

## Press Release

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#### 51<sup>ST</sup> REGATA DEL SOL AL SOL POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

*New dates for the St. Petersburg-to-Mexico race will be announced*

*Alternate U.S.-based distance racing options under consideration for 2021*

(January 27, 2021) ST. PETERSBURG, Florida — In consultation with the organizing partners on Isla Mujeres, St. Petersburg Yacht Club announces the postponement of the 51st Regata del Sol al Sol race from St. Petersburg to Isla Mujeres, Mexico.

Both groups considered governmental guidelines on Covid-19 virus protocols and quarantines. Current and evolving rules impact travel between nations and event planning. In an abundance of caution and in fairness to participants who make arrangements months ahead, the decision was made.

All related events at St. Petersburg Yacht Club and in Mexico are canceled.

The SPYC organizing committee will reschedule the regatta and its related events to April 2022, dates to be determined.

Currently registered sailors will be consulted on alternate plans to sail a long-distance race limited to U.S. ports within the dates that had been scheduled, an April 21-30, 2021, timeframe.

The historic race began as a challenge for open-water sailors after the St. Petersburg-to-Havana race could no longer be sailed to Fidel Castro's Cuba. In its five-decade history, the race has recorded seconds-tight finishes and harrowing crossings. Today, it features GPS tracking devices to ensure boats arrive and return safely.

For more information about the race, see the [Notice of Race](#). Other information can be found on the [regatta website](#). The race also can be followed on [Facebook](#).

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#### **ABOUT ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB**

Rich in history and tradition, the St. Petersburg Yacht Club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the United States. Established in 1909, the club is situated on the beautiful waterfront of downtown St. Petersburg, Florida. It's a gathering place for avid boaters and racers as well as one of Tampa Bay's most prestigious social venues. It maintains a reputation for warm hospitality and world-class sailing. Club members and guests value and respect this tradition of excellence. Acquired in 2008, the Pass-a-Grille clubhouse offers members a unique compliment to downtown, with a beach ambiance and access to the nearby Gulf of Mexico. The [regatta schedule](#) is available on the [club website](#).

#### **ABOUT ST. PETERSBURG SAILING CENTER**

Established in the 1930s as the St. Petersburg Junior Yacht Club, the St. Petersburg Sailing Center is a

partnership with the city of St. Petersburg. The center, 250 Second Ave SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, handles national and international regattas as well as youth and adult learn-to-sail programs and special events. Run by SPYC, the unique partnership opens Sailing Center memberships to the public as well as to yacht club members. Learn more about its [programs](#). Or follow it on [Facebook](#).

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