THIRD BI-ANNUAL
CORPUS CHRISTI
TO
TAMPICO
Ocean Yacht Race
JUNE 9, 1964

COMMODORE
CHARLES M. SMYTHE
MEMORIAL TROPHY

HOST HOTEL - HOTEL CAMINO REAL - TAMPICO

GBCA GALVESTON-CORPUS CHRISTI RACE, 1963

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TAMPICO

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Sponsors
Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Corpus Christi Yacht Club
Houston Yacht Club

Race Committee
Platt W. Davis — Galveston Bay Cruising Association
Dr. William Allen — Corpus Christi Yacht Club
Judge Thomas Stovall — Houston Yacht Club

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History
The Texas-Tamalpais Ocean Yacht Race as it was originally known, was inaugurated in 1961 through the efforts of the late Charles M. Smythe; the Honorable Dr. Norberto Treviño Zapata, Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico; Senator Joaquín F. Cisneros, Representative of the Department of Tourism, Tampico, Mexico; and interested Texas yachtmen.

Four yachts entered the first race, April 17, 1961 from Aransas Pass to Tampico. They were:
- CUTLASS Norman Holmes, Skipper
- CHARRON Fred Maudlin, Skipper
- SAGA Oscar Wyatt, Dr. William Allen, Skippers
- LA JOYA Bill Carl, Bob Flato, Skippers

The Yawl CUTLASS, skippered by Norman Holmes of Corpus Christi won the inaugural race, receiving the perpetual Texas-Tamalpais Trophy.

The Texas-Tamalpais Trophy is an outstanding example of artistic design traditional with Mexican Silversmiths. Donated by Dr. Trevino Zapata, Governor of Tamaulipas in 1961, the trophy is of Mexican Silver, nearly three feet high on a black onyx base, with exquisitely engraved initials found only in Mexico. An appropriate shield highlights the trophy.

Following the untimely death of Commodore Smythe and in recognition of his contribution to ocean yachting, the donor requested that the trophy thereafter be known as the Commodore Charles M. Smythe Memorial Trophy.

Past Winners Charles M. Smythe Memorial Trophy

Winners Time
1961 CUTLASS CCYC Norman C. Holmes — 86 Hrs.
1962 TEMPTRESS GBCA Keith Edwards — 66 Hrs.

Daniel V. Carrington Trophy
The Daniel V. Carrington Trophy is a perpetual award for the First to Finish. Donated by friends of one of Texas’ best known and regarded yachtsmen, the Carrington silver service is an outstanding award. Presented for the first time in 1962, the trophy was won by the VIKING, skippered by Robert H. Blair of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club.

Trophies — 1964
1. Charles M. Smythe Memorial Trophy — Winner, Corrected Time
2. Daniel V. Carrington Trophy, First to Finish
3. First three yachts on corrected time in each class
4. Recognition Plaque, Each yacht finishing.

Calendar of Events
June 8 Skippers Meeting, Corpus Christi Yacht Club, 1700
June 9 Start of Race, 1900
June 12 Charter plane for skipper and crew families. Houston, Corpus Christi, Tampico. Depart Houston 1100, Corpus Christi 1230, Arrive Tampico 1400.
June 13 Cocktail Party, Hon. Leland W. Warner, Jr., American Consul, Host. For all participants, Skippers, wives, Officers of Sponsoring Clubs, Naval and Consular Officials, Hotel Camino Real, 1200
June 13 Cocktail Party and Reception, Hon. Praxedis Balboa, Governor of Tamaulipas, Host. For all participants, Officials and Sponsoring Families in Tampico. 1900 to 2100. Around Pool of Hotel Camino Real
June 14 House and Garden Tour, Crew members and wives. Sponsoring families of Tampico. 1000 from Hotel Camino Real
June 14 Cocktail Party. 1900. Dinner and Presentation of Awards, 2000, Hotel Camino Real.
June 15 Charter plane, Tampico, Corpus Christi, Houston. Depart 1200

Eligibility and Inspection
Any seaworthy single-hulled sailing yacht of not less than 28’ long, strongly built and rigged, properly ballasted, with enclosed cabins, properly constructed and water tight. Self-bailing cockpits or flush decks, and which complies with subsequently mentioned requirements is welcome. Entries are subject to approval of the race committee whose decision shall be final.

Entries, Ratings and Handicaps
Tentative entries must be received by May 20, 1964. Entries must be on an official blank and mailed to Mr. W. Davis, GBCA Race Committee, Chairman, P. O. Box 7485, Houston, Texas, 77008. Telephone UN 9-1435.

The 1963 rating rule of the Cruising Club of America will be used as a basis for handicapping. No changes that affect a yacht’s rating may be made subsequent to measurement. Handicaps will be calculated from NAYRU time allowance tables based on a course of 360 miles.

The Start
The starting line will be a line between the committee boat and the red beacon immediately SE of the Corpus Christi yacht basin. Tuesday, June 9, 1964.

Warning Gun and white flag 0950
Preparatory Gun and blue flag 0955
Starting Gun and red flag 1000

Recall Signal: Yellow flag with whistle blast for each yacht recalled. Any postponement of the start shall be for 15 minute intervals, and shall be announced by code flag “P” and two blasts of the whistle.

Course
The course will be from the starting line across Corpus Christi Bay and passing between all buoys from 38 to sea and than leaving Aransas Pass Buoy No. 3 to starboard, thence to finish line off Tampico, Mexico, leaving Port Isabel Sea Buoy to starboard.

Finish
The finish line will be 1000 ft. long from the red light on the north Tampico Jetty in the exact direction of the Tampico Sea Buoy. Docking for all yachts in Tampico will be at the citrus wharf which is approximately 6 miles from the Tampico Light. It can be identified by the yellow quarantine flag flying at the east end of the dock.

Right of Ways Rules & Protests
Part IV of the 1961 NAYRU rules shall be in effect until a yacht enters the Gulf of Mexico when International Rules of the Road at Sea shall govern. Special attention is invited to the requirement for running lights from sunset to sunrise.

Protests must be made in writing to the race committee within twelve hours subsequent to the finish of the protesting yacht in accordance with NAYRU rules. Infringement of any of the rules or requirements set forth in this brochure may result in penalty or disqualification of the offending yacht, in the sole discretion of the race committee.

Equipment and Crew
All boats will be equipped in accordance with items required by the USCG, and in addition shall have on board:
- Marine radio transmitter and receiver
- Life raft and/or dinghy capable of supporting entire crew
- Water light and ring buoy
- One USCG approved jacket type life preserver for each crew member
- Day marker, 6 hand flares, lead line
- Two compasses, 2 bilge pumps, rigging cutters
- Flags to include Mexican, U.S. and Q flags
- Necessary charts including U.S. Hydrographic Office Charts No. 1007 and No. 1577.
- All yachts must be equipped with adequate life lines.
- Safety belts for each crew member.
- Skipper and navigator shall be amateur. The crew shall be of sufficient number and experience to handle the boat under any condition.

General Information
The fleet will be escorted in international waters by the USCG and the Mexican Navy. Should any boat abandon the race, immediate notification of the Coast Guard is required. Identification numbers must be furnished to the various yachts to aid USCG air coverage in identifying the yachts. All persons entering Mexico must hold a passport and travel on board automobile or boat. Insurance coverage should be ascertained. All boats must register, upon entering and leaving Tampico. Mexican flag or Q flag should be flown from lowest starboard spreader when entering Tampico. Mexican custom prohibits the wearing of shorts by anyone, and also the wearing of slacks by women except from the hotel to the docks.

Host Hotel
Hotel Camino Real is host hotel in Tampico. Of new construction, Camino Real offers every accommodation for the comfort and recreation of guests. Excellent cuisine, complete resort hotel service, golf green, country club privileges, fully carpeted, completely air conditioned. Excellent telephone and telegraph service. Affiliated with Mexican International Hotels, Diner’s Club and American Express.

Texas Ocean Racing Circuit — 1964
Point Score Races
1. SIR THOMAS LIPTON CUP — 5% Saturday, May 30 — Off Galveston
2. GALVESTON - CORPUS CHRISTI — 25% Friday, June 5 — Off Galveston
3. CORPUS CHRISTI - TAMALPICO — 60% Tuesday, June 9 — Off Galveston
4. FREEPORT - SEABROOK — 10% Saturday, August 1 — Galveston Bay Cruising Association