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## **Youth's United Events Go Invitational and Continental**

Youth's United Director Tila Braddock has announced plans for some exciting new developments to the existing race formats of both Las Tres Islas and his wind-craft race to Morocco – The Dash.

Tila stated "Las Tres Islas 2008 has developed naturally into an Invitational Event. Over the past 4 years we have seen the number of competitors grow steadily and whilst, on the one hand, this has been great it has caused some concerns about the level of support we can give each individual competitor and the logistics around the event"

The focus of the 2008 event will be increased security and support for the competitors and the level of fitness required from the competitors will also be higher. This year's competitors have either been invited to take part or have competed before. There are a limited number of places available for athletes who reach the qualifying entry criteria, but anyone interested should contact the YU office immediately.

Following positive discussions with the Moroccan Tourist authorities it has been decided that Las Tres Islas and The Dash will combine in 2008. With Las Tres Islas finishing in Corralejo, Fuerteventura on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May and then The Dash competitors setting sail on the following morning (Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June).

Asked how this would affect both races Tila replied "The Moroccan authorities love Las Tres Islas and asked us to continue the race on to Morocco and we thought why not combine our two main races over one weekend?" To some extent both races appeal to the same kind of people although you have to be a very experienced sailor to make the 72 nautical mile crossing to Morocco. We will celebrate the finish of Las Tres Islas on Dia de Canarias with a great meal and trophies, but that same evening preparations for The Dash must take place"

A few competitors have expressed an interest in taking part in both races and a small group of the Tres Islas athletes will be going over to Tarfaya as spectators. Anyone going to Tarfaya will be invited to a typical Moroccan celebration for the winners of The Dash and will overnight in tents before making the return journey the following morning. For more details about taking part as a competitor, volunteer or spectator please contact the Youth's United office on (0034) 928 82 67 20 / 928 59 23 29 or e-mail: info@youthsunited.com