



Regata del Sol al Sol Noticias April, 2009

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Registration Day Seminar Schedule

9:00am	Medical Emergences Christopher G. Nelson, Jr., MD
10:00am	Safety at Sea Bob Ammon
11:30am	Lunch Tiki Bar
1:00pm	Loop current Dr. Mark Luther
2:00pm	Weather Larry Wissing
3:00/5:00pm	Local Boater Option registration Customs and Boarder Patrol
4:00pm	Island activities
5:00pm	Skippers Meeting (mandatory)

Medical emergences will cover basic medical safety and emergency procedures. Safety at sea involves requests for assistance, preparation for assistance, man overboard and other at sea issues. The Loop Current seminar provides current location and forecasted movement. Weather includes latest weather updates and forecasts. Island activities gives a brief description of the numerous island activities planned.

It is recommended that at least two members of each crew attend each of the above meetings Thursday April23, 2009 at SPYC.

Boat Mexico Entry Procedures

Boats are required to notify the race committee on channel 16 or 22 when they are one hour from the finish line and again after they finish. This is important to assure a finish boat (Mexican Navy Vessel with a flashing yellow light) will be on station when you finish and that dock personnel will be available when you arrive at the dock. When you cross the finish line you need to communicate to the finish boat the number you are assigned. A card with your assigned number will be provided in your skipper bag. All boats, even if they are DNF, most cross the finish line as described above. This is you official entry time into Mexico.

After you finish, a Mexican Navy boat will escort you to the Lima Dock where you will tie up (most likely at the Tee dock) to clear customs, Immigration and Sanitation. You should fly your quarantine flag until this process is complete. When complete you will then move to your assigned slip at the correct Marina.

At registration you turn in papers with boat and crew information. These will be used to process you and your crew into the country. Each crew member will have to complete a Visa application when they arrive in Mexico. This process generally takes less then one hour.



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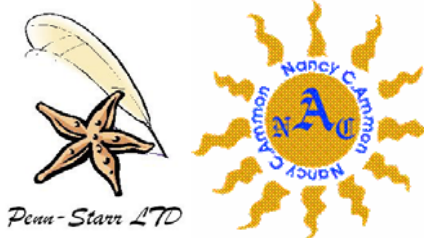
Christopher G. Nelson, Jr., M.D.
Diseases and Surgery of the Skin

Boat Return to the United States

On return to the United States all boats and their crew must report to the local Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) office. This must be done in person.

Participants in the Regatta, who are U.S. Citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents, have the option of participating in the Local Boater Option (LBO) program registering themselves and their vessel with CBP. The Local Boater Option offers facilitated customs and immigration clearance for recreational low-risk boaters at time of arrival. Enrollment to the LBO Program is voluntary and will allow CBP to expedite the arrival reporting process to boaters who have enrolled into the program. This program will satisfy the boat operator's legal requirement to report to a port-of-entry for face-to-face inspection in accordance with 8 CFR 235.1, but boaters must still phone in their arrival to satisfy 19 USC 1433.

Registration in the program requires the skipper and all crew to present themselves along with a completed form and passport to a CBP officer. This can be done at any CBP office or it can be done between 3:00pm and 5:00pm on registration day at the SPYC. CBP officers will be on site to process the registrations. Be sure and include anyone who will be flying down to bring the boat back.



Help the Island

Each year we collect medical and school supplies, sporting goods and toys for the children of the island. Now is the time to start thinking about surplus items and consider donating them to the Island children. If you would like to donate any items contact us at Chairman@regatadelSolalSol.org so we can collect and prepare them for shipment to the island.



Michelob Cup Regatta

42 boats competed on Tampa Bay March 28, 2009 in the annual Michelob Cup held by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Winds were under twenty knots at the start of the race but quickly built to over 30 knots with gusts in excess of 35 knots. These conditions provided an excellent test of crew and equipment for the three Regata del Sol al Sol participants in the race. Don't forget the Crown Cup Regatta April 18, 2009 in the Gulf of Mexico as the last chance to test your boat and crew prior to the race.

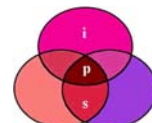
Michelob Cup Winners

Spinnaker	Renegade/Meyers Grimsdale
Non Spinnaker	Mojo/Mauro Harto
Cruising	Nikki/Bruce Bingham
Racer/Cruiser	Relativity/Hal Palmer



Transponder Deposits

All boats are required to post a \$495 transponder deposit with Iboat, the tracking company. This should be done online ASAP with a credit card by going to their web site at https://register.iboattrack.com/r/2009_regatadelSolalSol the link is also on the Regatta web site. Your card will not be charged unless the transponder is not returned.



Departing the Island

To leave the island it is necessary to check out with an immigration officer. They are only open 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday thru Friday excluding Holidays. Offices may close early on Friday for the upcoming Holiday so it is imperative to clear through immigration no later than Friday noon. They have requested a 48 hour advance notice of your departure time. This is done at the Lima Dock through Armando.

If crew are flying in to return your boat they need to turn in their Visa to Armando when he processes your departure. If crew are leaving by plane they need to pick up their Visa from Armando prior to their departure.



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Important Dates to Remember

Important upcoming dates to remember are as follows:

Spanish Classes 6:00pm	Wednesdays
Entry deadline (no penalty)	March 31, 2009
Last day to enter	April 10, 2009
Crown Cup	April 18, 2009
Rating choice deadline	April 20, 2009
Captains Meeting	April 23, 2009
Regata del Sol al Sol	April 24, 2009

Amigos de Velas

The Amigos de Velas (friends of sail) are the on island ambassadors of the Regatta. Volunteers are needed to greet the boats as they arrive on the island, to generate goodwill and provide other assistance as needed. If you would like to become part of the Amigos de Velas Contact Valerie Massingill at Amigos@regatadelSolalSol.org

2009 Schedule of Events (preliminary)

Thursday April 23, 2009	
9:00am – 5:00pm	Registration and Seminars
5:00pm	Skippers meeting (mandatory for skippers)
Friday April 24, 2009	
10:00am	Start of race first warning
Tuesday April 28, 2009	
11:00am	Hermanas y Amigas (Cabanas Maria del Mar)
1:00pm	Snorkeling (El Garrafon Park)
7:00pm	Sangria Party (Marina Paraiso)
Wednesday April 29, 2009	
9:00am	Golf cart poker run registration (race headquarters)
12:00 noon	Sr. Lima's skippers/navigators reception (Casa Las Rocas)
1:00pm	Crew beach Party (Cabanas Maria del Mar)
7:00pm	Town Hall Meeting (City Square)
10:30pm	Dancing/Drinks Bamboo on the Water
Thursday April 30, 2009	
1:00pm	Rum and Coke Party (Ballyhoo's Lima Dock)
3:00pm	Pool party/poker run finish (Cabanas Maria del Mar)
7:00pm	Basketball game
Friday April 31, 2009	
9:00am	Regata Amigos Skippers meeting (race headquarters)
10:30am	Regata Amigos (Lima Dock)
7:00pm	Awards Dinner (Cabanas Maria del Mar)

Race Headquarters is located at Cabanas Maria del Mar