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**Update #3:**

**2024 CCA International Cruise to the Sea of Cortez – May 3-12, 2024**

We don't know about you, but we're really getting excited to get sailing in the Sea of Cortez in early May! Your co-chairs visited Loreto in late January and came back with a sailbag of new information, most of which was shared at our Cruise Kick-Off Reception held at Balboa Yacht Club on January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you couldn't make the reception, you can see the presentation we shared at the official cruise web site located here <https://cruisingclub.org/event/sea-cortez-international-cruise>.

Our current count for cruise yachts is 12, which includes both private and charter yachts and we'll have roughly 60 participants. We checked with Dream Yacht Charters just a few days ago, and there are still a few charter yachts available for those that are still considering joining us.

**Big news!** Official cruise logo wear is now available to purchase directly through Team One Newport!

To access the logo wear site,

- *Log into [cruisingclub.org](https://cruisingclub.org)*
- *Click [Member Links](#)*
- *Click [The Member Store](#)*
- *Click [the link for Team One Newport](#)*
- *Click [the link for Sea of Cortez](#)*

**Order very early to ensure delivery in time for the cruise.**

Note you must be a CCA member to log into the site

One of the critical items we resolved during our January trip south was arrangements for the fleet for the night of May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Marina Puerto Escondido. Dan's been in touch with all skippers and is busy coordinating a med-tie raft up on the long dock with harbormaster Javier Fuyertes and his team. If you have any questions, please check with Dan.

Private yacht owners should have already made arrangements for their berthing in La Paz at the end of the cruise. If you have not done so and need assistance, please reach out to Dan.

Charter boat skippers should already have been in touch with Dream Yacht Charters to complete all their pre-charter information including sailing resumes and crew rosters. And for many of us, we have charter booking payments due in early March.

For those of you flying into Mexico, **if you haven't already made airline reservations, you should look into it ASAP.** There are limited options flying into Loreto and La Paz and they tend to fill up quickly at this time of year.

Orders may take up to 30 business days to ship. You can add a custom name to the order for an additional \$10.00. All custom names use white thread on dark and navy/black on light, and are in a caplet bold font. Items with custom names cannot be returned or exchanged. Please call (401)-947-4327 with any questions.

CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Add Logo to Other Products Item # CCAS24008 \$12.00	CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Men's Cotton Polo Item # CCAS24009 \$39.00	CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Women's Cotton Polo Item # CCAS24010 \$39.00	CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Men's Short-Sleeve Tech Tee Item # CCAS24011 \$29.00
CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Women's Short-Sleeve Tech Tee Item # CCAS24012 \$29.00	CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Men's Long-Sleeve Tech Tee Item # CCAS24013 \$39.00	CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Women's Long-Sleeve Tech Tee Item # CCAS24014 \$39.00	CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Men's Tech Hoodie Item # CCAS24015 \$39.00
CCA Sea of Cortez Cruise 2024 - Women's Tech Hoodie Item # CCAS24016 \$39.00			

We also checked out local hotels while in Loreto. If you're flying into Loreto and looking to book a hotel, there are a few of us who have already booked the night of May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the [Loreto Bay Resort](#). The [Hotel Tripui](#) located right outside the marina is also a good choice that offers 10% off for booking direct. And in downtown Loreto, there are a number of nice hotels including [La Mision Hotel](#).

Also, if you plan to stay an extra day or so after the cruise, please consider the [Hotel Indigo](#) at the Costa Baja Marina. They've offered a discounted rate for our participants and they too are filling up fast. Discount code is -G04- and their phone number is +52 612 1236004.

We're busy working on a cruise book which will be available online soon. It'll provide more details about provisioning, ground transportation, fishing licenses, itinerary, what to expect and more.

Lastly, as we mentioned at the Kick-Off Reception, ultimately, we are targeting total cruise participation costs at \$200-250 per person, and we're working with CCA National to set up a website to collect fees. Initially, we are asking participants for a non-refundable deposit of \$150 per head by the end of this month. More details to come very shortly as we coordinate with our local treasurer Dave Cort.

#### **To Do Checklist:**

- Visit the [official cruise web page](#)
- Book airfare and hotels if needed
- Book marina space in La Paz if private yacht
- Check all crew passports for expiration dates (need to be at least 6 months beyond return)
- Order cruise logo wear from Team One Newport
- Confirm crew and pay participant deposits online (once site is up and running)
- Confirm pre-charter information and pay charter fee balances if chartering
- Order [Sea of Cortez: A Cruiser's Guidebook, 4th Edition](#) if desired

We will continue to keep you updated with regular cruise communications until we meet in the Sea of Cortez in early May, and we're hoping to have a virtual cruise pre-meeting in March via Zoom.

Meantime, feel free to reach out directly to either of us with questions or visit the cruise web page at <https://cruisingclub.org/event/sea-cortez-international-cruise>.

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