



# Regata del Sol al Sol Noticias August, 2009

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## Lita Trophy for Longest Participation

The Regatta del Sol awards many perpetual trophies for the winners of the different classes but also has trophies for other achievements. One of these is the Lita Trophy named after George Dryden's 53 foot Schooner Lita which sailed in the inaugural race in 1969 and 20 times thereafter.

The boat was built in Northport Michigan for \$200,000 in 1962. Lita's home port was Pass-a-Grille Yacht Club now the St Petersburg Yacht Club at Pass-A-Grille. Lita sustained rigging damage in a collision with a shrimp boat on the return race to Naples Yacht Club in 1971.

The Lita Trophy first awarded to P/C Fred Deuel's Madonna in 1995 is for the boat who has participated in the most Regata del Sol al Sol's of all finishing boats in the Fleet. Madonna went on to receive the trophy 7 more times and participated for 18 years.

Last year the trophy went to George Alexiou's Anthie who has participated 20 years and received the trophy 4 times. Ted Riley's Bel Esprit II has received the trophy twice and has participated for 14 years. The only other recipient was Michael Zornes's L'Extreme having participated 10 years.



## Help promote the 2010 Regata Del Sol al Sol

The many and varied participants in the Regata Del Sol al Sol are what makes it such a success year after year. The Regatta grows as past participants share their experience and enthusiasm with others. We thank you all and encourage you to continue spreading the word.

This year we developed an exciting poster to promote the Regatta through a contest at a local school. The entries were impressive and the winners are being used for posters and shirts.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the poster promoting the 2010 Regatta. I would like to encourage everyone to print out one or several copies and post them in places of interest such as yacht clubs, marinas, boat dealers, boat supply stores and boat yards. Please be responsible to not damage any property and get permission where applicable.

Boats have participated from as far north as Canada and west from Texas, so any location could attract participants. Don't forget to take some with you while traveling or emailing to distant friends.

Let me know of any unusual or distant locations and I will post them in the newsletter. Remember it is the participants that make the regatta.



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## St Petersburg Yacht Club Distance Classic

This year the St Petersburg Yacht club distance classic will race to the St Charles Yacht Club in Fort Myers, Fl. Each year the Classic ventures to a different location on the West Coast of Florida. Recent races have been to Venice, Naples and even Key West during Fantasy Fest.

The Regatta will be run out of the St. Petersburg Yacht Clubs' Pass-A-Grille location with the start off of Mo A at the entrance to the Pass-A-Grille Channel.

First warning is at noon September 30, 2009 with an entry deadline of 5:00pm September 28, 2009. A Dock party with complimentary pizza and beer will be held at 6:00pm September 29, 2009 and an awards Banquet will be held at St Charles Yacht Club on October 2, 2009.

The Notice of Race and Entry form are available on the St. Petersburg Yacht Club's web site [SPYC.org](http://SPYC.org).

For more information contact Jeff Morello [jmorello@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmorello@tampabay.rr.com), or Phyllis Eades [spsailsec@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:spsailsec@tampabay.rr.com).



## Early Entries Moving Along

The race committee has published the Notice of Race and Entry form on our web site. The schedule of events is also posted and includes some exciting new items.

Six boats have already signed up - five repeats and one new boat. If you are thinking about going to Mexico this year sign up early and save \$100. Signing up early also helps promote the Regatta. As more boats enter, the excitement builds and more people want to participate. The full list is on the web site. Contact [Chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org](mailto:Chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org) with any questions.

## Regata Amigos

Everybody loves the joy exhibited by the children as they board the boats for the Regata Amigos and the smiles they get from the candy and toys distributed. While gratifying, these are short term benefits. Longer term benefits can be obtained by helping the Island schools with supplies and or funds to assist in challenging the kids to be the best they can be and preparing them for the future.

This year we are encouraging people to adopt one of the 18 Island schools. You would then raise money or supplies for your school from friends, business, fund raising activities, etc. The top two teams raising the most money for their adopted school will be awarded the Regata Amigos Trophies.

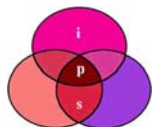
The boat name of boats and teams adopting a school will be on the collectable quality Regata Amigos Poster which will be given to those who adopt a school. This poster will also be on display at the St Petersburg Yacht Club and provided to the Island for display.

Any one, not just boats, can adopt a school and raise money for it. In this way Regatta supporters can have a chance to be remembered on a perpetual trophy. If you would like to adopt a school and haven't already done so Contact [Chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org](mailto:Chairman@regatadelsolalsol.org) to have a school assigned.

## Christopher G. Nelson, Jr., M.D.

Diseases and Surgery of the Skin





## 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](mailto:Amigos@regatadelSolalSol.org).



## Important Dates to Remember

Important upcoming dates to remember are as follows:

Discounted Entry Deadline	January 1, 2010
Kick off Party	January 21, 2010
Entry deadline (no penalty)	March 13, 2010
Last day to enter	April 9, 2010
Rating choice deadline	April 19, 2010
Captains Meeting	April 22, 2010
Regata del Sol al Sol	April 23, 2010



## 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](mailto:Chairman@regatadelSolalSol.org) so we can collect and prepare them for shipment to the island



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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](mailto:Chairman@regatadelSolalSol.org). Copies of this publication will be maintained on the web site for future reference.

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## Regatta Shirts Available

We have a few large and extra large regatta T-Shirts in both long and short sleeve available for sale. The price is \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for long Sleeve.

If you would like to purchase one or more contact me at [Chairman@regatadelSolalSol.org](mailto:Chairman@regatadelSolalSol.org) so we can arrange pickup/shipping and payment.