



# 62nd Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race

125 nautical miles

Starts Friday, April 24, 2009

*The world's largest international yacht  
race*

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## **A full week and new start line for Newport-Ensenada**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.---For sailing aficionados filling in their 2009 calendars, the third week in April is a done deal. The Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA) is expanding its presentation of the 62nd Newport to Ensenada Race with a week-long fiesta of on-shore activities at both ends of the world's largest international yacht race---and the closest view of the starts ever offered.

The schedule not only will include more on-shore activities for the usual 3,000-plus sailors on 400 or more boats but is planned to include non-sailing family, friends and fans in special events leading to the starts on Friday, April 24, and transportation by bus or cruise ship to Ensenada for the finish.

And who says sailing isn't a spectator sport? The 100-minute starting sequence for the 125.5-nautical mile race is one of the most spectacular sights in sailing, and now the line will be set at Balboa Pier, a half-mile up the beach from the usual location, instead of immediately outside the rock jetty entrance to Newport Bay. Spectators may watch for free from the pier or a bluff above the beach farther down past the jetty.

"Sailing is a large part of the lifestyle along our coast, and now those who don't sail can really appreciate the sport by seeing the action up close," NOSA Commodore Jerry Montgomery said. "Now they can see what it's all about."

The week's activities:

Sat.-Sun., April 18-19: Feeder races.

Sun., April 19: Welcome reception at Newport Harbor Nautical Museum.

Thurs., April 23: Owners-reception at Nordstrom South Coast Plaza, 5-7 p.m.; Send-Off Fiesta reception at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club.

Friday, April 24: Spectator boats available to watch the race start; Carnival Cruise to Ensenada.

### **At Ensenada**

Saturday, April 25: Ensenada excursions. Fiesta del Vino and an Owners reception are also planned.

Sunday, April 26: Trophy presentations at Bahia Hotel.



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SevenSeasTravel.com of Long Beach is offering special passage aboard Carnival Cruise Lines' Paradise, leaving Long Beach at 5:30 p.m. Friday a few hours after the sequence of starts for the several hundred boats that afternoon. It will arrive in Ensenada at 9 a.m. Saturday, with time for celebrating the race and a day tour of the Ensenada area before departing that evening. The Paradise will arrive back in Long Beach at 8 a.m. Monday.

Rates start at \$289 per person with double occupancy. A \$9 fuel surcharge per person/per day has been waived.

Participants will be able to watch the starts off the entrance to Newport Bay from viewpoints on land or from the water on board actor George C. Scott's former yacht, the Mojo, for \$50 extra. The latter then will proceed by bus (included in the package) to the Paradise at the cruise terminal in Long Beach and depart for Ensenada. They will probably arrive the next morning in time to welcome most of the fleet, depending on wind conditions.

Activity schedule and pricing details at [SevenSeasTravel.com](http://SevenSeasTravel.com) or 800.951.5581.

An alternative offered by NOSA will be transportation from Newport Beach to Ensenada by tour bus following the starts and returning Sunday. Details are still being developed.

The plans are designed not only to enhance the race experience but to ease concerns about security in driving to Mexico, although there have been no reported incidents involving U.S. citizens driving past Tijuana at the border and on to Ensenada and returning after the race weekend.

The Hyatt Regency Newport Beach is offering a special room rate of \$139 per night per person for the days leading up to and through the Ensenada starts, April 15-28.

To view video and see more information: [NOSA](#)

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Newport Beach, an opulent seaside community located on the Orange County coastline between Los Angeles and San Diego, epitomizes the quintessential Southern California lifestyle. Known for its picturesque views of the Pacific and one of the world's largest small yacht harbors, the city is acclaimed for its beaches, yachting community, sophisticated atmosphere, international film festival, three annual epicurean festivals and the oldest holiday boat parade in the nation. Newport Beach was named "one of the top 10 resort towns in the U.S." by AOL Travel in 2008. For more information, call (800) 94-COAST or [visit online](#)

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