



# NOR+R Notice of Rest and Relaxation

October 8-10, 2021



## Organizing Authority Regata al Sol Participants Bob Hughes, Bill Parsons, John and Nancy Matthews

### 1. Purpose:

- 1.1 To express our support for the people of Isla Mujeres who have suffered greatly during the Corona Virus Pandemic and the effects of a devastating fire.
- 1.2 To generate financial contributions to be donated to the local hospital for their Use in helping the island recover from the COVID pandemic.
- 1.3 Collective group of Regata al Sol participants visit the island for a long weekend.

### 2. COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 All communications regarding this adventure will be issued by the OA via email, phone calls and/or text messages.
- 2.2 Suggestions and comments from potential participants will be welcome and should be directed to John Matthews at [johnmatthews@cox.net](mailto:johnmatthews@cox.net) or Bill Parsons at [wmparsons1952@gmail.com](mailto:wmparsons1952@gmail.com).
- 2.3 All requirements pertaining to travel to/from Mexico concerning the COVID Pandemic will be updated regularly and provided to all participants. See Appendix A to NOR+R.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Any former participant in any Regata al Sol or Regata del Sol al Sol event.
- 3.2 Have a sincere interest in contributing to and showing your support to the people of Isla Mujeres.
- 3.3 Anyone wishing to participant should send an email or text to John Matthews 850-516-1580 or Bill Parsons 504-442-0918.
- 3.4 All reservations for lodging are expected to be arranged by participants directly with the regular Regata hotels on the island. This insures they receive direct financial benefit from our visit and activities.
- 3.5 Interested participants are requested to notify the organizers Not Later Than October 1, 2021 if you are planning to join the event.

### 4. FEES

- 4.1 There are no fees required to participant in this event.
- 4.2 All expenses associated with group events while on the island will covered by Individual contribution payments.
- 4.3 No funds will be solicited or expected from any resident of Isla.
- 4.4 All lodging and meals are expected to be paid for by individual participants.

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Friday, October 8: Fly to Cancun and take Ferry to Isla. Check-in Hotel and with Organizers.
- 5.2 1800 Gather that evening at Buho's for No-host cocktails and social.
- 5.3 2000: Dinner on your own at local restaurant.
- 5.4 Saturday, October 9: Tour island to see how well the island has fared. Visit with friends.
  - 5.4.1 1830: Gather for a no-host dinner at a select place with special guests including the Lima Family, the President of Isla city Council, the Commander of the Naval Base, the Harbor Master, Hospital Director and the First Responders, etc. Present a gift representing our support for their perseverance and recovery.
- 5.5 Sunday, October 10: Personal Time; group activities; Another no-host get together.
- 5.6 Monday, October 11: Prepare to depart and fly home. Or extend your visit to Isla.

## 6. DONATIONS FOR THE ISLAND

- 6.1 Solicitation of donations for the Island are welcome and encouraged. The funds collected will be presented to the Director of the Isla Mujeres Medical Facility as a token of our appreciation for their friendship and support of the traditional Regata al Sol and Regata del Sol al Sol events.
- 6.2 It is recommended that all funds donated be in US Dollars to facilitate the exchange.
- 6.3 Donations will be collected by the Organizers. Full accountability of funds donated will be provided to all contributors.

## 7. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 7.1 For more information please contact: Bill Parsons or John Matthews



## Appendix A to NOR+R

Current COVID Protocol information regarding entry to and exit from Mexico. Provided by Linda Oyler resulting from her frequent travels to both Cancun and Cozumel to visit her daughter Julie and granddaughters.

I was in Cancun and Cozumel from April 8 - April 19. Flying into Cancun there were no issues what so ever. Immigration & customs seemed sincerely happy to see visitors. Masks are still required on all flights and in all airports and the ferries. In both locations you must wear a mask inside any establishment. They take your temp and squirt hand sanitizer in your hand every time you enter a building. Most all businesses, including restaurants and bars are open at full capacity. No problem taking your mask off as soon as you sit down. A lot of locals wear masks outside. You will see signs encouraging this but no outside mask police. The US is still requiring proof of a negative Covid test within 72 hours of returning regardless of vaccination status. These tests are easy to come by. Most hotels offer them free for guests. There are test sites set up in several places and most farmacias do the test for about \$40 USD. Once you show your negative test you can get your ticket & boarding pass and you are never asked for it again. Arrival in the US is just as it has always been. As always, I was perfectly comfortable and happy to be in Mexico. Of course I talk to Julie in Cozumel every day. She says there has not been a change in any of the protocols since I was there. Hope this helps. If you have more questions let me know.