



## Notice of Race

# Regata Internacional Bahia de Banderas

**March 20-24, 2018**

Banderas Bay, Mexico  
Hosted by Vallarta Yacht Club

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020).
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to monohull and multihull boats of 16 feet LWL or greater.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com>
- 3.3. Fleets will include some or all of the following:

Fleet	Rating System
ORR Monohulls	ORR

PHRF-Only Monohulls	PHRF (see 6.2)
Performance Multihulls	BBR (see 6.3)
Cruising Monohulls over 45ft LWL	BBR (see 6.3)
Cruising Monohulls under 45ft LWL	BBR (see 6.3)
Cruising Multihulls	BBR (see 6.3)
Twenty-Something (20-30ft LWL)	BBR (see 6.3)
Jack and Jill (Doublehanded)	BBR (see 6.3)
JAM (Jib and Main)	BBR (see 6.3)

3.4. The OA reserves the right to adjust fleets and starts based on numbers and types of entries.

3.5. If there is sufficient interest, other fleets may be added at the OA's discretion.

#### 4. FEES

4.1. Required fee is \$100 USD per boat. Entry fees include the following:

- Entry into the event
- Two tickets to the closing beach party
- Two event T-shirts
- Two event hats
- One event burgee

4.2. Additional tickets for the closing beach party may be purchased prior to the day of the party for \$21 USD per ticket. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$30 USD.

4.3. All event fees may be paid online at <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com>.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

5.1. The event schedule is as follows:

Date	Description	Time
March 20	Registration / Skippers Meeting	16:00 - 19:00
March 20	Opening Ceremony	19:00
March 21	Boat Parade	11:30
March 21	"Start Your Heart Out" Practice	12:30 - 14:00
March 21	Evening Party	18:30
March 22	Race Day 1 (one race per fleet)	12:30
March 22	Evening Party	18:30
March 23	Race Day 2 (one race per fleet)	12:30
March 23	Evening Party	18:30
March 24	Race Day 3 (one race per fleet)	12:30
March 24	Awards Beach Party	18:30

5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the each day of racing is 12:30.

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

**6. RATINGS**

- 6.1. Each boat in the ORR fleet shall produce a valid ORR rating certificate.
- 6.2. Each boat in the PHRF-Only fleet shall either produce a valid PHRF rating certificate, or agree to be rated using the entry for that boat in the Southern California PHRF ratings database. If there is no entry in the Southern California PHRF ratings database, the US Sailing HIGH, LOW, AVERAGE "average" rating will be used. No offsets will be given beyond those already provided for on the rating certificate.
- 6.3. All other fleets will be rated using the Banderas Bay Rating System, which is based on PHRF/Schell Regression and includes offsets for cruising gear, old or new sails, weight, etc. Preliminary ratings and fleet breaks will be published two days prior to the start of the event. A rating request can be made during registration on the event website.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available after three days prior to the first day of racing, on the event website at <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com>.

**8. VENUE**

- 8.1. The regatta Organizing Authority is Vallarta Yacht Club, located in Paradise Village Resort, Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico. All ashore events for Banderas Bay Regatta will be held at the Vallarta Yacht Club clubhouse unless otherwise noted on the regatta website and event schedule.
- 8.2. The racing area will be within Banderas Bay, Mexico.

**9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1. Courses will generally be in greater than 10 NM in length. Total course length will depend on the fleet and course conditions on race day. Full course diagrams with approximate mark locations will be provided in the sailing instructions.

**10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**11. SCORING**

- 11.1. The scoring system shall be in accordance with RRS 90.3
- 11.2. Ties will be handled according to RRS Appendix A8.
- 11.3. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.4. There will be no throw-outs
- 11.5. For PHRF-Only and BBR rated boats, corrected times will be calculated using PHRF - Time-On-Time.
- 11.6. Course times ORR boats will be corrected using Time-On-Time. Ratings for ORR fleet will be adjusted per-race based on wind conditions and course type.

**12. BERTHING**

A limited number of slips will be available at one half the published rate at Paradise Village Marina. Bookings must be made in advance. Special pricing is available for BBR participants only, and only for the duration of the event. See <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com> for more details.

**13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The Organizing Committee and the Race Committee will use VHF marine radio to communicate with participant boats. All participating boats must be in possession of a working VHF marine radio. Communications channels will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

**14. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third place for each fleet.

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

**16. INSURANCE**

It is the responsibility of each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please visit <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com>