

PUERTO VALLARTA 2026



The San Diego to Puerto Vallarta Yacht Race

February 26 – March 6, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amend#1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The San Diego to Puerto Vallarta International Yacht Race (hereafter “The Race”) will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); as well as those set forth in the Notice of Race (NOR). In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall be used.
- 1.2. All boats are required to carry a supplied YB Race Tracker (RT). RTs will report a boat’s position hourly and will be displayed on the YB Tracking website with no delay. It will be the responsibility of the skipper of the boat to ensure that the transponder remains properly installed and must make every effort to ensure it is functional for the entire race. The skipper will be responsible for returning the RT to a member of the race Committee (RC) as soon as practical upon finishing.
 - 1.2.1. The RT on each boat shall be installed according to the YB Race Tracker Mounting Guide in SI Addendum #1 and located on or near the stern pulpit of the boat.
- 1.3. No claim is made or implied that observance of these safety requirements will prevent injury, death, or loss of property. Neither the establishment of these rules and safety regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection or absence of inspection of a boat for compliance with these safety regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge, per RRS 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned and operated by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather and to comply with the rules in force. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained at all times and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. See USSER 1.2.
- 1.4. [NP/DP]All times referenced herein shall be in Pacific Standard Time (PST) unless otherwise specified.

2. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 2.1. **Reference NOR section 3 for Alterations of Racing Rules.** Additional alterations are set forth below.
- 2.2. There is no limitation on the number of spinnakers and staysails carried. This modifies **Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) regulation 10.02.1.**
- 2.3. There is no limitation on crew weight. This modifies **ORR rule 4.02.**
- 2.4. **[NP]** RRS 56.2 is changed as follows:
 - 2.4.1. A Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) shall be understood to mean an area shown on a nautical chart, or in the NOR , as a TSS.
 - 2.4.2. A boat shall not impede, or present a threat of impeding, the safe passage of a power-driven vessel in a TSS traffic lane.
 - 2.4.3. If a commercial, government, or naval power-driven vessel in a traffic lane makes five short blasts on her whistle (a danger signal, see IRPCAS rule 34(d)) and the boat causing the danger signal can be identified, then the boat is subject to protest under changed RRS 56.2.
 - 2.4.4. If an official complaint/action is lodged against a boat by a commercial, government, or naval power-driven vessel, by a pilot, by vessel traffic service (VTS), or by other local government authority, it shall be presumed that the boat has broken changed RRS 56.2.
- 2.5. Competitors may retrieve boat position data which is intended for competitor/public viewing and is available as a link from the YB Tracking event dashboard:
<https://yb.tl/Links/sdpv2026>.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Advertising for boats in this race is unrestricted in accordance with WS Advertising Code.

4. INSPECTIONS

- 4.1. All boats may be subject to inspection prior to and after The Race. Resolution of any problems regarding required safety equipment, minimum accommodation, eligibility of crew members etc., will be made by the Organizing Authority. Resolution of any discrepancy between a boat's configuration and its submitted rating certificate will be processed in accordance with RRS Part 5 – Protest, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals.



5. START TIMES AND DIVISIONS

- 5.1. Division assignments are listed in Attachment 1.
- 5.2. Warning Times

Division	Date	Warning
Division 5	Thursday, February 26	11:55
Division 4	Friday, February 27	11:55
<u>Division 3</u>	<u>Friday, February 27</u>	<u>12:05</u>
Division 2	Saturday, February 28	<u>11:55</u>
Division 1	Saturday, February 28	<u>12:05</u>

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1. Prior to starting, notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the event website (pvrace.com), and when possible, on the Regatta Notice Board on the east side of the Sailing Center (facing the water) at SDYC.
- 6.2. Finish times, Notice to Competitors, protest pending information and results will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the event website (pvrace.com).

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Any questions regarding the SIs including interpretations of published rules and amendments must be made in writing and submitted before 1700 Friday, February 20, 2026, by email to: sailing@sdyc.org.
- 7.2. Any change to the SIs will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board on event website (race documents located under the Race HQ link at the top: <https://pvrace.com/the-race> prior to 1000 on the day it will take effect.
- 7.3. In accordance with RRS 90.2(a), if a change to the SIs is required after boats have started, the change will be announced via email and will be available no later than the first available Daily Comm Watch Period (0900-0930 PST).

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Sailwash Lawn north of the San Diego Yacht Club clubhouse. Code flag L followed by a numeral pennant indicates the latest Official Notice that has been posted.
- 8.2. All Signals made ashore, Notice to Competitors, or any amendments to The Race documents will be posted on the event website and an email notification will be sent to registered emails per SI 19.2.

9. THE START

- 9.1. **[NP/DP]** Boats are required to activate their AIS units to transmit in compliance with USSER 3.9, beginning 1 hour prior to the start.
- 9.2. Boats shall check in and be acknowledged by the RC at the starting line prior to the Warning Signal for her start. At check in all boats shall have the entire crew on deck to be counted and acknowledged by the RC.
- 9.3. The starting area will be in San Diego Bay between Channel buoys 17 and 19 along the south end of Shelter Island.
- 9.4. The starting line will be between a white inflatable mark on the port end and a staff with an orange flag aboard the RC Boat at the starboard end.
- 9.5. For Starting - RRS 26, Division Warning Flag for each start will correspond to the appropriate International Numeral Pennant (e.g. Div 1 = #1, Div 2 = #2, etc.).
- 9.6. The Warning Signal time for each group will be as stated in SI Section 5.
- 9.7. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of 'On Course Side' boats on VHF Radio Channel 68. Failure of equipment, failure to hear, or order of hail is not grounds for redress.

10. COURSE

- 10.1. Boats shall start in accordance with SI Section 9 above and finish in accordance with SI Section 11 below.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. A boat has finished when it crosses a line between the Port Finish Waypoint (PFW) to port and the Starboard Finish Waypoint (SFW) to starboard.
Port Finish Waypoint PFW: 20°45.5 N / 105°49.9 W
Starboard Finish Waypoint SFW: 20°45.0 N / 105°50.2 W.
- 11.2. Corbetena Rock bears approx. 207°mag @ .97nm from SFW.
- 11.3. **[NP/DP]** Boats will be monitored via AIS and RT from approximately 25 nm prior to crossing the finish line until they are at the dock. Boats are also advised to turn on and monitor their VHF 16/Sat Phones/Email/Txt at the same time. The RC may attempt to contact boats to verify finish times.
- 11.4. **[NP/DP]** A boat's RT will transmit hourly position reports with no delay from start to finish. The RT will transmit a Lat/Lon and PST time when it crosses the finish line. This data will be used to determine a boat's finish time.

11.5. IMPORTANT NOTE:

11.5.1. *All distances are approximate. All bearings are magnetic and approximate.*

11.5.2. *GPS coordinates listed in these SIs are in WGS 084 format, noted in deg, min, decimal min.*

12. DOCUMENTATION [NP/DP]

12.1. In addition to the data provided by the RT, all boats are required to document the moment they cross the finish line with a legible photo or screen shot of navigation equipment showing finish time (generated from GPS in Pacific Standard Time), and finish lat/lon of their vessel as proof of time/location of their estimation of finish. **(NOTE: make sure your instruments stay on Pacific Standard Time for the duration of the race.)**

12.2. All boats are required to submit their finish times and lat/lon photos as soon as possible, but not later than 4 hours after docking. Submissions may be sent by text or email via SI 19.4 or printed or presented on digital usb drive in person to a member of the RC.

12.3. In the event of a significant discrepancy between a boat's reported finish time compared with that reported by the RT, competitors can file a score inquiry. It will be up to the discretion of the RC in conjunction with the Protest Committee to determine the finish time to be used. Evidence of a boat's track may be requested, which may include but is not limited to a boat's navigation software log file, testimony or evidence from other boat's RT, AIS logs, etc.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1. There is no time limit for finishing. All boats completing the course and submitting their finish times in accordance with the SIs will be scored.

13.2. Any boat finishing after 1600, Friday, March 6, 2026, will be responsible for contacting Customs and Harbor Master directly. Reference SI 19.6. Hospitality services at the dock will end at 1600, Friday, March 6, 2026, in preparation for the Awards Dinner.

13.3 The OA will be available only by email after 1200 Saturday, March 7, 2026.

14. DAILY POSITION REPORTING (NP/DP)

14.1. Prior to a boat's start, between 0800 Tuesday, February 24 and 1700 Friday, February 27, each boat is required to **Check-in via email** using the system on the boat that will be used during the race. The email must be sent to **BOTH** sailing@sdyc.org and sdycsailing@gmail.com. You should receive a non-automated acknowledgment from the RC confirming receipt of your email. Boats not checked in will be identified as soon as possible and will be required to complete this safety check before ranking as a starter.



- 14.2. During the race, each boat is required to send **0800 PST Position via email**, daily prior to 0900 PST, formatted per SI 14.7. The email address is **BOTH** sailing@sdyc.org and sdycsailing@gmail.com. If you request an acknowledgement from the RC, we will send one as soon as we address your email. Otherwise, assume the RC has received your email. The RC will contact you per SI 14.4 if there is a problem.
- 14.3. During the race, any boat unable to send an 0800 PST Position via email per SI 14.2, should contact PV RC per an alternate option listed in SI 19.4 prior to 0900 to report their 0800 position.
- 14.4. During the race, between 0900 and 0930, the RC shall contact any boat for which it has not received a 0800 report via email, phone/txt message or relay, or that may be missing RT data.
- 14.5. Boats whose RT fails to report their position due to malfunction or damage or when notified by the PV RC of failure of their RT signal, will be required to document hourly position reports. A report to the RC with the boats estimated prior position at the previous four hourly intervals is to be sent by email beginning at the first opportunity on the following PST schedule: 0000, 0200, 0400, 0600, 0800, 1000, etc. The email address is **BOTH** sailing@sdyc.org and sdycsailing@gmail.com. These reports are due until the boat has either finished the race or has withdrawn from racing and are in-port, or the error is resolved. These reports will be added as soon as possible to the YB Tracking site for the other competitors to see on the RT download.
- 14.6. Boats with missing position report data or failing to respond to RC communications for an extended period of time (more than 24 hours) may be subject to SI 15.1.
- 14.7. All position report messages should be sent using plain text to minimize message size, formatted as follows:

Subject line or Header:

<"0800_PST_Position Report">, <Boat Name>, <Sail Number>, <Date>:

Ex) 0800 PST Position Report, Ur Yot, 12345, Feb 24

Body: *(place items 1, 2 and 3 on separate lines)*

- 1. xx xx,xxx xx *(location in degrees<sp>minutes, comma separate lat,lon)*

Ex) 22 29, 110 15

- 2. wind xxx @ xx, sea x'-xx', % cloud cover, bar
(approximate wind direction (magnetic) and velocity (knots), cloud cover and barometric pressure (millibars) to be used for RC and media commentary),

Ex) wind 280 @ 14 kts, sea 3'-4', 0% cloud cover, bar rising @ 1002 mb.

- 3. Optional brief comments, or more detailed commentary if desired

Ex) Lost spin halyard last night, kite back on board/crew ok. Freeze dried ice cream helped morale. Seas following but not quite big enough for surfing.

15. PENALTIES [DP]

- 15.1. Any boat that willfully reports a false position, impedes the transmission of the RT or its position reports, or remains unreported or unresponsive for an extended period will be considered in violation of RRS 2 – Fair Sailing and the RC shall file a protest with the Protest Committee.
- 15.2. Boats subject to SI 15.1 may receive a penalty of up to 15 minutes of time added to the boat's corrected finish time for each infraction.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1. A boat intending to protest shall fly her protest flag for at least one hour after the incident. Boats intending to protest shall inform the RC per SI 19.4 of the boat being protested and receive confirmation from the RC as soon as practical, but no later than 1 hour after docking. This modifies RRS 61.1.
- 16.2. Protests may be submitted via online form (log into [Yacht Scoring / Owners Corner](#)) or in writing to the RC via text or email of photo of completed protest form, within 4 hours of docking. All protests must include phone and/or email contacts available while in Mexico, for the person in charge of the protesting boat and the person submitting the protests form, if different.
- 16.3. Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the Yacht Scoring event dashboard to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing locations and times will also be posted here. An attempt to notify competitors by phone and email noted on the protest forms, or per SI 19.2 will be made. See SI 16.5.
- 16.4. Any boat being protested by the RC shall be notified of the protest and the alleged infraction by phone and/or email within 24 hours after the time the boat finishes the race. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 16.5. Regardless of whether contact is made, it is the responsibility of each boat to check the event website and be properly prepared to attend a protest hearing in a timely manner.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Trophies will be awarded based on the boat's corrected time using ratings supplied by the rating authorities. Corrected Time will equal Elapsed time x Time Correction Factor based on The Race Wind Matrix, inclusive of any penalties prescribed.

18. TROPHIES

- 18.1. Trophies will be awarded at the Awards Dinner and Fiesta to be held near the Marina Vallarta at Hotel Velas Vallarta. Check-in begins at 1700 Central Time and the party starts 1800 Central Time (+2hr from Pacific Time).
- 18.2. Trophies for both Overall and Division accomplishments will be presented.

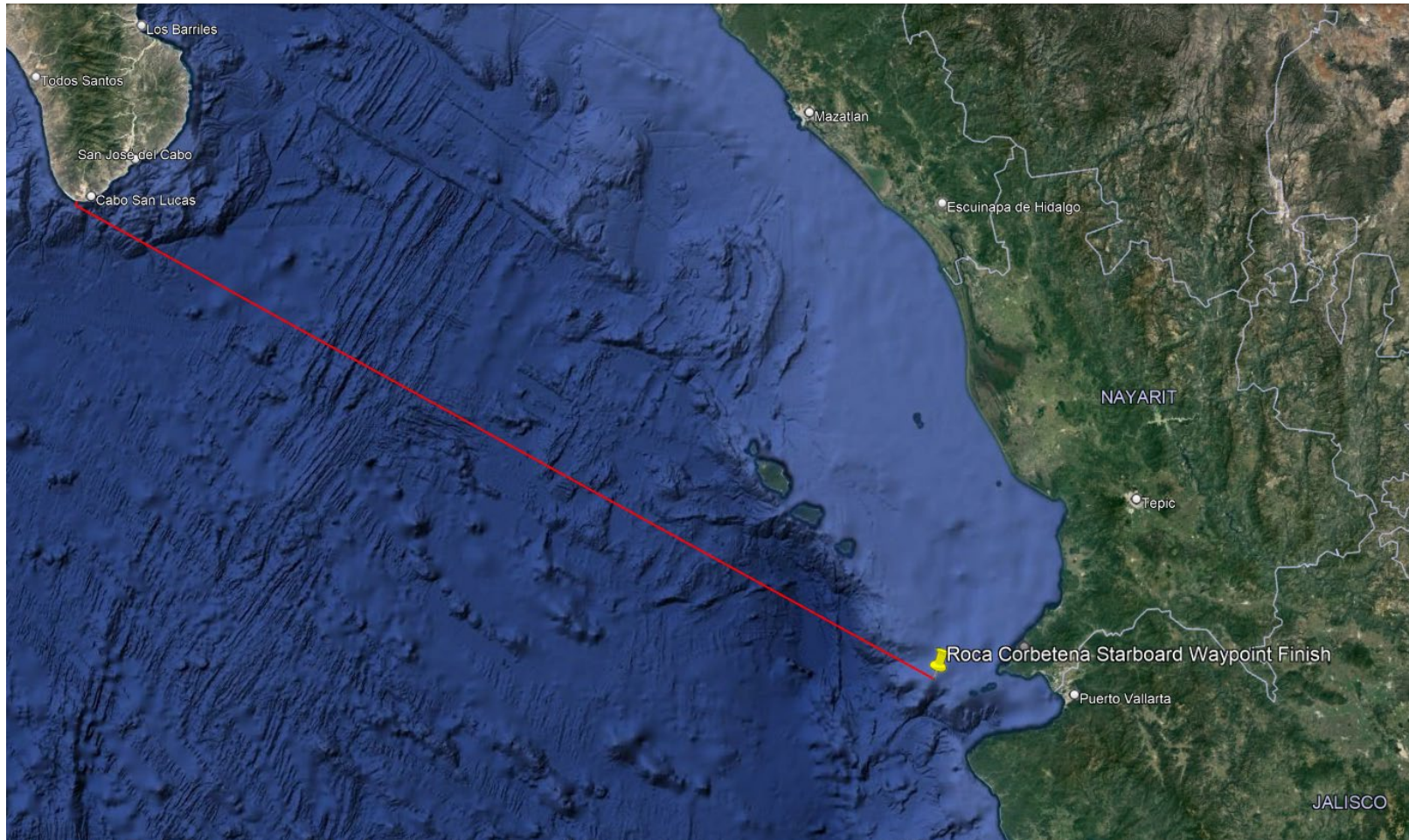
19. SAFETY

- 19.1. All boats are requested to always monitor VHF 16, especially in vicinity of the finish and on approach to Puerto Vallarta harbor.
- 19.2. Attempts to contact competitors before, during or after the race, by the RC for reasons described throughout these SIs will be, in order of precedence: registered boat email, registered boat Sat Phone, Person in Charge contact information provided at registration, any other means available/forwarded.
- 19.3. A Communications Watch will be required for all boats at three specific times: daily from 0900-0930 PST, daily from 1900-1930 PST, and from 25 miles out until the finish. During those times, boats are required to maintain watch VHF 16, check emails, and monitor Sat Phones. Additionally, priority emails from RC or OA may be sent prior to the watch period that anticipates a timely response within these communication windows.
- 19.4. A boat which retires from the race, has an emergency or serious injury, or per SI 12.2 or SI 16.1, is attempting to reach the RC, shall notify RC or the Organizing Authority as soon as practical, in order of preference, as follows:
 - 19.4.1. Contact the PV Race Organizers via email (sdycsailing@gmail.com; sailing@sdyc.org;
 - 19.4.2. Contact PV Race Officer via US cell phone is +1 619-933-9922
 - 19.4.3. Contact PV Race Officer via VHF radio Channel 16
 - 19.4.4. Contact San Diego Yacht Club Dockmaster Office via telephone at +1-619-758-6308.
- 19.5. Boats retired from racing, but still at sea are requested to comply with daily position reports per SI 14.2.
- 19.6. Boats finishing after 1600 PST, Friday, March 6 must make arrangements directly with Customs and Harbor Master:
 - 19.6.1. Customs:
Juan Arias / papermanpvr@hotmail.com / (322) 205 3504 cell
 - 19.6.2. Harbor Master:
Pablo Fernandez / pablo@marina-vallarta.com.mx / (322) 221 0275

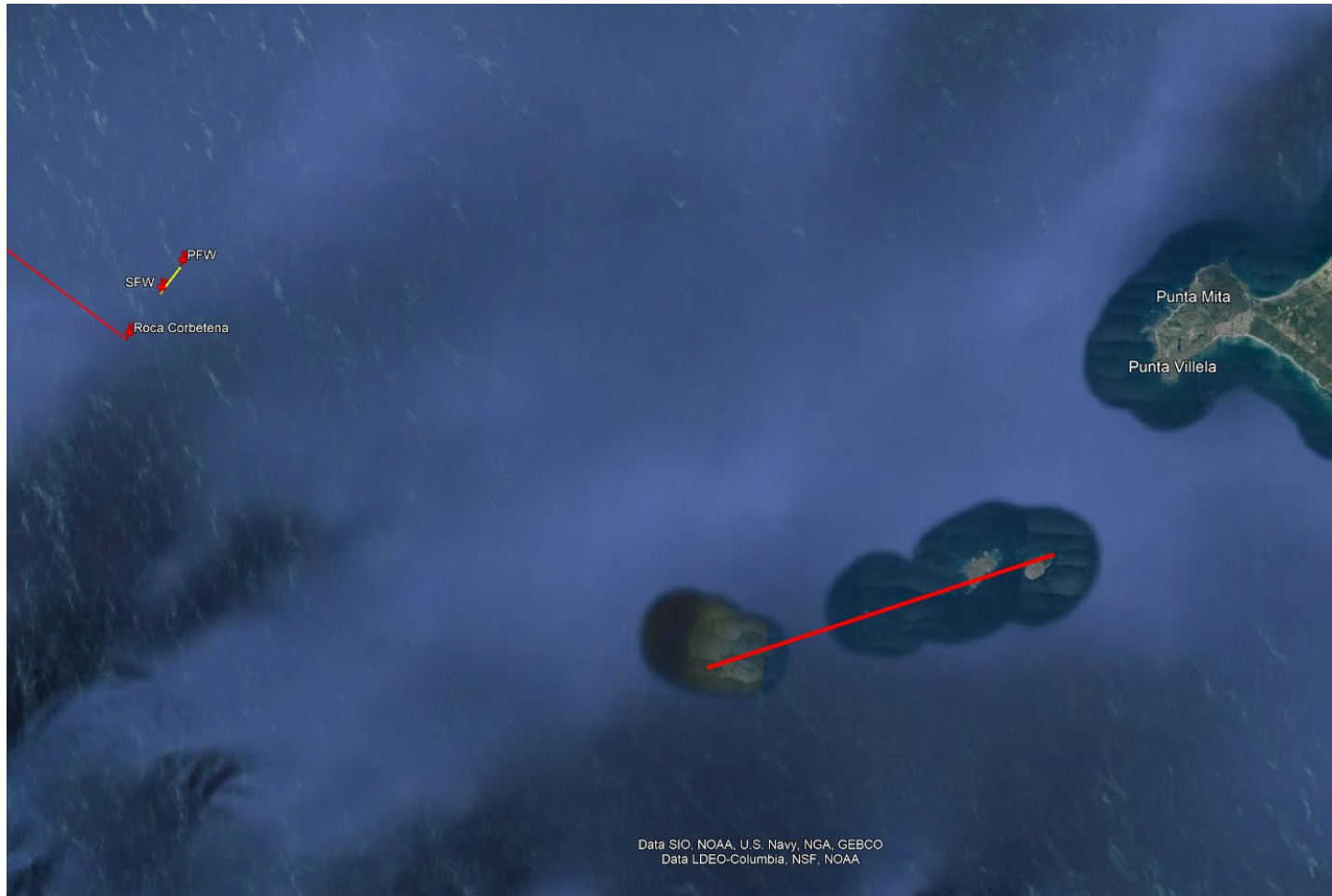
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Attachment : Finish Detail Cabo to Finish @ Corbeteña Rock



Attachment : Finish Detail with Finish @ Corbetena Rock



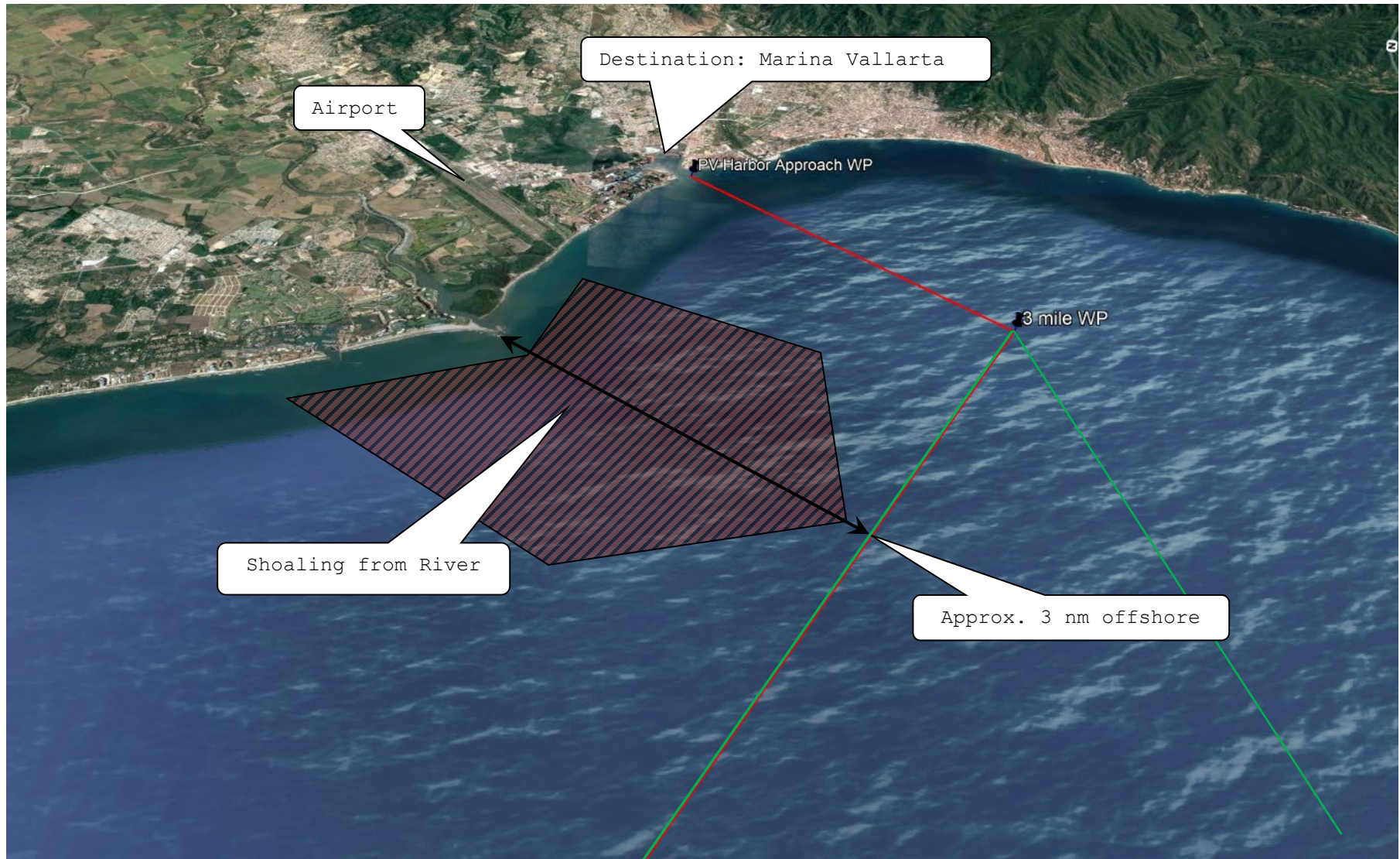
Choose your path to the PV Harbor Approach carefully



NEW Attachment : 3m WP to PV Harbor Approach



Attachment 2 – Approach to Harbor Entrance Detail



Attachment 2 – Harbor Detail

