



# **Notice of Race**

## **Regata Internacional Bahía de Banderas**

### **March 17-21, 2026**

Banderas Bay, Mexico

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. Powered winches are allowed. This modifies RRS 52.
- 1.5. The use of an electrically powered automatic pilot is allowed for crews less than 5 persons. This modifies RRS 52.

#### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The regatta is open to monohull and multihull boats of 16 feet or greater.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at <http://www.banderasbayregatta.com>
- 3.3. Classes will include some or all of the following.
  - PHRF- Rated monohulls (offsets per VYC rules)
  - Performance Multihulls
  - Cruising Monohulls over 45ft LWL
  - Cruising Monohulls under 45ft LWL
  - Cruising Multihulls
  - Twenty-Something (20-30ft LWL)
  - Jack and Jill (Doublehanded)
  - JAM (Jib and Main)
- 3.4. The target class size is approximately 10 boats per start.

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

**4. FEES**

4.1. Required fee is \$150 USD per boat.

Entry fees include the following:

- Entry into the event
- Two tickets to the awards beach party
- Event “swag” which *may* include t-shirts, hats, etc.

4.2. Boats registering late (March 19-20) will be required to pay an additional late entry penalty of \$25 USD.

4.3. Additional tickets for the closing beach party may be purchased prior to the day of the party for \$45.00 USD per ticket. Tickets *may* be available at the door for \$50.00 USD.

**5. SCHEDULE**

5.1. The event schedule is as follows:

Date	Description	Time
March 17	Registration	1400 - 1700
March 17	Skippers Meeting	1700 - 1800
March 17	Welcome Reception	1800
March 18	BBR Boat Parade	1100
March 18	“Start Your Heart Out” Practice	1400 - 1500
March 18	Evening Party	1730
March 19	Race Day 1	1300
March 19	Evening Party	1730
March 20	Race Day 2	1300
March 20	Evening Party	1730
March 21	Race Day 3	1300
March 21	Awards Beach Party	1800

5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the each day of racing is 1300.

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600.

**6. RATINGS**

6.1. Each boat in the Cruising Classes will be rated under the VYC Cruising Handicap rules using PHRF ratings as the base.

6.2. Multihull classes will be rated using the Texel Cabin Multihull Rule.

6.3. Preliminary ratings and class breaks will be published two days prior to the start of the event.

6.4. All vessel ratings shall be within 3 years of issuance or update.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**8. VENUE**

- 8.1. The host club for BBR 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 final event schedules.
- 8.2. The racing area will be within Banderas Bay, Mexico.

**9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1. Courses will generally be 8 to 15NM. Total course length will depend on the class and course conditions on race day. Full course descriptions 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. Races will be scored Time on Time under PHRF, or Texel

**12. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

**13. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third place for each class of three or more boats.

**14. 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.

**15. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent as required by Mexican law.

**16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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