

Marina Del Rey to Puerto Vallarta International Race Series

Not just another race event

A Truly Exciting Life Experience

If you are a frequent gung-ho long distance racer or would like to become a competent bluewater cruiser, then this race series is for you. Instead of racing past some of the most beautiful destinations that Mexico has to offer, this series allows you to stop at three picturesque anchorages down Baja, then on to Puerto Vallarta, all the while enjoying fabulous on-shore parties and the opportunity to swap stories and share in camaraderie with your fellow sailors and competitors. You will have the opportunity to compete in the four exciting races, and to win four separate trophies, including an overall winner in each class.

If you are a fervent weekend racer and think Ensenada is not a true test, then this race series is for you. The first race finish is at Turtle Bay. This is 422nm from the start at Santa Monica Bay and takes just under 3 days. Relax in Turtle Bay and enjoy the 1st Awards Party. The next race is to Santa Maria Bay about 224nm (lots of whales to see along the way) for the 2nd Awards Party. The third race is from

Bahia Santa Maria to a Finish Point near the marina at San Jose del Cabo 176nm and enjoy the new marina for a layover and party. The final race is to Puerto Vallarta 286nm and you have the time of your life crossing the Sea of Cortez. P.V. includes three full days of parties, fun, and a Mexican Fiesta Trophy presentation.

If you are a to-and-from Catalina Island cruising sailor with dreams of venturing further, then this race series is for you. You do not need a high tech, tricked-out boat (not even a spinnaker) to participate in the Salsa Verde Division. Three enjoyable and informative preparation seminars will provide you with the necessary information and guidance to equip your boat and plan your voyage. Twice daily communication with a well-equipped escort vessel, and with the other race participants, provides safety and security. The frequent contact with the fleet at sea and at on-shore parties, plus the beauty of the anchorages and the majesty of the marine life, make this a race series that will leave you with memories that will last a lifetime.

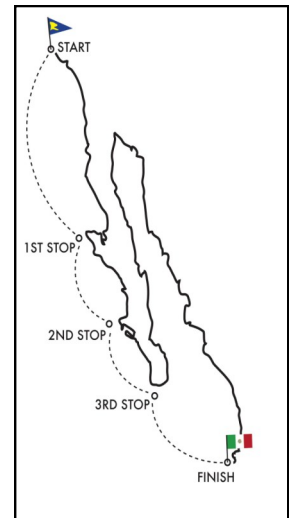
THE FOUR RACES

Race #1 is from Marina del Rey to a finish off Turtle Bay, a distance of 422 nm (around 2 ½ days). You can choose to turn around and sail home or stay in Turtle Bay for the Parties and Trophy Presentation for Race #1. Enjoy the fun at Turtle Bay.

Race #2 is from Turtle Bay to Santa Maria with the finish near Bahia Santa Maria at 224 nm. Once anchored in beautiful Santa Maria, enjoy the visiting whales, dolphins, and other marine life up close. There's party time, with great food and entertainment provided by Mag Bay Outfitters, and trophies presented.

Race #3 is from Santa Maria to a finish just off San Jose del Cabo at 176 nm...just around the bend from Cabo San Lucas. The San Jose del Cabo Marina is new, beautiful, and a fun place to enjoy your layover.

Race #4 is from San Jose del Cabo to Puerto Vallarta at 286 nautical miles. The Finish is near the Puerto Vallarta Main Harbor Entrance where a complimentary slip awaits you very near to our home base hotel. Your family and friends can greet you at the finish, and then join you and your crew at the welcome parties, and the grand finale; the gala Awards Presentation and Fiesta.



RACING DIVISIONS

***SALSA ROJA Division** - Classes will be scored using PHRF off-wind course (OWC) ratings for all 4 races. Spinnakers are allowed.

***SALSA VERDE Division** - Classes will use a unique handicapping system that is adjusted after the first three races. Spinnaker poles are not permitted. Asymmetric spinnakers (Gennakers) may be flown.

