



February 18th, 2010

Cabo Participants,

We are a little over a month away from the start of the race.

Remember that all of the following information (plus some!) is posted on our website www.balboayachtclub.com under "Cabo 2010". (if you just scroll down the home page of the site you will see the race logo, as seen at the top of this email). If you click on that it will take you to all the important info you are looking for!

Deadlines!

February 28th is the deadline for rating certificates, classes entered and initial crew lists. Skippers/owners – when you registered online there should have been an area that allows you to "invite" your crew onto your page to enter their information. If you have not done that yet, please do so soon. As far as rating certificates go – do not panic if you haven't received yours yet. We have been in touch with US Sailing and they have assured us they are doing their best to get them back to everyone by the end of the month.

You can either email or fax your rating certificates to: sailing@balboayachtclub.com or fax: 949-673-8937 (attn: Becky)

Customs

I have been getting some questions regarding the customs packet. Here are a couple of the most common questions/answers:

Question #1: Cabo is not listed as a port of entry. What do I do?

Answer: According to Victor down in Cabo – "*you can use Ensenada BCS*"

Question #2: I don't recall there ever being a need for an import permit. Why do we need one now?

Answer: Also according to Victor – "*The import permit has always been a requirement when entering Mexico for the past 6 years,, but they were not enforcing it very well,, plus on previous races there was no way of getting them unless boats stopped in Ensenada,, but now they are available online making it easier to get,, they are good for 10 years so they can reuse for next races..*"

If you have any other questions please contact BYC member Bob Stevens, bob.stevens@att.net

Host Hotel: Tesoro Hotel

If you have not made reservations yet at our host hotel please do so soon! ***If you have made your reservations please let me know how many rooms you reserved so we can keep track.***

Go to this link for reservations with the special regatta rates:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=18721&Chain=5150&group=YACHT>

For more information on the hotel visit their website: <http://www.tesororesorts.com/wmspage.cfm?parm1=82>

Any other questions regarding your reservations at the Tesoro please contact: Maria at govejero@tesororesorts.com

Featured Hotel: Pueblo Bonito

The Pueblo Bonito, where we will be finishing the race, has put together some special rates for our competitors and guests. If you haven't already made arrangements please check out the attached information.

Marina

Don't forget to make your reservations for a spot down in Cabo! <http://www.igy-cabosanlucas.com/marina/>. I have posted prices on the website that include a special discount. Make sure you mention you are part of the race for that special rate and to make sure your slip is with the rest of the group. If you have any problems contact the Office Manager, Norma Flores: normaf@cabomarina.com.mx

Pre Race Docking Arrangements

I'm beginning to take reservations for dock space here at BYC prior to the race so if you know when you will be bringing your boat in please let me know. We do plan to med tie the boats at our main dock once we get a few of you down here. *There will be no dockage fee for the week prior to the race!*

Apparel

We have just posted a link to the 2010 Cabo Race apparel. We have all sorts of items available for pre order. We are going to have a fairly limited supply of apparel down here at BYC prior to the race so if you are planning to buy a bunch of swag for your crew you should probably do so ahead of time.

Gear Transport

Joe and Laura Neale will be helping out again with gear transport down to Cabo. They are planning on being here at BYC on Saturday, March 20th for pickup. Their information letter and authorization form are posted on our website. Make sure you contact them directly for arrangements.

Transponders

We will be using iBoat transponders once again for the race. We will be covering the cost of the transponders but need you to put down your credit cards for a deposit. We already have that deposit form available on the website so feel free to fill that out and get that taken care of when you have a spare moment. For more information on iBoat visit their website: <http://www.iboatrack.com/racetracking.html>

If you have any questions on any of the information discussed in this email please do not hesitate to contact me!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

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