



XLV 45th Anniversary

Regata del Sol al Sol Newsletter

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Six months and the countdown continues:

The 45th Anniversary of the Regata del Sol al Sol is fast approaching. Start planning now and be a part of what promises to be a banner year for competitors with potentially more boats from Mexico joining in on the adventure. The Entry fee deadlines are outlined below and include \$275 Mexican government fees and customs charges, transponder rental, six regatta shirts and six regatta event tickets. An additional \$30 (subject to change) Immigration Tourist Visa Fee per crew member must be paid for each person entering Mexico by boat.

\$900 - January 31, 2012

\$1000 - February 1st through March 1st 2013

\$1100 - March 2nd through April 7th 2013

Final entry deadline is April 7, 2012 – No entries will be accepted after this date.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER UPDATE

Information and advice offered by Larry Wissing, RDSAS Communications

Every year we talk about what the forecast says, but each year the forecast is not always perfect and there's about a 50% chance of being right! **You** become the weather person when the boat is out there. **So what can and should you do?**

EDUCATION IS THE BEST ANSWER. TAKE A WEATHER COURSE!

In the meantime, here are some websites to familiarize you with weather conditions and weather forecasting. Each site adds a piece of the puzzle called "Forecasting" and it takes all of these to make a 50% guess at what will happen.

NOAA Homepage <http://www.noaa.gov>

NWS Homepage <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

ATMOSPHERE http://www.nco.ncep.gov/pmb/nwprod/analysis/namer/gsf/00/model_1.shtml

FORECASTS <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/mlinks.htm>

GULF LOOP CURRENT <http://polar.ncep.noaa.gov/ofs/viewer.shtml?-gulfmex-cur-0-small-rundate=latest>

NOAA Data Buoy Center <http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

NOAA Weather Radio <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

NOAA Tides & Currents <http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/>

PORTS <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tbports/tbAllMET.html>

NOAA NESDIS <http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/>

NOAA GOES <http://www.goes.noaa.gov>

Navy Fleet Numerical <http://www.fnmoc.navy.mil>

U.S. Coast Guard Homepage <http://www.uscg.mil>

U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center & Telecommunications <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

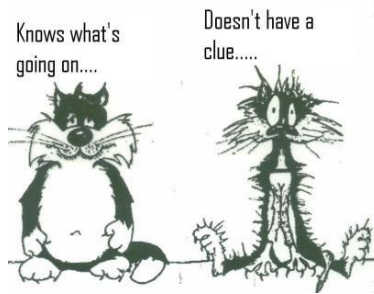
Many "strange" things happen once you hit the warmer water of the loop current. This heat causes the atmosphere above you to moisten and interact with your boat, the seas, and the wind. Many times a "local" condition develops around the loop current and a trained eye can make proper decisions based on what is seen.

Have a good receiver capable of receiving daily weather reports via Marine Single Side Band or Ham Radio. It is OK to listen and not against any rules as long as you listen to non-profit broadcasts available to anyone. These receivers can be a simple \$59.95 battery operated radio all the way up to the \$2000.00 Marine SSB radios. They all will receive daily broadcasts. Get familiar with the times and frequencies **BEFORE** you leave.

Finally, do not miss the seminars the day before the race starts, they can be the edge you need to make it a successful race.

SSB WEATHER BROADCASTS - THE HIGHER THE SUN THE HIGHER THE FREQUENCY

09:30 = 05:30 4316 OR 8502
 11:30 = 07:30 8502 OR 4316
 16:00 = 12 12788
 17:30 = 13:30 12788 OR 8502
 22:00 = 16:00 12788 OR 8502
 23:30 = 19:30 8502 OR 4316



Weather Course Graduate

Thought he knew all about it

