

Newport to Ensenada Entries now over 160 Boats. Still Time to Enter. Late Entry Fee delayed until 4/10.

March 31, 2017 – Newport Beach, CA - The 70th running of the Newport to Ensenada Yacht Race is building momentum as over 160 boats have already entered. NOSA race organizers are working to have over 200 yachts participate in the 125 mile Spring Classic. There will be tough competition in the hotly contested “Fast Fifty” class which has 9 entries. And the always popular sight of the two big trimarans - Orma 60 “Mighty Merloe” and the Mod 70 “Phaedo3” - will be the last class to start. The fastest monohull is SDYC’s Steve Meheen’s RP 63 “Aszhou” rated at -132.

The NOSA Board has decided to waive the late entry fee until April 10th allowing owners who are still organizing their crews to enter.



This year’s race features three race courses with the Traditional 135-mile course, the Long Course around San Clemente as a Transpac qualifier and the 70-mile short course from San Diego for cruising class ratings over 50+ starting later in the day. Excitement is also growing over the appearance of many one-design/fleet classes such as the Schock 35, Fast 50’s, SC 70’s and J120’s all of which have the N2E as a part of their High Point Series.

Racer prepping their boats and crews also need to make sure you fill out a Race Entrant Report after registering for the race. This is a requirement from US Customs. The Form is available on-line. Packet pick-up will start the Sunday before the race at Newport Beach’s Marina Park. Check the website for other times and venues.

For Mexico, the following are 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)



Race Week Events: In addition to the open Race Week Kick-Off Party Sunday, April 23 at Marina Park where numerous activities are scheduled in the water, dockside, in the park and upstairs in the fabulous community room at the city's spectacular 10.5 acre park, there are three other events at which to celebrate and meet fellow competitors.

The annual Skippers Luncheon, a 20-plus-year NOSA tradition, takes place at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on Wednesday, April 26 at 11:30 a.m. Ullman Sails professionals will be the keynote speakers. Topics include the latest in weather forecasting, winning strategies, teamwork, safety and recognition is given to skippers who have sailed N2E more than 20 times.

Sterling BMW will host the VIP Reception enjoyed by boat owners, city officials, visiting dignitaries and sponsors Wednesday, April 26. Sterling's Newport Beach location has previously hosted memorable NOSA events. Only three crewmembers per participating boat, please. Over the past 4 years, this reception has become the primary fundraiser for the children's charities NOSA supports in Ensenada via raffle prizes and a silent auction. RSVP a must! 6:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m.

The must attend N2E event of the year, especially for sailors new to the race, is the annual Sail Away Party, Thursday, April 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Skippers, crew and invited guests can celebrate N2E #70 at the American Legion Yacht Club. The venue will offer a taco bar with flatbread pizzas along with plentiful Heinkens, Gosling's Dark & Stormy's, lively entertainment from Velvet Thunder and opportunities to win raffle prizes.

For those partaking in festivities in Ensenada, the Hotel Coral and Marina will host the Fiesta de Baja Saturday, April 29 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. The evening includes live music and strolling musicians.