

2017 HOBIE FLEET 514 PINATA REGATTA
PUERTO PEÑASCO, MEXICO OCTOBER 7-8, 2017

Lodging, Event and Travel Information – Updated 2017



All the important links referenced in this document can be found here - <http://www.fleet514.com/2017-pinata-regatta-event-page/>

I. CONTACT INFORMATION.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Email/website</u>
Regatta Chairman	Tony Krauss	520-955-2769	abkrauss@cox.net
Mexico Insurance	Clinton Martin	520-331-2607	www.insurance4mexico.net
Sponsorship Coordinator	Barb Perlmutter	520-303-1473	skipperbarb36@hotmail.com

II. Closest Accommodations. We strongly encourage participants to make their reservations as soon as possible.

A. Play Bonita RV Park (Race Headquarters)

www.playabonitaresort.com

Rates: approximately \$25/night with full hook up and showers

Email: reservations@playabonitarv.com

You will need a stamp and an envelope for this one!

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53cd8300e4b01d2bd01090f3/t/58ff7ea103596e67a224d37e/1493139106269/2017+Playa+Bonita+RV+Park+Reservation.pdf>

B. Playa Bonita Resort www.playabonitaresort.com

Email: info@playabonitamail.com

C. Best Western Laos Mar Hotel www.playabonitaresort.com

Email: laosmar@hotmail.com

D. Sonoran Sky Condominiums www.sonoranresorts.mx/sonoran-resorts/#sky.com

Rates: variable \$125 to \$425, no group reservation code

Three ways to secure accommodations:

VRBO.com

Search "sonoran sky"

Seaside Reservations
reservations@seasidemexico.com
Attn: Maria Pena
Toll Free from Mexico 011 52 638 383 0700
Toll Free from USA 1 888 262 4508

Rocky Point Reservations
reserve@rprMexico.com
Attn: Marissa Hernandez
Toll Free from Mexico 01 800 681 6534
Toll Free from USA 1 800 997 9431

III. INSURANCE.

- A. Vehicle Insurance. All participants that intend to drive in Mexico must purchase Special Vehicle Coverage while traveling in Mexico. This coverage must include the trailer and all boats carried. This coverage is only in place while travelling and does NOT cover your boat while racing or on the water. Many options are available, but we suggest www.insurance4mexico.net - Clinton Martin is the agent associated with that site, and is a fleet sponsor. Feel free to contact him by phone if you have questions at 520-331-2607. Savvy travelers put a policy in place only for travel days, on rigs (RVs) that will not be driving during their time in Mexico.
 - a. UPDATED 2016-09-01 - There will also be an option to purchase Mexican vehicle insurance in person on the way to Puerto Penasco at the Why Not Travel Store. Contact the organizers for more information.
- B. Boat Insurance. Mexican Vehicle Insurance described above only covers your boat while it is on the trailer. Check with your US insurance company about coverage during competition in International Waters
- C. Medical Insurance. Most clinics in Puerto Peñasco do not accept U.S. insurance as payment. Therefore, cash, credit card or personal trip/vacation insurance can be purchased. Check your existing policy for coverage while traveling in Mexico.

IV. BORDER CROSSING.

- A. You must have in your possession when crossing the border copies of your current title and/or registration for all automobiles, trailers and boats you are transporting. If your state does not require registration, bring a copy of the bill of sale, receipt or other ownership document that shows you own the boat. If the owner of the vehicle, trailer or boat is not present at the time you cross the border, the owner should sign a letter or document granting permission to the driver to transport the vehicle/trailer/boat described in reasonable detail with VIN numbers into Mexico and back into the United States. To be safe you might want to have the letter notarized as notaries give the document additional credibility. Be organized – have all your documents neat, tidy, and complete. Make copies of all ownership and registration documents, do NOT bring originals. The documents include:
 - i. Tow Vehicle –
 - a. Driver should match the Ownership docs or have a signed permission from owner as described below
 - b. Have copies of title, American insurance, Mexican Insurance and current registration
 - ii. Trailer –
 - a. Ownership should match the Tow Vehicle or have a signed permission from owner as described below.

- b. Have copies of title, American insurance, Mexican Insurance and current registration
 - iii. Boat –
 - a. Ownership should match the Tow Vehicle, Driver, and Trailer or have signed permission from owner as described below.
 - b. Have copies of ownership documents and current registration. If your state does not require small boats to be registered bring a copy of the Ownership Document.
 - iv. Additional Boats (or where Owner is not the Driver for any of the above) –
 - a. Have a copy of the Owners passport, all ownership documents, and a letter from the Owner stating something like “I hereby give Driver permission to transport my [insert description of vehicle/trailer/boat with VIN number] to and from Puerto Peñasco, for my use, via the route of his choosing”.
 - b. Notarize this package for extra credibility.
- B. Emergency Telephones are disbursed throughout the route as noted on the attached map. It is always good practice to travel during daylight hours, travel in caravans, and stay on the main route. **FOLLOW THE SPEED LIMIT IN SONOYTA!**
- C. Passports are required for re-entry into the United States. Children under 16 can show their U.S. birth certificate if they do not have a passport
- D. There are certain rules on bringing food across the border, most current requirements and enforcement will be disseminated prior to the event. **Firearms, ammunition and drugs are not allowed.**
- E. Traveling from the border to Puerto Peñasco does not require a travel visa. However, if you are traveling further than Puerto Peñasco, you will need one.

V. TELEPHONE AND INTERNET

- A. The area has decent cell phone service if you have an international cellular plan. If you do not have an international plan on your phone, we recommend that you turn your phone and data off to avoid international roaming charges and use Wi-Fi for internet access.
- B. If you require reliable internet service we recommend bringing your own international hotspot with an international data plan. Major cellular services are improving in their ability to communicate with Mexican TelCel towers, but we have had recent success with Metro PCS, a prepaid provider that is marketed specifically to regular border crossers, and talks seamlessly with the TelCel towers. Verizon’s Travel Pass also has excellent compatability
- C. Wireless internet connections are available in Puerto Peñasco, but vary in strength and availability.

VI. FOOD

- A. There are limitations on importing food, alcohol and cigarettes into Mexico. To avoid any issues at the border we encourage you to support the local economy and purchase such items while you are in Mexico. There are several grocery stores in town, but most people are comfortable with the Sam’s Club/Wal-Mart on the main highway for food and supplies.
- B. There are two restaurants within walking distance from the regatta headquarters.
 - a. The first is at the Playa Bonita Resort. It has a fantastic patio overlooking the Sea of Cortez, with a wide assortment of dishes available.
 - b. The second is located in the Sonoran Sky Resort.
- C. There are several restaurants in the Old Port area of town, which is a five dollar cab ride away from the regatta headquarters. In Old Port you can find everything from fine Italian to roadside taco stand. Our favorites include: the Point, Pane Vino, Pollo Lucas, and El Capitan.

VII. MEDICAL EMERGENCIES –

- A. The local Bomberos Rescue Services will be stationed at the venue during all on-the-water activities (a condition of our permit with the Peñasco Port Captain) A complete emergency action plan will be in place for the event, including information on how to activate and access local emergency care and medical facilities.
- B. The Santa Fe Clinic (47 Morua Ave, Phone 383-2447) currently serves as Peñasco's prime emergency care facility in conjunction with the local Red Cross (94 Fremont Blvd, Phone 383-2266) with their major ambulance transport ability.
- D. Depending on the patient's condition, the injured may often be brought directly to the clinic by private vehicle, as it can be the quickest transport option. If Emergency Air Evacuation (AirEvac, Inc. Phone 95-880-321-9522) or Ambulance Transport (Ajo Ambulance, Inc Phone 520-387-5154/520-387-7621) is needed to the United States arrangements will be made by the clinic.

VIII. PETS

- A. If you are going to bring your pet, you are limited to two pets per vehicle. It also pays to be organized – all pet health certificates, registrations, and veterinary information should be current and well organized. Bring copies of the following:
 - U.S. Veterinarian Health Certificate Form & Rabies Certificate #77043 (within last 6 months old) PDF of the form is hosted here - <http://static1.squarespace.com/static/53cd8300e4b01d2bd01090f3/t/57d340f71b631b0de8805de/c/1473462519454/Mexico+Health+Certificate.pdf>
 - Pet Registrations
 - Vaccination records from your Veterinarian
 - Prescriptions for any medications or special food
- B. We have heard reports of people having pet food confiscated at the border crossing. One solution to this issue is to bring small quantities or get a prescription for the food you are bringing across the border.
- C. Do not be surprised if the border agents make copies of your pet paperwork and take pictures of the pets.