

# 2016 HOBIE 16/18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP PUERTO PEÑASCO, MEXICO OCTOBER 10-14, 2016

Lodging, Event and Travel Information – 11/12/2015



We are pleased to announce that Puerto Peñasco, Mexico, the home of Hobie racing for Phoenix Fleet 66 and Tucson Fleet 514, has been awarded the 2016 Hobie 16 and Hobie 18 North American Championships. Both fleets have been hosting Hobie regattas in Puerto Peñasco for the last 30 years, including the 1994 Multi-Boat Nationals.

An easy 4.5 hour drive from both Phoenix and Tucson, the regatta site is just an hour south of the border. A working port, this small Mexican fishing village boasts warm water, a sheltered harbor, wonderful downtown and a beautiful sandy beach. We race in the Sea of Cortez off of Sandy Beach near Playa Bonita. This location offers preeminent sailing for beach cats, with an endless sandy beach, warm water, consistent winds, 350 days of sunshine, and of course, fantastic people.

Leading up to the championship, Fleet 66 will host the Cinco de Mayo regatta the first weekend in May 2016, and Fleet 514 will host their Piñata Regatta October 8-9, the weekend before the Championship. Both regattas consistently have over 25 boats each year, and have hosted 100+ boat regattas in the past. All levels of lodging, from tent camping and RV hookups at the Playa Bonita RV Park, to hotel rooms at the Playa Bonita Resort, to deluxe condominiums, are within walking distance of the regatta venue. There are multiple food options within walking distance, and many more restaurants and shopping opportunities just a short 5 minute drive into town. For the non-sailors in your group there is plenty to do including shopping, fishing, four-wheeling, jet-skiing, or a cold Tecate on the beach. No other US location has this combination of beach access, open ocean sailing, warm air, warm water, and lodging of all levels within walking distance of the regatta venue.

The remainder of this packet includes information and maps to make your planning easier. Of course, if you have questions please call me or any fleet member, as we will be happy to assist you. See you here!

Tony

**ARE YOU IN?**

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 Travel and Youth Coordinator | Quinn DeAngelis | 480-678-1777     | quinn@azdox.com          |
| Airport Shuttle Coordinator         | Chris Wessels   |                  | xanderwess@yahoo.com     |
| Mexico Insurance                    | Clinton Martin  | 520-331-2607     | www.insurance4mexico.net |
| Sponsorship Coordinator             | Barb Perlmutter | 520-303-1473     | skipperbarb@hotmail.com  |

II. Closest Accommodations. We strongly encourage participants to make their reservations as soon as possible, This year the RV park and the Playa Bonita Resort were FULL during the week in question.

A. Play Bonita RV Park (Race Headquarters)

[www.playabonitaresort.com](http://www.playabonitaresort.com)

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

Email: [reservations@playabonitarv.com](mailto:reservations@playabonitarv.com)

B. Playa Bonita Resort [www.playabonitaresort.com](http://www.playabonitaresort.com)

Rates: \$86.00 USD Sun-Thursday and \$97.00 Friday and Saturday

Email: [info@playabonitamail.com](mailto:info@playabonitamail.com)

Reservation code is 161987.

C. Best Western Laos Mar Hotel [www.playabonitaresort.com](http://www.playabonitaresort.com)

Email: [laosmar@hotmail.com](mailto:laosmar@hotmail.com)

Rates: \$75.00 Sun-Thursday and \$86.00 Friday and Saturday.

Reservation code is 30470.

D. Sonoran Sky Condominiums [www.sonoranresorts.mx/sonoran-resorts/#sky.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:reserve@rprMexico.com)

Attn: Marissa Hernandez

Toll Free from Mexico 01 800 681 6534

Toll Free from USA 1 800 997 9431

### III. TRAVEL OPTIONS.

- A. Rental Cars. Both Avis and Budget allow travel across the border.
- B. RVs. RVs may be rented from Phoenix or Tucson, including:
  - El Monte RV
  - Arizona Kachina RV Center
- C. Carpooling with locals. Hitch a ride with a local sailor.
- D. Airport Shuttles.
  - i. Several companies offer van service from Phoenix and Tucson for as little as \$50  
[www.headouttorockypoint.com](http://www.headouttorockypoint.com)  
[www.lloydsrockypointshuttle.com](http://www.lloydsrockypointshuttle.com)
  - ii. Air service is limited, but charters are available, see [www.westwindairservice.com](http://www.westwindairservice.com)

### IV. 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. Many options are available, but we suggest [www.insurance4mexico.net](http://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.
- B. 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.

### V. BORDER CROSSING.

- A. You must have in your possession when crossing the border the 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 above.
    - 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.
- 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. Also, if you are from a country other than the United States, please check to see if you need a travel Visa to re-enter the United States after the regatta.
- D. There are certain rules on bringing food and pets 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 Peasco, you will need one.
- F. We will be coordinating caravans on the Friday and Saturday prior to the event with a local fleet member familiar with the route and distributing updated travel package with the preferred route and pertinent information. We anticipate a couple departure times each day, but will not have a departure time that will arrive after dark. Please note that the border is closed between Midnight and 6:00a.m.

## VI. 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 roaming charges and use Wi-Fi for internet access. Otherwise, the charges for roaming can be astronomical.
- B. If you require reliable service we recommend bringing your own international hotspot with an international data plan. International hot-spots are readily available from your cellular provider. Make sure you have them set it up on an international plan.
- C. Wireless internet connections are available in Puerto Peñasco, but vary in strength and availability.

## VII. FOOD

- A. There are several grocery stores in town, but most people are comfortable with the Sam’s Club on the main highway for food and supplies. Not quite the selection as in the states, but it is clean.
- 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.

## VIII. MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- A. We intend to have a US paramedic on site for the week, and on duty during racing activities. 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.
- C. 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.

## IX. PETS

- A. While pets (other than birds) are allowed to cross the border, we suggest that they stay home, especially if you are going to be sailing all week. 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)
  - Pet Registrations
  - Vaccination records from your Veterinarian
  - Prescriptions for any medications or special food
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- 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.