

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, including Cruising class. PHRF issues the Rating for all of the PHRF/Cruising boats that participate in the Race. ORCA provides NOSA with an Official Ratings List for ORCA boats. See the Notice of Race regarding the Fleet/Class in which you plan to compete.

Helpful links:

[PHRF Southern California](#)
[PHRF San Diego](#)
[ORCA](#)

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

Registration opens January 1st and closes one week prior to the start.

Jan 1 - \$225

Feb 1 - \$275

Apr 1 - \$300

HOTEL & MARINA

Don't wait to make your hotel and marina arrangements. Make sure you mention that you are racing in the N2E.

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.

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 on-line.

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](#)

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](#)