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### International Winners and the Quest for VMG Take Center Stage at N2E 72

ENSENADA, Mexico., April 28, 2019 – The International aspect of the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race took on a whole new meaning today when **Alive**, a Australian-based the Reichel Pugh 66, took home the NOSA Trophy for overall best elapsed time, the Amigo Trophy awarded to a first-time skipper and the Lahaina Yacht Club Trophy for best elapsed all PHRF. Luke Watkins, who accepted the hardware on behalf of skipper Duncan Hine and boat owner Phil Turner, also carved out a chunk of the race board; likely to be the only TSA approved-souvenir of the race.

Adding to the international element, the crew were a mix of Australians and New Zealanders with a Dutch navigator and an Italian Bowman.

“It was a good race - light winds – but we managed to find a few holes and had a strong finish,” said Watkins. “We are happy to have stayed in front of the TP52’s.”

Having won the classic 2018 Rolex Sydney to Hobart race this past December, it appears the boat, sailing for the Derwent Sailing Squadron in Tasmania, has a history of strong finishes.

David Nelson’s ID35 **Kite 35** made another strong showing, stealthily returning to the podium this year to collect the USA Secretary of Navy Trophy ULDB-C for the third time in six years. Representing the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club in Northwestern Ontario, Canada, Nelson said “the race was tricky as heck, but we just looked to sail the shortest possible course, going just outside the Coronado’s for a bit, then jibed into shore and stayed left.”

“VMG all the way and just drive,” proclaimed his navigator. “Teamwork was on point and we had a lot of fun,” Nelson said of his six-man crew, that included his son.

For many, this lighter-winds race, finding VMG (Velocity Made Good) was the difference between winning or ending up experiencing VNDG (Velocity No Dang Good) instead.

VMG, for those who do not speak sailor, is all about finding the heading that moves the boat fastest toward the finish line.

How to do that is made easier with today’s new instrumentation, but there’s more to consider depending on the individual characteristics of one’s boat.

“You know what you want to do, whether or not you can do it is another story,” said Nelson,

Stepping up for the Newport Beach and US-based competitors, was **Vesper**, one the TP 52’ s **Alive** managed to stay ahead of, which absolutely nailed VMG.

The Tommy Bahama Trophy for the Best Overall Corrected time, the President of USA Trophy for Best Corrected – All PHRF, the President of Mexico Trophy for Best Corrected, Maxi Class and the Jack Bailee

Trophy for Best Corrected Newport Beach Club will now be gracing the trophy case of the spectacular new Newport Harbor Yacht Club, no TSA clearance or international shipping required.

Skipper David Team credited his navigator Chad Hough for making the right calls. "At one time it looked bad, but we stayed outside and stuck with the strategy," said Team.

Although this might have been the team's first N2E on Vesper, the crew sails a lot together and they practice a lot together, said crew Paul Marshall. Many of the crew started sailing with junior programs and started racing with their Dads. Having also won first in class at Long Beach Race week in last year, the experience and the teamwork seems to be paying off.

Jim Bailey's Destroyer, another TP 52, placed second in the Maxi-Class and contributed to NHYC's win of the Spirit of Ensenada Trophy for the yacht club for having the most winners, at five.

Adding a touch of international flair, was Terri Manock's all-female entry on Pole Dancer. Her crewmembers are Irish, Canadian, and a New Zealander although only one Idaho resident flew in to help the women not only win the Caroline Starr Trophy for Best Corrected All Female Crew, they also won the Carlos Avila Escoto Best Corrected J120. "We stayed out of the fray and got a good start;" said Manock. "It was a long race, but had a wonderful group of ladies to sail with."

Robert Knox of Seahorse, a Beneteau 49 and his rugby crew won the Secretary of Foreign Relations – Mexico Trophy for Best Elapsed Time – Cruz. The former Australian teammates caught the sailing bug when they moved to Southern California. After not doing well in their first boat, Merlin, they moved up and found success. The men picked up the same trophy last year.

BCYC's own Dan Rosen, sailing the B32 Problem Child, once again lived up to its boat name is a big problem for anyone who dare enter in the double handed category, winning the Volvo Best Corrected – Double Handed Trophy for the eighth time in a row. Rosen sailed with year with Peter Heck, a respected local sailor with a lot of experience winning on Maxi-class boats.

Also returning to the podium was Joe Markee of Ohana. The 55 Swede moved up classes this year to PHRF-B and takes home the Cliff Chapman Best Corrected -PHRF B Trophy to San Diego Yacht Club. "We had to figure out how far out to be to find the sweet spot for the boat to catch the breeze early," said Markee. The older yet lean family cruiser does better in downwind conditions, but they clearly made the most of the available winds.

Cheerio II did not catch good winds until the home stretch into Ensenada.

"It was absolutely terrifying," said skipper Dick McNish about crossing the finish at a little over 10 knots in an 88-year-old-boat just made to go just 6! "The spinnaker was up; it was wild; we rushed to get it down," after crossing the finish late Saturday afternoon. 91-year old McNish and his eight-man crew will once again take the Ensenada Chamber of Commerce Trophy Best Corrected PHFR E back to Corinthian Pacific Yacht Club where preparation will soon be underway for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual McNish Classic Yacht Race.

Andy Schwenk, of northwest rigging, a marine outfitter in Anacortes, WA, flew in to sail the race on Staghound. Although the boat did not do as well as it has in previous years, when asked about dealing with lighter winds, said there was nothing to complain about; "We are so blessed to be able to do this."

At a luncheon Saturday, Jared Gutierrez, International Press spokesperson for Mayor Marco A. Novelo Osuna also spoke about being grateful.

“It all started with an idea; today is about being grateful for all the history and the work that those before us have done (to make the race successful) and being grateful for simply having the opportunity to be a part of this event, and being grateful for the opportunities the future holds and our abilities to take action.”

No matter the wind.

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Look up boat, 43 Benetau, A hazing pf sorts, welcome first timers, little wind, to the Coronadojs in good time, but floated there all night

Tales from the race course

Other themes, people come from all over to participate in this race,

Many have been boating for a long time, not necessarily racing or N2E, sailing/boating a generational thing, fathers and daughters, grand parents and grand children, families, sons,

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Expression Session, Mark Mark and Mark, aimed for the mark, didn't miss the mark, Stayed outside, was the farthest most outside boat in their class, lighter boat, strategy, went far and night wispy inconsistent air looked for better but stayed steady, no tactical error , all about VMG, fast as you can get the the next mark, how to deal with holes and hotspots, and make it work. Modified Express 37, 1987 boat modified in 2000 by previous owner, so looks different. First time Mark owner done the race, Dad did it in the 60's and 70's, average age on the boat 62

Vesper crew, many of the crew sailing the race many times, some since they were kids. First race for Vesper with its current owner, 3 of the 12 crew members have races N2E 20 times or more.

Sails the boat does not go far offshore, N2E probably the longest race it will do, no head no stove, no bunks, built for racing in the Mediterranean, all the more motivation for all aboard to do their part and make the boat go as fast as it possibly can.

Another key, the crew sails a lot together, but they also practice together, all coming from junior program. Paul Marshall. One crew member – 1976, first time on a family boat in PHRF E.

Santa Barbara King Harbor, went the wrong way. Best boats are those that get used, and a lot of years reflecting on the race, are smaller boats that involves a crew who sailing their heart out at night wins,

Original owner named the boat and had the sails made with the James Bond, 007 theme, and the graphics integral to the hull. In keeping with the spy theme,

Bruce Cooper, Destroyer, more practice more training for Transpac, not the wind conditions, but lots of sail changes, working to maximize wind speed, comes onto play, great practice just not at full speed, Pete Isler aboard to train Bailey's designated navigator for Transpac

Although in the same class Vesper is 4 years newer, has a modified keel and is set up for inshore buoy racing, while Destroyer has men modified in an offshore configuration,

NOSA Trophy - Best Overall Elapsed	Alive, Duncan Hine
AMIGO, Best Corrected, First Time Skipper	Alive, Duncan Hine
LAHAINA Yacht Club, Best Corrected All PHRF	Alive, Duncan Hine
TOMMY BAHAMA, Overall Corrected	Vesper, David Team
President of USA, Best Corrected, All PHRF	Vesper, David Team
JACK BAILEE - Best Corrected Newport Beach Club	Vesper, David Team

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, Best Corrected Maxi      Best Corrected Maxi

Vesper,              David Team

Destroyer          Jim Bailey

BadPac             Tom Holthus

Union Bank Best Corrected – Cruz Non Spin,

Paramethia        Phil Herzfeld

Galene             Ken Recla

Coral Hotel and Spa, Best Corrected – Cruz

Runaway,          Thomas Lehtonen

Blue Gavel, Best corrected, Cruz Gen

Runaway	Thomas Lehtonen	
August Dream	David Lutton	
Rylacade	Stuart Leigh	
Almon Lockaby	Best Corrected Cruz-Spin	
Inquisitor	Larry Sharpless	
Hassle	Larry Malmberg	
Alice Purcell,	Best Elapsed ORCA	Wahoo, Bill Gibbs
Stern-Choy	Best Corrected Catamaran	Some Tuesday, Steve Dunlap
President of NOSA,	Best Corrected ORCA	
No Regrets	Brain Stanton	
Some Tuesday	Steve Dunlap	
Caroline Starr	Best Corrected All Female	Pole Dancer, Terri Manok
Carlos Avila Escoto,	Best Corrected J 120	Pole Dancer, Terri Manok
Sec. of Foreign Relations Mexico -	Best Elapsed Cruz	Seahorse, Robert Knox
Beneteau-Cruz,	Best Corrected – Beneteau Cruz	Pacific Highway, Allan Emas
Spittoon,	Highest Corrected	Eventide, Bradley Davis
Beneteau – Racing	Best Corrected – Beneteau PHRF	Ruby D'eau, Richard Benedon
Ensenada Chamber of Commerce -	Best Corrected PHRF E	Cheerio II, Richard McNish
Gill Knudson,	Best Corrected – PHRF D	
Cimarron	David Basham	
Moxie	Dugan O'Keene	
Trophina 2	Anna Charer	
Frank Butler,	Best Corrected – Catalina	Trophina 2, Anna Charer
Volvo	Best Corrected – Double Handed	Problem Child, Dan Rosen, Pete Heck
Converse Wurdemann,	Best Corrected PHRF-C	
Daytripper II	Andy Horning	
Scenic	Dan Bunce	
Cliff Chapman,	Best Corrected PHRF B	
Ohana,	Joe Markee	

Expression Session, Mark Keller

Buttercup, Roderick Messinger

Bill Schock, Best Corrected – Schock

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Newport Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Best PHRF-A

Amante Timothy A

Chubasco Will Durant, John Carpenter, Doug Baker

New York Yacht Club, Best Elapsed Single Hull Divided Rig

Chubasco, Durant, Carpenter, Baker

Secretary of State, USA, Best Corrected – ULDB-D

Rocinante, Jaun Lois

Secretary of Navy, USA – Best Corrected ULDB-C

Kite 35 David Nelson

Minatour Andrew Constantine

Picosa Doug and Jack Jorgensen

City of Newport Beach, Best Corrected, ULDB-B

Fast Exit John Raymond

Blue Flash Scott Grealish

White Cloud Paul Grossman

Jiffy Woods Memorial, Best Elapsed-ULDB-A

Carbon Footprint, James Devling

Governor of California, Best Corrected ULDB-A

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Bretwalda 3 Bob Petick

South Bay Yacht Racing Club – Yacht Club with the most boats entered

Dana Point Yacht Club (12)

Spirit of Ensenada, Yacht Club with the most winners,

Newport Harbor Yacht Club (5)

Jeff Deaver, Yacht Club with the most primary firsts and secondaries perpetual winners

Newport Harbor Yacht Club (4)