



2020 – 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 have a rating certificate from the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) or the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) for monohulls, or the Ocean Catamaran Racing Association (ORCA) for multihulls. Exceptions are for One-Design and Unlimited class entries. PHRF issues ratings for all of the PHRF boats that participate in the Race, US Sailing issues certificates for ORR and ORCA provides NOSA with an Official Ratings List for ORCA boats.

Helpful links:

[PHRF Southern California](#)

[PHRF San Diego](#)

[ORCA](#)

[ORCA Contact](#)

[ORR](#)

[US Sailing \(to apply for ORR Rating\)](#)

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:

[N2E Enter Online](#)

ENTRY FEE

Fees are detailed in the Notice of Race. They include a YB 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](#)

[Cruiseport Village Marina](#)

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 handled at Race Headquarters at the Hotel Coral or possibly at the marina you are staying.

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 fee is the tourist card fee (Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM)) 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 started collecting without exceptions. NOSA supports local groups lobbying their government officials to change this law. We don't know if/when they will succeed. We will keep you informed of our progress.

This tourist card fee can be prepaid on the internet, or paid in Ensenada when checking in at Hotel Coral. The current amount is about \$30 USD (it varies with exchange rate). The local officials strongly suggest bringing cash and handling this in Ensenada. If you prefer the on-line prepaying, be aware it is one application and receipt per person.

Mexican law also requires all passengers on a boat with fishing gear to have a Mexican fishing license.

US PASSPORT & CUSTOMS

You and your crew will need a Passport to re-enter the United States from Mexico. The ROAM app is the US CBP preferred method of reporting your crew for entering the US. 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](#)

[ROAM app](#)

EQUIPMENT

Make sure your boat and crew are equipped for the race by following the Notice of Race and US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER). The N2E specifies the SER Coastal category applies, with modifications stated in the Notices of Race for each version of the N2E.

Helpful links:

[N2E Notices of Race](#)

[US Sailing Equipment Requirements](#)

SEMINARS

A number of race and safety seminars are available:

Helpful Links:

[NOSA N2E pre-race seminars](#)

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

[US Sailing Coastal Safety at Sea online class](#)