

April 23, 2024

Update #6:

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



We're getting excited! Just a little over a week until we finally get this cruise launched! Here's a few more updates for you...

WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANTS!

Just added to SoCal Station Rear Commodore James Eddy's boat are Chris and Bobbi Jones. Welcome! We look forward to cruising with you!

FINAL PAYMENTS:

We've calculated the final estimated costs and our CCA webmaster has graciously created a new cruise organization tool to help us collect fees and information. All skippers should have received an e-mail link from the CCA webmaster to the new cruise hub at <https://cruisingclub.com/product/101>. Looks like many of you have already visited the site and we appreciate it! For those who haven't yet done so, we need your help THIS WEEK to pay your final cruise fees.

The final estimated cost is \$250 per person, so since all of you have already paid your initial deposit, we need to collect another \$100 per person prior to the cruise. This should cover all fiestas and organizational expenses, and if there's anything left over, we'll coordinate refunds.

CRUISE ROSTER:

We'd also like to be sure we have confirmed contact info for all cruise participants. Skippers – please send me via e-mail a list of your crew with e-mail addresses and cellphone numbers so we can include them in the roster. This'll help us all contact each other during and after the cruise.

RUM KEG CRISIS:

Per CCA tradition, we'll need Mt. Gay and Goslings to fill the rum keg and these two fine rums are nearly impossible to get in Mexico. Per Rum Keg Chairman Ric Sanders, we're close to having enough rum committed for delivery south, but if you can help shepherd some 1.75 liter bottles of these rums in your luggage, please connect with Ric directly at rsandersemail@gmail.com to coordinate.

CRUISE GUIDEBOOK:

Thanks to all of you who contributed some great information to the guidebook. It's still in progress, but at Commodore Gowell's suggestion, we posted the draft version on the cruise event page at <https://cruisingclub.org/event/sea-cortez-international-cruise>. Please take a look and let us know if there are any suggestions to improve the book. Once complete, the final version will be available on the website and you'll receive a printed copy in your welcome packets.

MARINA PUERTO ESCONDIDO ARRANGEMENTS:

Dan's been working on final arrangements for the med-tie at Puerto Escondido and has emailed the skippers with details. Please carefully review Dan's e-mail from Tuesday, April 9 and respond accordingly. Anything we can do to help the Marina Puerto Escondido manage our check-in process better will be appreciated. Any questions, please reach out to Dan.

PROVISIONING IN LORETO - TRANSPORTATION:

We've made arrangements with Outpost Adventures at Marina Puerto Escondido for a 12-passenger van to be available on Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th for trips back and forth to Loreto for provisioning. We'll be coordinating a signup process as the day gets closer.

CRUISE LOGO WEAR:

If you haven't already done so, you can still order official cruise logo wear directly through Team One Newport. Our crew already received our gear and it looks great!

To access the logo wear site,

- *Log into cruisingclub.org*
- *Click Member Links*
- *Click The Member Store*
- *Click the link for Team One Newport*
- *Click the link for Sea of Cortez*

It may still be possible to get gear prior to the cruise, but you can always get it afterwards!

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

FUN & GAMES?:

We're still on the hunt for someone (or a crew of someone's) who'd be interested in organizing a cruise game or two. Some thoughts are Sea of Cortez bingo or trivia, beach games, etc. Please let us know if you're interested in organizing something fun or have some ideas.

TO DO CHECKLIST:

- *[Pay participant final payments online](#)*
- *[Send Gary your crew contact info – names, emails, phone numbers](#)*
- *[Coordinate payment for Puerto Escondido med-tie with Wendy Cuellar](#)*
- *Visit the [official cruise web page](#)*
- *Order cruise logo wear from Team One Newport*
- *Order [Sea of Cortez: A Cruiser's Guidebook, 4th Edition](#) if desired*
- *Stop, stay calm and get cruising!*

We will continue to keep you updated with any critical cruise communications until we meet in the Sea of Cortez. 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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