48, SYC, Maurice Hartson III.

1st Class “B” & 3rd Corr. Time:

“MISS SUNBEAM”, Cal 36, NOYC, O. J. Young.

2nd Corr. Time & 2nd Class “A”:

“CHANDELLE”, Cal 40, SYC, Cal Hadden.

IV REGATA — 1968:

1st Corr. Time:

“SILKIE”, Columbia 40, NOYC, George Reynolds.

2nd Corr. Time:

“STUART LITTLE”, Islander 37, FWYC, Dickie Williamson.

1st to finish & 3rd Corr. Time:

“GULF GHOST”, Cal 40, SYC, Oscar McMillan.

V REGATA — 1969:

1st to finish & 1st Corr. Time & 1st Class “A”:

“CHANDELLE”, Cal 40, SYC, Cal Hadden.

2nd Corr. Time & Class “A”:

“UTOPIA”, Cal 40, GBCA, Jerry Smith.

1st Class “B”:

“BLAISE”, Offshore 36, Tom Coleman, SYC.

VI REGATA — 1971:

1st to finish, 1st Corr. Time & 1st Class “A”:

“TIARE”, Cal 48, SYC, B. Temple Brown.

2nd Corr. Time & Class “A”:

“SPIRIT”, Newport 41, SYC, Gene Walet.

1st Class “B”:

“UTOPIA”, Cal 40, GBCA, Jerry Smith.

1st Class “B”:

“SPINDRIFT”, Columbia 36, GBCA, Don Neese.

VII REGATA — 1973:

1st to finish, 1st Corr. Time & 1st Class “A”:

“WIMOWEH”, Ericson 46, SYC, Tom Coleman.

2nd Corr. Time & Class “A”:

“KUMBAYA”, P.J.40, SYC, Fred Blossman.

1st Class “B”:

“EAGLE”, Yankee 30, GBCA, John Evans.

VIII REGATA — 1975:

1st Corr. Time & 1st Class “C”:

“SIROCCO IV”, Carter 33, PYC, R. H. Kahn.

1st to finish & 1st Class “A”:

“CAJUN QUEEN”, C&C 39, SYC, Gene Walet.

1st Class “B”:

“KUMBAYA”, Pontchartrain Y.C., Fred Blossman.

IX REGATA — 1977

1st Corr. Time & 1st Class “B”:

“SAMURAI”, Heritage 1 ton, Allen Borne, SYC.

1st to finish:

“TIARE”, Cal 48, Tom Coleman, SYC.

1st Class “A”:

“CAJUN QUEEN”, C&C 39, Jim Bates, NOYC.

1st Class “C”:

“GUNDAGAI”, Bill Roth.