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XXV REGATA INTERNACIONAL BAHIA DE BANDERAS

Vallarta, Mexico 28 Febrero - 4 Marzo 2017

Information for Participants (Racers call this a Notice Of Race)

RULES: The Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016. The rules with changes are available from Vallarta Yacht Club. (Yes, we know there is a new RRS out in 2017, but most people don't have copies yet.)

ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY: This Regatta is open to all monohull and multihull sailboats suitable and equipped for sailing in Banderas Bay. They shall have sufficient crew to safely maneuver a vessel in a competitive environment. They shall have proof of liability insurance as required in Mexico. Entry is online at www.banderasbayregatta.com

CLASSES: Basic Class Divisions are Cruising Monohulls and Cruising Multihulls. Further Class divisions grouping boats with similar performance will be made based on entries received (5 boats per division minimum). We expect to have 5-7 racing divisions.

FEES: The entry fee is \$100 USD per boat. This includes two (2) tickets to the Awards Costume Party on the beach, two (2) BBR T-shirts, two (2) BBR hats and an official 25th Anniversary BBR burgee. Additional tickets for crew are available online or at the Skipper's Meeting (Must be registered.)

SCHEDULE: February 28-March 4, 2017

Tuesday, February 28

17:00	Skipper sign-in and registration.
18:00	Skipper's Meeting
19:00	Mexican Dinner at Vallarta Yacht Club.

Wednesday, March 1

11:30	Boat Parade - File out of Paradise Village Marina to the applause of your fans!
1:00	Practice Race
17:00	Happy Hour at Vallarta Yacht Club

18:00	Dinner and music at Vallarta Yacht Club - Pasta!!
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Thursday, March 2:

13:00	Races begin – all classes.
17:00	Happy Hour at Vallarta Yacht Club
18:00	Dinner and music at Vallarta Yacht Club. Burgers & Beer (Fish or Chicken Option)

Friday, March 3:

7:00-12:00	BBR Fishing Tournament. This mini-event is also available to powerboats and optional for competitors.. CANCELLED
13:00	Racing – all classes
17:00	Happy Hour at Vallarta Yacht Club
18:00	Dinner and music at Vallarta Yacht Club - Fish Tacos & Tequila

Saturday March 4:

13:00	Racing – all classes
19:00	Awards Costume Party on the Beach at Paradise Village, Mexican buffet with music by the internationally renowned Gipsy Rumba. Cash Bar. Private event. Trophies for race winners, Oscars for best costume (and whatever else the BBR Event Committee feels like)

HANDICAPS: PHRF Handicap or Cruising Handicap provided by Vallarta Yacht Club will be used. For Handicapping Details see www.banderasbayregatta.com “Racing for Cruisers”.

SCORING: Low point scoring system per Appendix A, all races will count (no throw out). Finishing Order scoring using Time on Time (TOT). Proof of entry and display of BBR Racing Number required for scoring.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Banderas Bay Regatta Sailing Instructions will be provided prior to the close of entry February 28. They will be available online for downloading at <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com>.

VENUE: The regatta headquarters is the Vallarta Yacht Club. All notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board in front of the VYC Clubhouse. Notices will also be available online at <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com>. The racing area is Banderas Bay, Nayarit, Mexico.

COURSES: The courses will be around the buoys approximately 6 to 12 miles long with an estimated 4-hour time limit. First day course will be a downwind run from Punta de Mita to Nuevo Vallarta. If conditions support a mid-distance race the race committee has the option of

calling such a course with an estimated 5-hour time limit. Course details will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

PRIZES: Prizes will be given for the first, second, and third place in each class of 5 or more boats. Other trophies may be given at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Awards Celebration will be at the Paradise Village Resort beach following the last race.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum coverage as required by Mexican Law. Mexican Liability Insurance is available on line at www.marinersmexico.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the Banderas Bay Regatta website at www.banderasbayregatta.com

Basic Racing Rules:

1. Avoid Collisions
2. Have Fun
3. Opposite Tacks: Port tack gives way to Starboard tack
4. Same Tack: Windward boat gives way to Leeward boat
5. At Marks: Outside boat gives way to Inside boat if overlapped. In doubt?, see Rule 1
6. ***Play Nice***. BBR is not the America's Cup. Don't assume others know the rules as well as you think you do. See Rule 2.
7. Don't miss Happy Hour! This is why we have time limits.

Sailing is fun and it is self policing. We have a ***ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR POOR SPORTSMANSHIP*** (that includes excessive shouting, forcing fouls, etc.). Remember this is a cruisers' race, and many don't have the decades of racing experience that you do. Leave your protest forms at home. ***The protest room should not be part of your racing strategy.*** Remember that people are watching, and we do give trophies for GOOD sportsmanship.