

N2E 71 Event Schedule

ALYC Embraces Pre-Race Party; a Sailors Fav
Skippers VIP Fundraiser Benefits Ensenada School

N2E 71 is less than three weeks away, which means we're not only putting the final touches on preparations for the iconic race, but also on the celebratory events leading up to race day.

Before starting the West Coast's largest, most fun and most competitive race Friday, April 27 off the Balboa Pier, racers are invited share the race committee's enthusiasm and appreciation for N2E sailors of all three courses at three local events. "We look forward to spending time with sailors before the race, to show our appreciation, to impart last-minute tactical strategies, ensure pre-race preparedness and of course and most importantly, share in the camaraderie that made N2E famous," said Vice Commodore John Long.

The annual Skippers Luncheon, a 25-plus-year N2E tradition, will take place at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on Wednesday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m. Ullman Sails professionals will be the keynote speakers. For the past four years, the Ullman team have provided valuable inside-information about racing that only sailmakers are privy to, along with how to use sail knowledge to effect winning strategies. Topics also include the latest in weather forecasting, and recognition is given to skippers who have sailed N2E more than 20 times. RSVP a must. Cost \$15.00 per person.

The Skippers VIP Reception typically earmarked for boat owners and crew, city officials and sponsors is also on Wednesday, April 25. Sterling's BMW's Newport Beach showroom has graciously hosted memorable N2E events. For the past 5 years, this reception has become the primary fundraiser for the charities we support in Ensenada via raffle prizes and silent auction. Last year, just over \$9,000 was raised for Centro de Atencion Especializada Para Autistas, an under-served and deserving school for autistic children. RSVP a must! 6:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m.

On Thursday, April 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., skippers, crew and guests are invited to the must-attend N2E event of the year - the annual Sail Away Party – at the glorious and ever so hospitable American Legion Yacht Club. This tradition dates back to the second race when sailors attended a formal dinner in suit and tie. Today's racers show up in festive team gear to enjoy tasty bar favorites and dance live to entertainment and maybe win raffle prizes.

For those partaking in the festivities in Ensenada, "Fiesta de Baja" will be held at the Hotel Coral & Marina from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. All sailors and their support crew are welcome to enjoy a Guadalupe Valley style barbecue dinner with local beer, with wine and cocktail pairings. Dance the rest of the night away to a live band and enjoy fireworks at 11 p.m. to begin or end your night!

Press is welcome at all events.