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Annual Mayor's Reception Welcomes Mexican Dignitaries *Traditional event leads to the start of N2E 70!*

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., April 21, 2017 – The Newport Ocean Sailing Association is celebrating 70-years of successfully running its iconic Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race in part thanks to relationships built with officials in both namesake cities. Many of those who make sure its smooth sailing at the finish line will be in town this week to celebrate the start of the race.

But before 185-plus fleet hits the start line April 28, the dignitaries will attend several pre-race events, starting with the official Mayor's Reception April 27.

Mayor Kevin Muldoon will greet the officials that include Marco Antonio Novelo Asuna, the Mayor of Ensenada, the Director of the Port of Ensenada, Ensenada's Port Captain, the Secretary of Tourism Baja, the Director of Proturismo, the President of Ensenada's Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Consul General of Tijuana, Naval Commander and a representative of the tourism transportation board.

The reception, now a 40-year tradition will take place at the Ayres Hotel in Costa Mesa at 5 p.m.

“It is an honor to welcome the many dignitaries from Mexico to reaffirm our communities' longstanding friendship,” Mayor Kevin Muldoon stated. “Newport Beach and Ensenada are both known for their nautical heritage. This annual race has celebrated that tradition for 70 years.”

Hosting an international race, especially such a successful one over 70 years, takes months of behind-the-scenes efforts by organizers who overcome distance, language barriers and numerous changes in local, district and federal policies, procedures, laws and expectations to make sure racers at the start line simply have a fun and competitive experience.

“The cooperation and friendship of the gracious greater Ensenada area leaders are a huge reason for the prosperous continuation of a tradition that brings two nations, many businesses and many people together for one happy occasion,” said NOSA Vice Commodore Daniel Hodge. “Our race is an amazing example of how working together can bring mutual success for not only to N2E racers, but the communities of Newport Beach and Ensenada.

Following the reception, local and visiting dignitaries will attend the Commodore's Dinner aboard a Hornblower Yacht in Newport Harbor. The group traditionally watches the start of the race before returning to Ensenada in anticipation of the sailors. For media comments or questions directions or an official invitation, please contact Laurie Morrison at lmorrisonventures@gmail.com or call 310-720-9011.