

2019 – ABC's of the N2E

Thinking about entering the Newport to Ensenada race, and wondering what you should do next?

GET A RATING

To get a rating for your boat, you need to be a member of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) or of the Ocean Catamaran Racing Association (ORCA). This applies to all racers, (except for One-Design and Unlimited classes). PHRF issues the Rating for all of the PHRF boats that participate in the Race. ORCA provides NOSA with an Official Ratings List for ORCA boats.

Helpful links:

[PHRF Southern California](#)

[PHRF San Diego](#)

[ORCA](#)

[ORCA Contact](#)

GET A SAIL NUMBER

You need to have a sail number for your boat. If your boat doesn't have a sail number, contact Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) to get one. If you are from out-of- state or out-of-country, you can obtain your sail number from your local or National Authority.

Helpful links:

[SCYA Sail Number Application](#)

ENTER

On-line registration is provided on the NOSA website. View the Registration Form in advance to be sure you have all of the requested information available when you enter.

Helpful links:

[Enter Online](#)

ENTRY FEE

Fees are detailed in the Notice of Race. They include a Yellow Brick tracker for each boat.

HOTEL & MARINA

Don't wait to make your hotel and marina arrangements. Make sure you mention that you are racing in the N2E. Hotel Coral is Race HQ and the site for Awards.

Helpful links:

[Hotel Coral](#)

[Marina](#)

US PASSPORT & CUSTOMS

You and your crew will need a Passport to re-enter the United States from Mexico. Also, you will need to obtain a customs decal for your boat if its LOA is 30 feet or more.

Helpful links:

[Passport or Passport Card](#)

[Customs Decal](#)

RACE ENTRANT REPORT

You also need to fill out a Race Entrant Report after registering for the race. This is a requirement from US Customs. The Form is available below. NOTICE: Give the completed form to the inspecting officer upon arrival at the CBP dock.

Helpful links:

[Race Entrant Report](#)

MEXICO CUSTOMS

Required documentation to visit Mexico by sea:

- Certificate of Documentation or current vessel registration
- Current vessel insurance
- Current passport for owner and crew
- Current vessel Temporary Import Permit (TIP)

Helpful links:

[TIP Application](#)

A boat entering Mexico for the first time goes thru the official check-in process with both Mexican Customs and Immigration. By participating in the N2E race, these are expedited for you and usually handled at the marina you are staying, or at Race Headquarters at the Hotel Coral. Similarly, the boat exiting Mexico check-out procedure is handled by N2E Race management for you. You will not need to do the typical visiting of multiple downtown Ensenada offices when arriving and departing. One of the fees involved in sailing into Ensenada is a per boat fee to the Harbor Master. This is included in your entry fee and handled by N2E Race Management for you. The other significant fee is the tourist visa fee for each person going ashore. Each year NOSA lobbies local authorities to have this fee waived for racers, and in many past years has succeeded. In 2018 the Mexican government insisted it be collected and gave NOSA 48-hour notice of this decision. We do not have a final decision for 2019. In 2018 and 2019 NOSA has supported local groups lobbying their government officials to change this law. We don't know if they will succeed. We will keep you informed of our progress. This tourist visa can be prepaid on the internet or paid in Ensenada at Hotel Coral. The current amount is \$306 Mexican Pesos, about \$16 USD. Mexican law also requires all passengers on a boat with fishing gear to have a Mexican fishing license.

EQUIPMENT

Make sure your boat and crew are equipped for the race by following the Notice of Race and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements.

Helpful links:

[US Sailing Equipment Requirements](#)

SEMINARS

A number of race and safety seminars are available:

Helpful Links:

[NOSA Pre-Race Seminars](#)

[US Sailing Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar](#)