



Regata del Sol al Sol Noticias February, 2009

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Beat the Record

Can you better the mono hull elapsed time record set in 2008 by Francis Rooney with Buena Racha of 52 hours 19 minutes and 10 seconds? How about the corrected time record set in 2006 by Mike Noble with Nobility a true cruising boat of 37 hours 39 minutes and 50 seconds?

It is interesting to note that 5 of the 10 records were set in 2008 the 40th anniversary of the Regata del Sol al Sol.

View all the elapsed and corrected time records by class under archives at regatadelsolalsol.org. Special recognition will be given at the awards ceremony for boats that beat existing records.



When to go

The first boats should be arriving on the island Sunday afternoon (the mono hull record would be around 2:30pm). The majority of the boats will arrive Monday afternoon and Tuesday. The main parties start Wednesday at 1:00pm with the crew beach party. Arriving on Tuesday will allow you to participate in all the parties but will not leave time to visit any of the Mayan ruins (Chichen Itza /Tulum), snorkeling or diving. If you plan to do any of these things you should plan to arrive earlier or stay later.

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

Island Accommodations

Hotel reservations should be made through the committee online under the information section at regatadelsolalsol.org or contacting Dolly Rote (727) 838-6158 or Judy Malone jmalone@humresources.com. To assist in selecting accommodations the following information is provided for the hotels booked through the committee. Rates range from of \$40 to \$175 with a \$15 charge for each person over 2. For actual room rates go to room rates on the information page at regatadelsolalsol.org

Hotel Cabanas Maria del Mar located directly on North Beach is the Regatta race headquarters. It has beautiful white sand beaches, Buho's Palapa Bars with swings and hammocks and is home to the traveling happy hour. There are 73 rooms divided in three sections; The recently remodeled Castle section has 18 rooms with king size beds, Balconies and partial ocean view, The Tower section has 24 rooms with 1 single bed and 1 double bed, some are 2 double beds (king beds on the ground floor), terraces or balconies and partial ocean view. The Cabanas section has 31 rooms around the hotel pool with two full size beds with terraces. All rooms have private bath and shower, air conditioning, ceiling fans, refrigerator and safe.



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Hotel Villa Kin Located on a small cove called "the Secret Bay" is about one block east of Race Headquarters. It has 10 typical Mayan bungalows with palm roofs and 12 hotel rooms. It has two Mexican kitchens with utensils and refrigerators where guests can do light cooking. All rooms have private bath and shower, air conditioning, refrigerator and safe.

Playa La Media Luna is located on the beach facing east and is about three blocks from race headquarters. They have 9 king rooms (4 with Jacuzzis) and 9 rooms with 2 double beds. All rooms have private bath and shower, air conditioning, ceiling fans, refrigerator, safe and a terrace or balcony with ocean view. They also have 4 rustic rocas rooms which do not have ocean views.

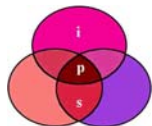
All three hotels are easy walking distance from downtown and the Lima Dock. Make your reservations early for best selection.



Sponsor Spotlight Wallace Welch & Willingham

Wallace Welch & Willingham, a repeat sponsor of the regatta, is an all lines insurance and risk management company operating in the St. Petersburg area since 1925. Through their WWW Marine Insurance division they provide cost effective protection for your marine assets. For a seasoned marine insurance agent to provide a specialized approach that ensures proper protection to safeguard your vessel, please contact Michelle Place.

Interested in being a regatta sponsor contact us at sponsorship@regatadelcsolalsole.org.



How to get to Isla Mujeres

Isla Mujeres is located a short ferry ride north of Cancun. The island is five miles long and less than one mile wide. It has a rich history filled with pirates and marauding buccaneers. As the story goes in 1517 a Spanish butcher by the name of Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba happened upon the island searching for slaves for Cuban mines. Unfortunately he found nothing but old statues which they perceived to be statues of women, thus the name of the island, "Isle of Women".

Flights to Cancun are numerous but most involve a stop somewhere which adds considerable time to the trip. This year Jet Blue is offering daily non-stop service to Cancun from Tampa. One flight a day leaves Tampa at 9:55am and arrives in Cancun at 10:46am. The once a day return flight leaves Cancun at 1:25pm and arrives in Tampa at 4:16pm. A discount is available if you book online at jetblue.com. Depending on when you go, the round trip including Mexico fees and taxes ranges from \$275 to \$350. These prices will go up as the flights fill so it is best to book early.

From the Cancun airport you will need to get to the Puerto Juarez ferry dock. You can take a cab, city bus or a private shuttle service. The most economical way is by shuttle service. The committee has made arrangements with Mayan Sky for shuttle service. You can make arrangements at their web site mayansky.com by clicking on the Regata del Sol al Sol 2009 link. In the comments section mention you are part of the Regatta and they will match people up to get the best rate.

Ferries to Isla Mujeres from Puerto Juarez leave every half hour running from 6:30am to 8:30pm with a final ferry at 12:00 am. It is a 15 minute ride at a cost of 35 pesos (\$3.50). On the Island cabs are inexpensive and are the easiest way to get to your hotel. The whole trip from the airport to the Island takes about an hour. If you fly in on Jet Blue you should be on the island sipping margaritas by noon.





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.



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.



Important Dates to Remember

Important upcoming dates to remember are as follows:

Spanish Classes 6:00pm	Wednesdays
Discounted early entry deadline	January 31, 2009
Michelob Cup	March 28, 2009
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
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About this Publication

Regata del Sol al Sol Noticias is the official publication of the Regata del Sol al Sol. It is intended that it will be published regularly to keep participants and friends informed about events and issues regarding the regatta.

If you have anything you believe should be included or discussed in this publication, or would like to be added to our email list please contact us at Chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org. Copies of this publication will be maintained on the web site for future reference.



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