

TESTIMONIALS and ARTICLES

From Sandy Sinclair:

Dear fellow sailors...from Barra de Navadad, MX, on board "Vianne" my Beneteau 47.

I want to alert you to a fabulous opportunity to expand your horizons and enjoy a taste of extended cruising by taking part in next year's Marina del Rey to Puerto Vallarta Race.

In 1996 as a new member of Del Rey Yacht Club, I attended the first of the PV97 seminars. I was fascinated and a bit intimidated by the possibility of taking such a huge step knowing that my experience to date had involved only local coastal and Catalina Island sailing. During that session, I spoke to several veterans of the PV race, and began to realize that this was something I might be able to do. I began to explore the possibility of taking this giant step. The primary issues to be faced were our personal time restraints, boat preparation, and my sailing experience.

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Gentlemen, start your engines

By Kimball Livingston Posted June 17, 2009 [AS SEEN IN SAIL MAGAZINE WEBSITE](#)

Peter Noonan helms Defiance into the Gulf of California
Photo by Kimball Livingston

"Transform" is an Action Word

You have to love an ocean race that offers not one but two fleet doctors, and they're both psychiatrists. But, crazy like a fox is the heart of the matter when it comes to organizing Marina del Rey-Puerto Vallarta.

We're talking 1,125 miles, from Southern California to a favored destination on mainland Mexico. Left Coast sailors love this stuff—odds are it's downwind and warmer by the mile—but this is a crowded "market." When Del Rey Yacht Club started losing world-beater entries to competing events, they transformed their "PV Race" into a cruiser race with stopovers. And therein hangs our tale.

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Peter Noonan helms

Defiance into the

PAST PARTICIPANT 2009

From: Byron@
To: Tomredler@aol.com
Sent: 1/30/2010 5:55:34 A.M. Pacific Standard Time
Subj: Puerto Vallarta

Hi Tom:

It is hard to believe it has been a year since the start of the race! All of us aboard Rose of Sharon had a wonderful time, met some great people who will remain lifetime friends. I wanted to again say thank you, to you, Peggy, your race committee and compliment you on overcoming last minute obstacles, such as escort vessel.

It was a wonderful time which will be remembered by all of us aboard Rose of Sharon. The tears flowed freely as we went our different ways after the trophy presentation and dinner.

Thank you again Tom.

Byron

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