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# Welcome From The Commodore

**Daniel Hodge**  
NOSA Commodore

As we make our final preparations for the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race, I'd like to take a moment to thank our loyal sailors for joining us as we celebrate both the history of this iconic race and the potential for its future.

This will be the second year that we're running a trio of courses designed to meet the skill, experience, comfort and adventurousness level of almost every sailor. First, there's the classic course to our favorite Mexican destination N2E. Next up is N2SD, a fabulous one-day race to one of the country's top destination cities whether arriving by boat or not. Then, there's N2DP, the sprint course to Dana Point that we hope will develop into one of Southern California's foremost races that introduces young and new sailors to offshore racing.

NOSA is eternally grateful for our PHRF and cruising-class competitors who are and will always be the heart and soul of N2E. But we can't help but be excited to develop opportunities for younger generations; not only giving them a race in which to bring their amazing new and classic dinghies, but to inspire and feed the spirit of the sport so it may grow and be passed to future generations.

After all, the goals and objectives on the Newport Ocean Sailing Association, as proclaimed so long ago, in 1947, was to promote ocean racing at all levels out of Newport Beach. And it still is.

I encourage high school, collegiate and yacht club sailing teams to enter their best, be they in CFJ's, 420's and other Olympic-class boats, Lasers, Moth's or whatever floats their boat, along with any sailor who simply wants to be a part of the magical start. Having raced N2E many times myself, I can confidently say that being at the start with hundreds of other boats, big and small, is one of the most thrilling experiences I've ever had on the ocean. And we anticipate a great deal of excitement April 26; when sailors converge at 11 a.m. off the Balboa Pier in preparation to start.

Following the start, friends, and family and race enthusiasts around the world can watch each boat's progress thanks to YB Tracking; so popular with sailors last year, were bringing them back.

After a hard-fought race The Hotel Coral and Marina and their gracious staff, our amazing south of the border partners for the past seven years, will enable sailors recuperate after a hard-fought race maybe with a spa treatment or a fine meal, then venture into our charming host city for a traditional cerveza. We hope you'll take some time to explore the shops, restaurants and activities that this thriving and gracious city offers. Once again, BajaRama will provide complimentary round-trip shuttle service downtown.

But before we all set sail, there's some celebrating to do. Please join us at the pre-race events designed to thank racers for their participation; like our annual kickoff party Thursday, hosted this year (for sailors and guests) at the esteemed Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.

On behalf of NOSA, I'd also like to thank our sponsors who have provided much of the fun thank you swag NOSA gives our skippers. Additionally, would not be able to have a race without the support of the City of Newport Beach and the City of Ensenada, each playing essential roles in helping us create memorable sailing experiences for all participants.

When it comes to expressing gratitude, I cannot adequately praise the hardworking NOSA volunteers - those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to create a seamless, fun and safe event. I'm privileged to have worked with all these individuals.

There's something unique and special about N2E. We look forward to hearing everyone's story and celebrating your victories and milestones with you in Ensenada, San Diego and Dana Point. Thank you for being part of our storied history.

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# Calendar of Events

## Saturday, April 20, 2019

Packet Pickup Begins — 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Official N2E apparel for sale

**Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club**

1601 Bayside Dr., Corona Del Mar  
(949) 644-9530

## Monday, April 22 thru 24, 2019

Packet Pickup — 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club**

## Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Yachtsman's Lunch — 11:30 a.m.

**Newport Harbor Yacht Club**

720 W. Bay Ave., Balboa

## Thursday, April 25, 2019

Packet Pickup — 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**N2E Send-Off Party — 6:00 p.m.**

for skippers and crew

**Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club**

## Friday, April 26, 2019

Race Start off Balboa Pier — 11:00 a.m.

## Friday, April 26, 2019

Trophy Presentation

Newport to Dana Point — 8:00 p.m.

**Dana Point Yacht Club**

24399 Dana Drive, Dana Point

## Saturday, April 27, 2019

Fiesta de Baja — 6 p.m.

## Saturday, April 27, 2019

Free Craft Beer Tour — 3:00 p.m.

Ensenada. Meet in front of the Hotel

## Sunday, April 28, 2019

Trophy Presentation

Newport to San Diego — 12:30 p.m.

**Silver Gate Yacht Club**

2091 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego

## Sunday, April 28, 2019

Trophy Presentation N2E — 2:00 p.m.

**Hotel Coral & Marina**

## Sunday, April 28, 2019

Bus it back — 5:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Sunday at 11:00 a.m. near

Results Hotel Coral,

Cost \$50 per person.

## Monday, April 29, 2019

Free Santa Tomas Valley Wine

Tasting Tour — 10:30 a.m.

Meet in front of Hotel Coral.

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The Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race (N2E) is one of our community's signature events and a key part of Newport Beach's nautical heritage. We're honored to be a part of this 72-year-old tradition and to once again co-host the race with our friends in Ensenada, Mexico.

Race week is always a special time in Newport Beach and we look forward to welcoming the professional racers, recreational sailors, sailing enthusiasts and spectators that the N2E draws to town. Locals and visitors alike enjoy the fun-filled days leading up to the race as the visiting boats arrive and special events get underway. The festivities culminate locally on race day as thousands of onlookers gather near our city's coastline to watch the race get underway. It's a beautiful sight to see.

Race support, as well as the number of entries, continues to be strong thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA). We appreciate NOSA and the efforts of everyone involved in this year's event and look forward to many more years of classic, ocean racing with the Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race. Good luck and good sailing to all our contestants!

Sincerely,

Diane Brooks Dixon

Mayor



# 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](http://www.phrfsocal.org/)

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[PHRF San Diego](http://www.phrfsandiego.org/)

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[ORCA](http://orcaracing.org/)

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## 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](http://nosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NEW-Sail-Number-Form-10-31-17.pdf) <http://nosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NEW-Sail-Number-Form-10-31-17.pdf>

## 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](http://nosa.org/) <http://nosa.org/>

## 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](https://www.hotelcoral.com/) <https://www.hotelcoral.com/>

[Marina](https://www.hotelcoral.com/marina.html) <https://www.hotelcoral.com/marina.html>

## 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](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html) <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

[Customs Decal](https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/uftd-info) <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/uftd-info>

## 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](http://nosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-CBP-Vessel-Entrance-Form-1.pdf) <http://nosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-CBP-Vessel-Entrance-Form-1.pdf>

## 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](https://www.banjercito.com.mx/registroVehiculos/) <https://www.banjercito.com.mx/registroVehiculos/>

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. This tourist visa can be prepaid on the internet individually, or paid in Ensenada in cash

at Hotel Coral (a popular choice). You can pre-fill out the Landing form, or do it in Ensenada. 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.

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[Customs Decal](https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/uftd-info) <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/uftd-info>

See the CBD documents on agricultural products and garbage.

See the CBD document on the new ROAM system for boats entering the US. Non-ROAM boats will need to stop at Shelter Island for an inspection.

The ROAM app is the preferred method for U.S. pleasure vessels to request admittance back into the United States. ROAM users should familiarize themselves with the app prior to their departure of the U.S. When the vessel re-enters U.S. waters, users should reset their phone to calibrate their GPS and give a more accurate location before submitting their information in ROAM.

## 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](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US_SER_2018.0_Categories.pdf) [https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US\\_SER\\_2018.0\\_Categories.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US_SER_2018.0_Categories.pdf)

## SEMINARS

A number of race and safety seminars are available:

Helpful Links:

[NOSA Pre-Race Seminars](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US_SER_2018.0_Categories.pdf) [https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US\\_SER\\_2018.0\\_Categories.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/US_SER_2018.0_Categories.pdf)

[US Sailing Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar](https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses/find-a-course-near-you/) <https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses/find-a-course-near-you/>



# Dear Racers and friends of NOSA.

As we approach the 72nd annual Newport-Ensenada International Yacht Race organized by The Newport Ocean Sailing Association, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate this great event.

For many years our cities have join the adventure of taking over the pacific coast racing from one country to another. However as this may sound simple or common, this 2019 your journey takes a very significant meaning. Crossing over a region that generates some of the most important economical trades, touristic and social border dynamics in the world, you are becoming an advocate of how we are strong and united, as we live our differences and prosperity in our very own way.

This amazing event would not be possible without the passion and hearts of many people around us. This year I would like to honor the vision and hard work of the Commodore Daniel Hodge and Vice Commodore Bill Gibbs, as well as all their predecessors; the incredible patience and kindness of members like Tony Baiunco and countless members, volunteers and government agencies that contribute with the best of their services to make your experience memorable.

My message of gratitude would not be completed, without remembering our friend H. Commodore Carlos Avila, whose legacy of love and service to others will be with us for all the regattas to come.

But the main reason for the success is you: every sailor and all the teams that visit us and take the chance to visit over and over every year are the wind that keep us evolving our creativity and touristic vocation. We invite you to enjoy and discover all that Ensenada has for you, from gastronomy and wines, to shopping, adventure and entertaining.

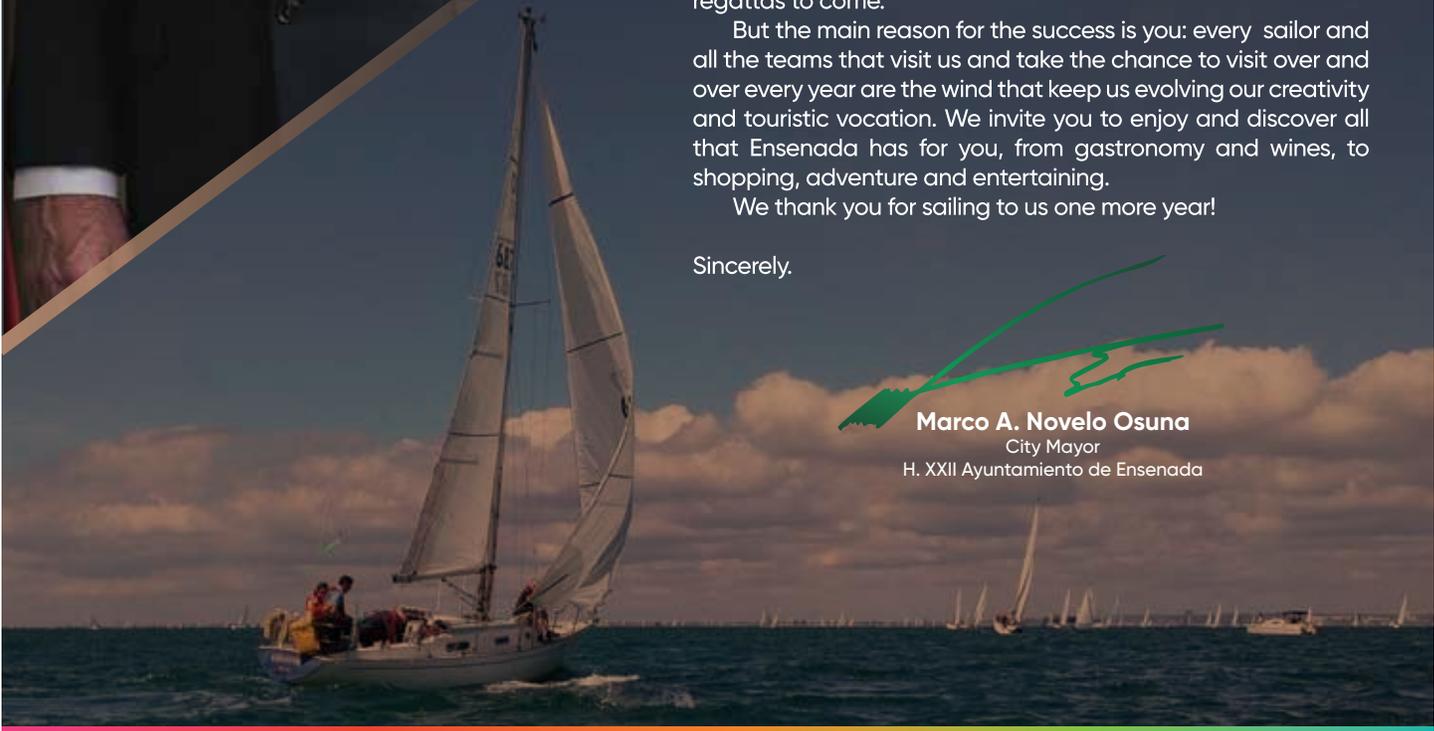
We thank you for sailing to us one more year!

Sincerely,

**Marco A. Novelo Osuna**

City Mayor

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# NOSA Makes A Difference. Won't You?

On one of the many Ensenada junkets NOSA takes to meet with city, port and tourism officials to make sure our participants have the best race experience possible, board members discovered a real gem.

Although always on the lookout for new restaurants and hidden hot spots, this gem did not tickle their taste buds. It melted their hearts. One of the Ensenada team members took them on a side trip to CAEPA, in 2014 and introduced them to their plight.

At the time, Centro de Atencion Especializada Para Autistas, or CAEPA, was a tiny school for a few of the City's autistic children being operated on a microscopic budget.

By the time the junket-goers returned to Newport Beach, it was decided that a fundraising event would be integrated into the annual VIP Skipper's reception and NOSA had another opportunity to give back to the city that has so graciously hosted our racers for seven decades.

Sponsors have generously offered goods and services that sailors have bid on at live and silent auctions. By purchasing donated golf games, boating linens, even a weeklong charter in the Carib-

bean, racers have helped raise nearly \$25,000.

Most rewardingly, board members (as do school officials) report that the funds have made a massive difference to the school and the quality of the children's care and education.

"The first year NOSA donated \$2,500 to the school," said Staff Commodore Tom Kennedy. "If we had given that amount to a U.S. charity, we might have received a thank you note. In Ensenada it is a game changer."

Funds received from NOSA have paid teacher's salaries, repaired the roof, numerous times. The organization purchased and installed two large water cisterns to free the school of Ensenada's water quality problems; they've been able to

maintain the school's van and paid for gasoline so the vehicle can pick up the kids who lack transportation or cannot ride the bus because the noise causes anxiety.

Additionally, they've repaired a fence and built a shed. The inside storage area became a therapy room. They've also bought a new photocopier, and provided ongoing teacher training.

Most importantly, the school that started with seven kids now



Starting a new construction project made possible with a grant from Sempra energy.

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has a roster of 28 students that range in age from 2 year to 38 years old, and the ability to provide excellent care for each one.

“Your assistance helps provide greater empowerment to make independent living possible, making a substantial improvement in their quality of life, making an impact beyond the student and through the entire family,” said a CAEPA spokesperson.

The school was built in 1998 on land donated by the government and opened thanks to fundraising and community outreach efforts.

According to officials, the work of educators and volunteers of CAEPA is multi-faceted. The organization’s goal is for each student to lead a productive, positive and dignified life.

Near term goals are to take on more students; their reputation has created a waiting list. Long range plans consider the needs of

the children when they become adults, anticipate who will care for them as their parent’s age. The vision to ensure care into the future is to buy a long term home-type center. “It’s my worst fear; what’s going to happen to these kids when the parents pass way,” said director Reuben.

NOSA’s 2019 fundraiser for CAEPA will be held, racers are encouraged not only to attend and bid on the products and services that have been donated, but to contact NOSA if you or someone you know has something to donate that can help reach the highest yearly goal of \$20,000 or more.

In addition to your generous financial contribution, the school is in dire need of interactive toys, teaching tools, like Legos, musical instruments & general school supplies. And NOSA can proudly report that some of our racers have personally delivered many of these items on trips to Ensenada with and separately from N2E.

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# Explore Newport Beach During Newport to Ensenada!

Newport Beach is proud to host the start of the 71st Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race and warmly welcomes participants, crews and families to our pristine coastal retreat. We invite you to arrive a few days early to enjoy a lovely getaway before the race begins.

With rich nautical roots and charming seaside neighborhoods to explore, the laid back luxury of this coastal destination offers sightseeing (on land and water), outdoor activities, fabulous alfresco dining, world-class shopping and entertainment.

## Stunning Accommodations

You have myriad choices when you stay in Newport Beach: World-class resorts and hotels, chic boutiques and small inns, vacation rentals, beach cottages and yachts are among the accommodations available. Captains and crews can choose a suite on Newport Harbor, a beach bungalow rental with all the amenities of home or opt for a villa on a hill.

## On the Water Exploration

Newport Beach offers a rare coastal combination for the visitor: an eco-friendly estuary teeming with life, a world-renowned luxury yacht harbor with miles of classic California beaches on either side.

**Back Bay:** Just inland from bustling Newport Harbor is what locals call the Back Bay. Officially known as Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve and Ecological Reserve, it is 1,000 acres of preserved and pristine wetlands that draws naturalists, scientists and nature lovers to the environmental sanctuary.

**White sand beaches:** No destination has the quintessential coastline that Newport Beach enjoys with picturesque seascapes and beaches. From the secluded enclave of Crystal



Cove State Park to the family-friendly beaches of Corona del Mar and Balboa Peninsula. Newport's beaches offer boaters an opportunity for surf, sand, swim and sun.

**Newport Harbor:** Be sure to leave plenty of time to explore the heart of Newport Beach that is Newport Harbor. With estates and vessels of all sizes lining the shores, boaters will be enchanted by Newport Harbor's beautiful scenery. Just over three miles long, Newport Harbor is one of the largest small-craft harbors in the U.S. with seven residential islands and almost 9,000 privately owned yachts and sailboats.

**Dock & dine:** Boats cruising Newport Harbor can pull up dockside to over a dozen distinctive restaurant locations and enjoy a variety of cuisine, from fresh seafood and sizzling steaks, to authentic Italian and innovative Mexican fare. Simply dock your vessel and dine inside or call ahead for "to go" orders and dine on board.

**John Wayne's "Wild Goose" Yacht:** A former World War II minesweeper and privately owned yacht of the legendary John Wayne is now owned and operated by Hornblower Cruises & Events. Charter the Wild Goose yacht for a private function or book a dinner cruise and take in the beauty of the harbor, passing by where "The Duke" once lived as well.

## Seaside Paradise

Newport Beach is also a luxurious and cosmopolitan destination, yet one of the many unique aspects of the seaside city is the charm of its vintage villages, historic districts, tide pools, trails and quaint island neighborhoods – all beckoning to be explored on foot!

**Balboa Island:** Linked to the mainland of Newport Beach by a short bridge on one side and Balboa Ferry on the other, the best way to experience the charm of Balboa Island's



small-town ambiance is to wander around it on foot. A broad walkway circles the islands (there are two) offering amazing views of Newport Harbor and the boats sailing by. The Marine Avenue shopping district is a tree-lined street of shops, restaurants and galleries.

**Balboa Village:** “Home of the Fun Zone”– with easy access to both the beach and the harbor, Balboa Village is home to historic landmarks like The Balboa Pavilion and Balboa Pier (both built in 1906), and the Fun Zone, which offers a quaint carnival atmosphere, complete with a Ferris wheel, arcades and other family-friendly rides and games, right on the waterfront. The boats docked along the wharf offer harbor cruises, whale-watching excursions and trips to Catalina Island. The areas nautical affinity can be experienced at Explore Ocean, a fun and educational place to learn about the sea, with interactive marine exhibits and activities. The walkable neighborhood offers shops, both quaint and fashionable, along with restaurants, galleries and some hip and historic bars.

**Crystal Cove State Park:** A unique place that offers restored vintage cottages, pristine beaches and a restaurant on the sand, Crystal Cove State Park is among the most beautiful and charming spots along the California coast. The Crystal Cove Historic District is a collection of 1920s-to-1940s-era beach cottages that have been restored and are available for visitors to rent. The picturesque beach setting (the film “Beaches” was shot here) is part of a 3,200-acre California State Park that offers camping sites, hiking and biking trails and access to a wild Orange County preserved as open space.

**Dining & nightlife:** Newport Beach offers elegant, sophisticated dining, ethnic eateries of all fares, trendy hot spots, casual seafood choices, innovative gastropubs, and homespun coffee houses. Newport Beach boasts wonderfully creative dining options and racers will have a myriad of choices from

luxurious to casual. From cool cantinas and sports pubs to chic craft cocktail and wine finds in upscale lounges, come eat and drink the night away!

**Shopping:** When it comes to shopping, everyone has their own style sense. Whether yours is beach chic, bohemian or trending designer styles, Newport Beach offers an appealing mix of luxury labels and emerging fashion brands. The crown jewel of our shopping scene is Fashion Island, an open-air shopping destination that fuses European style with cool California luxury. Crystal Cove Shopping Center is located on Pacific Coast Highway and offers high-end boutiques and restaurants that overlook the ocean. Balboa Island is a favorite for artisan gifts and art, while Corona del Mar offers the perfect venue for strolling and window-shopping.

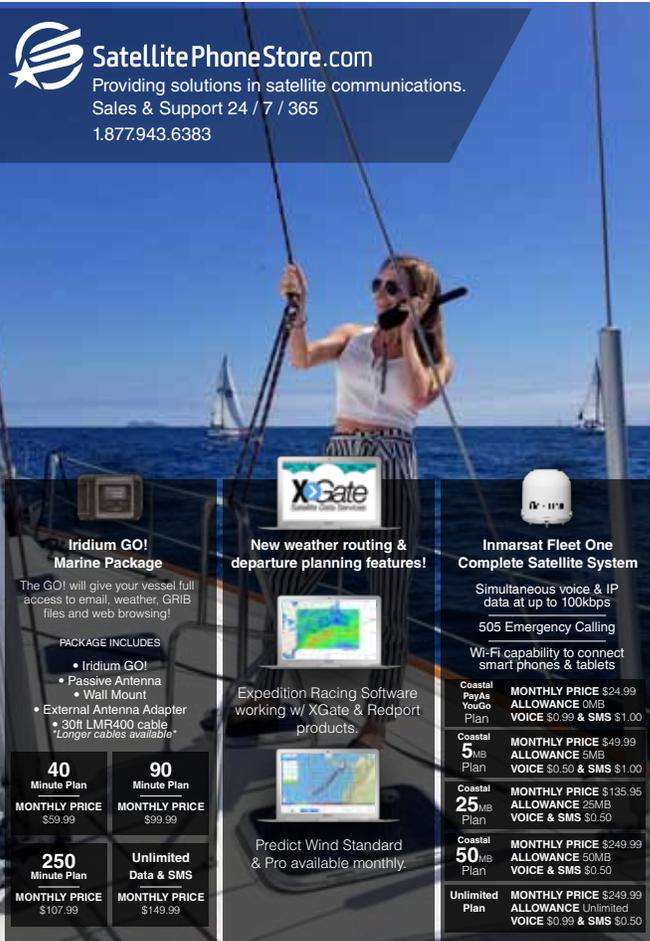
### Bon Voyage

Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been here before, welcome to Newport Beach! As each boat begins to set sail for Ensenada and the starter announces the beginning of the race, we will be high atop the Balboa Pier waving our flags to celebrate the official send off. Best of luck to all the teams as they head south!

**To plan your visit to Newport Beach, go to [www.visitnewportbeach.com!](http://www.visitnewportbeach.com!)**



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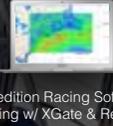
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# Tips From Keith Magnussen - Ullman Sails

It seems like only last week we were sailing down the coast on the way to Mexico. Time travels fast these days and the Newport to Ensenada Race (N2E) is almost here. The excitement is starting to build and everyone is out practicing their maneuvers to try and win one of the coveted trophies.

At Ullman Sails we do our best to ensure everyone is fitted with the best sails for their boat and now it is time to look at using some of those sails. Last year we did a spinnaker trim related article and this year we would like to touch on some of the common mistakes we see year to year.

The N2E usually starts out with some jib reaching and this is where you have your first chance to make some gains. Hopefully you are using an outboard lead or at least have moved your car forward. Once you have your set up in place it is time to trim your genoa or jib. Most people have the tendency to look at the lower tell tales (usually in a tell tale window) and trim the sail accordingly. This is the first mistake we see. It is important to look at the very top of the sail and trim with the tell tales further up the headsail. This usually takes someone looking under the mainsail or standing by the mast to see. The trimmer is not in a position to make this call since the mainsail is blocking their view. Ensure that the person com-

municating the headsail trim is experienced and knows what to look for! This is your first step in gaining a true advantage over your competition.

The other place we see some problems is spinnaker trimming. I would say most people have the tendency to over trim a spinnaker. This is especially true in light air and choppy seas. The more you pull in the spinnaker the more it hide behinds the mainsail. The mainsail inheritably blocks the air and can collapse the sail. It is crucial to make sure that the sail is flying as far away from the boat as the wind speed and angle will allow. When in doubt ease it out is something to live by!

We hope that this years Ensenada Race is successful and safe for you! Remember to have fun and enjoy the local food!



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# Baja, Safe and Friendly

Notes from a Frequent Ensenada Traveler

My relationship with the City of Ensenada goes back to my first visit in 1972, arriving not by sail, but for a motorcycle enduro, just south of town. Soon, I was a frequent weekend guest camping at Kings Coronita Trailer Park, next door to what would become the Hotel Coral and Marina.

Eventually, I took up sailing and I crewed on my first Newport to Ensenada Race in 1984. By 1994 I was hooked; I bought a boat that sailed N2E 15 times, sailing a total of 20 races. When the crew got too old, I moved **Foggy Notion** to Coral's Marina where it still lives.

Now traveling by car the last 5 years on behalf of NOSA, to make sure all the details for a smooth race are in place, I've discovered Valle de Guadalupe, home to some incredible food, friendly people and very good wines.

Incredibly, I've now travelled to Baja California more than 350 times. And despite reports of turmoil over a variety of issues through the years, not once have I been pulled over by the police (justly or otherwise), or ever feared for my safety.

Occasionally, there's been a military presence at the toll booths, but rarely in the last five years.

Even in the last year, the entire NOSA team, who makes at least

5 visits to Ensenada on race business each year, concurs; even our return border crossings have been made without incident.

The new toll road that runs down the coast and into this lovely, scenic city makes for a smooth and easy drive. And for those taking the bus back, it's a quick and simple trip. From personal experience, I can tell those hesitant about making the trip due to concerns over exaggerated viral claims on Twitter or what they've seen on TV, that these fears are largely unwarranted.

Neither I nor NOSA can guarantee that our destination city is a 100% safe place to visit, but we could not claim that parts of Chicago, Miami or Los Angeles are any safer.

And given the volume of US visitors every weekend and low statistics of trouble involving Americans, the realistic choice is to concentrate on the upside of this adventure: friendly people, great food and wine at reasonable prices.

So, if you have any fears about participating in N2E and your visit to this lovely, warm and welcoming city, we ask that you only give in to the fear of missing out.

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Tom Kennedy  
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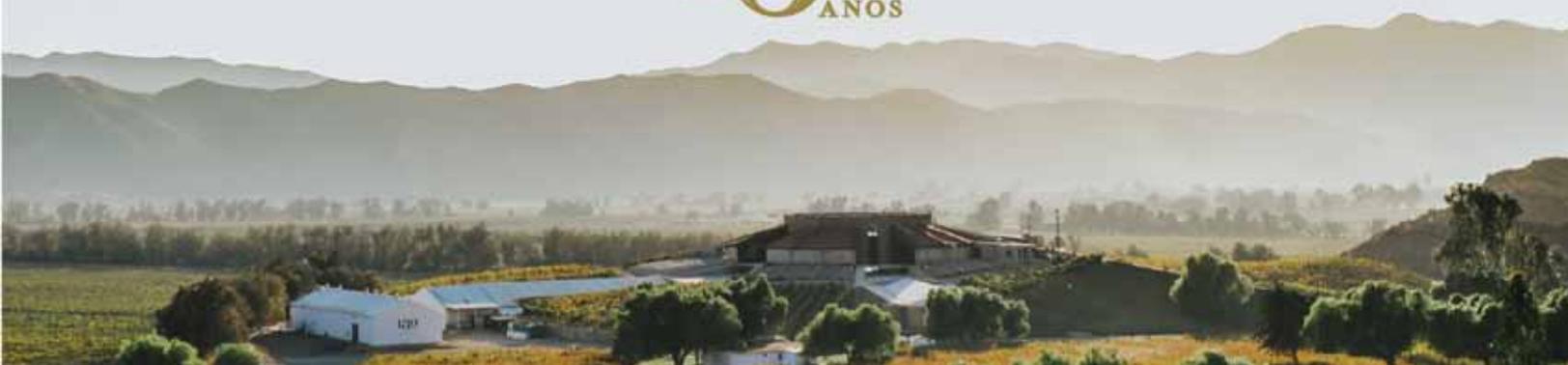
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Competitive and recreational sailing builds character, organizational skills, responsibility, seamanship and self-confidence. The Asociación de Vela de Baja California clearly understands this and has been giving young sailors their start since 2001. Located in the Hotel Coral Marina and within sight of the finish to the Newport to Ensenada Race, the program is an inspiration to all who sail in the Race.



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Young sailors, ages 5 to 15 years old learn and train in a fleet of Optimist and Lasers maintained by the Asociación. Working with the Institute of Sport and Physical Education of Baja California the Asociación participates in monthly and annual regattas, including the WesMex Optimist National Circuit and the National Olympics.



About half the kids in the program sail competitively, while the other half enjoy recreational sailing, but either way, the skills and life experiences these young sailors gain through this junior sailing programs is outstanding. Good equipment is important for safety and performance, so this year, with the help of Sempra International, we are happy to be providing the program with Optimist training and racing sails by Ullman Sails; we will continue to assess areas of future support to help the program continue to grow.



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