



Del Rey Yacht Club and CORUM

2007 Puerto Vallarta Race

NOTICE OF RACE

You cordially are invited to participate in the 19th Biennial Marina del Rey to Puerto Vallarta International Yacht Race, Beginning February 16-23, 2007

The Puerto Vallarta Race is one of the sailing world's most prestigious and challenging blue water races with the opportunity to break a 20-year-old elapsed time record of 4 days, 23 hours, 0 minutes, 14 seconds set by *JOSS* in 1987.

The Puerto Vallarta Race is divided into two Divisions:

The RACING DIVISION offers handicap classes in PHRF, with staggered race starts. Yachts with an Americap II or IRC rating, or are one of three or more One Design yachts, will be eligible for additional trophies.

- * **New for 2007:** All entrants will be provided with a GPS tracking transponder which will permit us to combine the most popular aspects of the major Mexican races. "**Crossing Lines**" will be established abeam of Ensenada, Cabo San Lucas and Pta Mita, forming three legs overlaid on the course from MdR to PV. The first yacht, in each class to sail through a crossing line, on corrected time, will receive a special award, in addition to the Corum watches presented to the Overall Class winners at the end of the Race.

The SALSA DIVISION features three separately scored legs, with stops in beautiful anchorages down the coast of Baja, and fun-filled social activities at each destination. The division has its own escort vessel and allows the use of engine power if the winds are light. There are two class options:

- * **The SALSA SPINNAKER CLASS** will be scored using PHRF off-wind course (OWC) ratings for all 3 races. Spinnakers are allowed.
- * **The SALSA NON-SPINNAKER CLASS** will use a unique handicapping system that is adjusted after each race. Spinnakers are **not** permitted, but Gennakers may be flown.

PREPARATION SEMINARS

The Preparation Seminars are primarily tailored to the needs of the Salsa Division, but all participants, and prospective entrants, are invited to take part in these seminars which cover all aspects of the race. The dates are:

- Seminar #1 Thursday, October 26, 2006
- Seminar #2 Thursday, December 7, 2006

RULES

This race will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008*, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the rules of the classes entered, except where modified by the Sailing Instructions. The race is classified as an ISAF Category C Event in accordance with Regulation 20. Advertising must conform to Regulation 20.

ELIGIBILITY

This race is open to any yacht whose owner or charterer is a member of a yacht club affiliated with US SAILING or ISAF, and has any of the following:

Racing Division: A Southern California PHRF Off-Wind Course (OWC) Rating of not more than 150 and a minimum deck length of 27 feet.

Salsa Division: A minimum deck length of 32 feet and the capability of maintaining a minimum speed, under auxiliary power, of 6 knots for a minimum distance of 150 miles; and a maximum PHRF Off-Wind Course (OWC) Rating of 150.

STARTING DATES

The starts for the **Salsa Division** will be:

Friday, February 16
Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker

The starting dates for the **Racing Division** will be staggered to provide an opportunity for a "blanket finish."

Wednesday, February 21
Thursday, February 22
Friday, February 23

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee includes **all pre-race and post-race social activities**, for both **skipper and crew**, including the gala Awards Presentation and Fiesta. Also included are seminars, favors, memorabilia, boat slip in Marina del Rey and Puerto Vallarta and welcoming gifts.

Before October 31, 2006	After October 31, 2006	
\$ 600.00	\$ 1000.0065 feet & greater
\$ 500.00	\$ 900.0050 feet to 64.9 feet
\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	under 50 feet

COURSES

Racing Division: Start in Santa Monica Bay, California, outside the Marina del Rey Breakwater, leaving El Segundo and Palos Verde's Bell Buoys to port. The Finish Line is in Banderas Bay, Mexico, near the Puerto Vallarta Harbor entrance. The handicapping distance is 1125 nautical miles. In addition, 3 Crossing Lines will be established perpendicular to the rhumb line and 74 nm wide (exception: Pta Mita, 15 nm).

Leg 1: Marina del Rey to Ensenada, 159 nm.

Leg 2: Ensenada to Cabo San Lucas, 669 nm.

Leg 3: Cabo San Lucas to Pta Mita, 280 nm.

Salsa Division: 3 racing legs plus one free leg that includes a fishing tournament.

Leg 1: Marina del Rey to the Light at the North End of Cedros Island, 375 nm. Proceed to Turtle Bay for a party Tuesday, February 20th.

Leg 2: Wednesday, February 21st – Turtle Bay to the Light at Punta Lazaro, 218 nm. From Punta Lazaro to an optional layover at Bahia Santa Maria and then the free leg to Cabo San Lucas, 172 nm. (while catching fish) for a party Sunday, February 25th.

Leg 3: Monday, February 26th, Cabo San Lucas to Puerto Vallarta, arriving Wednesday or Thursday, February 28th or March 1st, 291 nm.



TROPHIES

The overall winner of each **Racing and Salsa Class** will receive a **CORUM Admiral's Cup Trophy 41 Watch**.

- Beautiful take-home trophies, in both divisions, will be determined by class size.
- Racing Division will receive trophies for the first to cross (on corrected time) each Crossing Line.
- Salsa Division will receive trophies for each race.
- Additional special trophies and participation awards will be presented.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY

Skippers interested in participating in the 19th Biennial Puerto Vallarta Race should submit a Request for Entry Form or complete the online entry form located at www.PV07.com. An Entry Form, Yacht Identification Form, and Air and Hotel Reservation Form will be mailed to eligible yachts. Entries must be received by October 31, 2006 in order to receive a \$400 discount and ALL entries must be received by January 5, 2007. Additional Handicap Divisions are available with submission of a valid 2007 Rating Certificate. A valid entry includes a completed Entry Form, a completed Yacht Identification Form, the Entry Fee, a Yacht Photograph, and a valid 2007 Southern California PHRF rating certificate (including Salsa Division Non-Spinnaker).

CREW & EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

The crew shall consist of no less than four (4) qualified people.

All entrants in the **Racing Division** must comply with the *Racing Division Minimum Required Equipment List*. (Please see Appendix A of this NOR.)

All Entrants in the **Salsa Division** must comply with the *Salsa Division Minimum Required Equipment List*. (Please see Appendix B of this NOR)

BOAT ACCOMMODATIONS

Space will be available at Del Rey Yacht Club for all participating yachts prior to race starts. Upon arrival in Puerto Vallarta, all participating yachts will be met at the Finish Line and escorted to an assigned slip in the ultra-modern Marina Vallarta, one of Mexico's largest and finest marinas.

HOTELS & AIR TRANSPORTATION

The elegant Westin Regina beachfront hotel, overlooking the finish line, will serve as Race Headquarters. Del Rey Yacht Club is again providing assistance in securing air transportation and/or hotel accommodations. An Air and Hotel Reservation Form will be included in the Entry Packet.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2006			
Thursday	October	26	Preparation Seminar No. 1
Saturday	October	31	Deadline for Early Entry \$400 OFF
Thursday	December	7	Preparation Seminar No. 2
2007			
Friday	January	5	Deadline for receipt of Entry
Saturday	January	20	Workshop for Paid Entries
Wednesday	February	14	Skipper's Meeting & Pre-Race Party for Salsa Division
Friday	February	16	Start – Salsa Division
Tuesday	February	20	Skipper's Meeting & Pre-Race Party for Racing Division
Wednesday	February	21	Start – PHRF
Thursday	February	22	Start – PHRF
Friday	February	23	Start – PHRF
Saturday	March	3	Awards Presentation & Fiesta
Sunday	March	4	Vallarta Race Week - TBA

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Appendix A

Racing Division – Minimum Required Equipment List

1. Structural Features, Stability, Fixed Equipment

- 1.1 Minimum LOA of 27 feet.
- 1.2 Single hull, self-righting; an enclosed cabin with the ability to close and secure all ports and hatches; and a self-bailing cockpit.
- 1.3 Crew accommodates which include at least four bunks, a suitable head, an operable galley consisting of a stove, cold storage, and food and water adequate for the duration of the race. (Water minimum: 6 gallons per crew member exclusive of water maker capacity divided in no less than two separate storage tanks.)
- 1.4 Sea cocks or valves for all through hull fittings with tapered plugs.
- 1.5 Fixed bow pulpit, lifelines, and supports. Minimum height of pulpit and lifelines is 24 inches. Maximum distance between supports is 7 feet. A fixed stern pulpit or suitable stanchions with lifelines enclosing the stern is acceptable.
- 1.6 Two manual bilge pumps, one operable with all cockpit seats, hatches, and companionways closed.
- 1.7 A permanently installed inboard engine shall be provided together with permanently installed fuel supply systems and securely fastened fuel tank(s), or an outboard engine which may be carried on the transom or securely stowed below decks in such a way that it is available for immediate deployment with fuel supply system and securely fastened fuel tank.
- 1.8 Properly installed and adjusted compass.
- 1.9 Second compass.
- 1.10 Running lights which remain unobstructed by sails.
- 1.11 VHF radio (all channels) with an additional emergency antenna.
- 1.12 Single-sideband radio (Minimum channels: 6A – 6224; 6D – 6516; 8 – 8122; 8A – 8294; 12A – 12353; 12C – 12359)

2. Portable equipment and Supplies for the Yacht

- 2.1 USCG requirements for size of yacht, and number of persons aboard (with whistles attached to Personal Flotation Devices (Lifejackets).
- 2.2 Cockpit to bow jack lines, one on each side.
- 2.3 Two suitable anchors and rodes.
- 2.4 Water resistant flashlight.
- 2.5 First aid kit and manual.
- 2.6 Radar reflector, minimum 11 inches diameter, or approximate equal area.
- 2.7 Hand-held (portable) VHF radio with spare battery pack.
- 2.8 Two GPS Receivers, one of which is portable and waterproof with new and spare batteries.
- 2.9 Depth sounder.
- 2.10 EPIRB 406 MHz.
- 2.11 Charts of the racing area and plotting equipment.
- 2.12 Currently certified, self-inflating life raft(s) with canopy, food, water, and signaling equipment.
- 2.13 Horseshoe buoy with strobe attached or Man Overboard Module (MOM).
- 2.14 Lifesling.
- 2.15 Four SOLAS red hand flares, four SOLAS red parachute flares, and two SOLAS orange smoke signals (plus USCG flare requirements).
- 2.16 Emergency tiller.
- 2.17 Yacht shall have the capacity to reduce sail area and proceed in adverse weather.
- 2.18 Yachts shall be required to carry sail identification numbers on the main sail and all head sails exceeding 130% of J. Borrowed sails, having numbers or insignia other than the assigned numbers for said yacht, must be registered with and have the approval of the Race Committee prior to the preparatory signal for the start of their race.
- 2.19 *FIS* GPS Tracking Transponder (provided by DRYC) installed and operating according to instructions provided.

3. Personal Safety

- 3.1 Personal flotation devices, with strobe light and whistle attached, for each crew member which shall be worn during the hours between nautical sunset and sunrise.

Appendix B

Salsa Division - Minimum Required Equipment List

1. USCG requirements for that size yacht, and number of persons aboard, (with whistles attached to Personal Flotation Devices (Lifejackets)).
2. Yachts shall be single-hulled, self-righting, and shall have an enclosed cabin with essentially water-tight hatch covers, a self-bailing cockpit, and a suitable head.
3. Crew accommodations shall include at least four bunks, an operable galley consisting of a stove, cold storage, and shall include food and water adequate for the duration of the race (Minimum water requirement: 12 gallons per crew member, exclusive of water maker capacity).
4. Yachts shall have the capability to reduce sail area and race in adverse weather.
5. An engine capable of driving the yacht in calm waters, with no sails set, at a speed of not less than 6 knots, and enough fuel to power no less than 150 nautical miles for each leg.
6. First aid kit and manual.
7. Fixed bow pulpit, lifelines, and supports. Minimum height of pulpit and lifelines is 24 inches. Maximum distance between supports is 7 feet. Lifelines may terminate on the deck at the bow. A fixed stern pulpit or suitable stanchions with lifelines enclosing the stern is acceptable.
8. One fixed hand bilge pump and 1 additional pump (hand or electric) in operable condition. Soft plugs attached to each through-hull fittings.
9. An approved ring or horseshoe life buoy (20 inch minimum) attached with 25 feet of floating line to a man overboard pole An approved Xenon (gas discharge) flashing water-tight light is to be attached at all times to the life buoy with a short lanyard or floating line.
10. A minimum 11 inch diameter, or approximately equal area, radar reflector, mounted in the starboard side rigging no lower than just below the lower spreaders, or on the backstay or the mast, at least 20 feet above the deck level.
11. Three red flares, 3 white flares and 2 orange smoke distress signals (USCG flares are acceptable, but SOLAS are highly recommended).
12. Ship's compass, a portable spare compass, and charts of surrounding waters.
13. Functioning lights required by International Rules of the Road, and functioning flashlights with new and spare batteries.
14. Two anchors, each with chain equal to boat length, and a minimum of 150 feet of appropriate strength rode, sufficient to hold in storm conditions.
15. Two (2) VHF all channel transceivers, one has a transmitting power of 25 watts, and is equipped with a weather information channel, and one is a waterproof portable with new and spare batteries.
16. Inflatable raft(s) or dinghy(s) capable of accommodating all persons onboard. The total capacity of the raft(s) or dinghy(s) shall be at least equal to the number of crew. Life raft or dinghy must have emergency water and survival rations for 2 days for all personnel onboard.
17. Boarding ladder or climbing steps for aiding in retrieval of someone overboard.
18. Two GPS Receivers, one of which is portable and waterproof with new and spare batteries.
19. *FIS* GPS Tracking Transponder (provided by DRYC) installed and operating according to instructions provided.

Note: This list constitutes the minimum equipment that must be aboard a yacht. In addition, each skipper is responsible for the additional equipment and supplies that is necessary for the comfort and safety of his crew.