

**2017 LIGHTNING WORLDS, MASTERS AND SOUTH AMERICAN  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SALINAS, ECUADOR, NOVEMBER 17 – 25, 2017**

The Salinas Yacht Club and Fleet 405 are proud to be hosts of the 2017 Lightning International South American, Masters and World Championships. It is an honor that ILCA has chosen us to organize these events for a third time and we hope to showcase all that our club and our country have to offer.

Below you will find some advance information so that you may start your planning as soon as possible. Please write to us with your questions!

**TRAVEL TO ECUADOR**

Make your travel reservations to Aeropuerto José Joaquín de Olmedo (GYE) in the city of Guayaquil. American Airlines offers two daily nonstop flights from Miami. You may also find other airlines like Avianca or Copa which have one-stop flights.

From the airport to Salinas it is a two-hour trip. Ground transportation will be available to all competitors and visitors upon request, for a fee.

There are also some rent-a-car companies at the airport if you prefer to travel on your own. Google Maps works well so if you decide to take this option you won't get lost.

**THE TOWN OF SALINAS**

Salinas is a small town that thrives on tourism. You may get around town walking but taxis are available and they are cheap. In the "Malecon" you will find all sorts of food joints, souvenirs, bars and nightlife. If you need to shop for groceries or clothing there are two large supermarkets and a shopping mall.

There are many sightseeing opportunities like the "Chocolatera" and the "Mirador". If you have a day to spare a trip up north on the "Ruta del Spondilus" has great sights, beaches and seafood.

Lest we forget, people come to Salinas for its beaches! The SYC is surrounded by white sand and crystal waters, we are sure you will find the time to enjoy them.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salinas%2C\\_Ecuador](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salinas%2C_Ecuador)

## **LODGING IN SALINAS**

Hoteles:

We have arranged block rates for participants in the following hotels:

- XXX El Marinero Hotel
- [www.hotelesmarinero-salinas.com](http://www.hotelesmarinero-salinas.com)
- El dueño ya aceptó darnos 3 habitaciones sencillas
  
- XXX hotel Caridi Chipipe

If you prefer to rent an apartment there are a couple of options:

If you are already familiar with it, check AirBnB which has a good offer of properties in Salinas: <https://www.airbnb.com.ec>

Also, Garret Parker is a Realtor who lives in Salinas and specializes in short-term rentals. They also have sailboats for day charters, watching the races for example.

<http://www.ecuadoriancoastalproperties.com/>

Remax

Contact: Amy Prisco [aprisco@remax.com.ec](mailto:aprisco@remax.com.ec)

096-704-3050

04-277-1110

## **TOURISM AROUND SALINAS AND IN ECUADOR**

If you would like to visit the country before or after the regatta, we have selected some choices. Feel free to explore these and other options, which range from day-trips to more elaborate plans:

Galapagos:

For info and package arrangements you may contact these travel agencies:

Galapagos Best Travel Agency

Bonnie Arcos

Operations

email: [bonnie@galapagosbest.com](mailto:bonnie@galapagosbest.com)

Phone: 593-42524655

Cel: 0991531927

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

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

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[www.ecuatours.ec](http://www.ecuatours.ec)

This nice hotel in Galapagos has offered great rates for participants. It is located in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno in the island of San Cristobal: <http://www.galapagosplanet.com.ec/>

Ruta del Spondylus:

A day-trip north of Salinas will take you to beautiful beaches and towns, each with its unique cuisine. Montañita is a very popular destination along this route.

<http://www.inforutaspondylus.com/es/ruta-spondylus/>

Panoramic Train tours:

The railways in Ecuador date back to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and have been upgraded mostly for tourism, boasting very nice accommodations and many beautiful routes. Nariz del Diablo ("Devils Nose") is a singular ride. A shorter one is the "Ruta del Cacao" which visits a traditional cocoa plantation (Hacienda La Danesa) close to Guayaquil.

<http://trenecuador.com/es/inicio/>

<http://trenecuador.com/es/expediciones/tren-del-cacao/>

Quito:

Our country Capital is located in the Andes Mountain, a short 30-minute flight from Guayaquil. It is one of UNESCO's Heritage cities and its colonial architecture and churches are amongst the best preserved in America.

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/ecuador/quito/top-things-to-do/a/poi/363359>

Mashpi Lodge:

A two-hour ride takes you to this bird haven in the middle of a sub-tropical jungle. Highly recommended:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\\_Review-g12123013-d3365184-](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g12123013-d3365184-)

[Reviews-Mashpi Lodge-Pacto Pichincha Province.html](#)

## **WEATHER**

Salinas is blessed with kind weather throughout the year. Temperature starts “changing” in November, and we should expect a range from 27°C during the day to 22°C at night. Water seems cold for us at 24°C but will be quite comfortable for most visitors!

Wind conditions average 8-12 knots most days and may go up to 15 if the sun shines early. We sail in a protected bay where wind blows 230-250° regularly across the Salinas Peninsula so chop is moderate. Wind sets at around 1pm so we never start racing earlier!

<http://www.weatherlink.com/user/cmsyc>

## **FOOD & WATER**

Don't drink water from tap and stay away from raw seafood and you will be fine! Food at the SYC is prepared to high standards so you are safe eating there. In Salinas, there are many restaurants listed in Trip Advisor that you are welcome to try. Any brand of bottled water is safe.

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g297539-Salinas Santa Elena Province.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g297539-Salinas_Santa_Elena_Province.html)

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Aside from sailing equipment (clothing, tools, spares and sails) you are going to find quite anything you need. It is always safe to bring in excess of your favorite solar protection. Also, you will find well-stocked drugstores but do bring your personal medicine.

All information, both official and non, will be posted at the Salinas Yacht Club website. In the meantime feel free to explore Ecuador, Guayaquil, Salinas and its surroundings in your favorite travel (and weather!) sites.

<http://www.salinasyachtclub.com>

## **SHIPPING OF BOATS FAQs**

The SYC will be the official importer of boats coming into Ecuador.

The SYC will provide the guarantee for temporary importation of boats.

3 – 4 Boat containers may stay in the SYC property during the event. If there are more, we can keep them on an offsite property close-by.

The SYC has capable personnel and forklifts on-site to handle the maneuver of downloading containers.

Containers should arrive in Ecuador no later than three weeks before the regatta.

The SYC will provide as best as possible an area for storage of covers and shipping material.

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