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### Balboa Yacht Club Announces New Dates for The 2010 Corona del Mar to Cabo Race

#### March 26 & 27, 2010 Dates Are Set

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CORONA DEL MAR, Calif.---The Balboa Yacht Club today announced new dates for its 2010 Corona del Mar to Cabo San Lucas Race. The race will start one week later than initially scheduled on Friday, March 26, for smaller boats and Saturday, March 27, for the larger premier classes.

Awards will be presented in Cabo San Lucas on Thursday, April 1. The new dates were selected to allow participants to do as much racing in Mexico as possible by avoiding a conflict with the MEXORC regatta and also allowing the boats enough time to return north for the start of the Newport to Ensenada Race on April 23.

“The Cabo Race has become a major West Coast event and we want to keep the race open to as many boats as possible,” race chair Paul Loubet said.

Loubet also indicated that the race is in final stages of being able to announce a major sponsorship deal, which will create an even greater experience for the racers. There were 37 starters two years ago, and Balboa YC has already received interest from more than 25 boats, indicating that the final entry list will top 40.

The list includes some notables. There is Sabrina, Chris Calkins' 50-year-old wooden 50-footer from San Diego that in 2008 was the overall winner on corrected handicap time under all three systems employed in the race---PHRF, IRC and ORR---and also the first to finish in Class D.

Another wooden boat is Chris Welsh's much traveled, 45-year-old Spencer 65, Ragtime, overall winner of the 2008 Los Angeles to Tahiti Race and a few months later winner of its division as the only American entry in the Sydney-Hobart Race. Also, there is radio talk hostess Dr. Laura Schlessinger, sailing her J/125, Warrior.

The race will be scored under ORR/PHRF and IRC handicap systems.

The deadline for entries is Feb. 1. Early entrants will receive a discount on their fees.

Complete information, Notice of Race and entry information can be found at [www.balboayachtclub.com](http://www.balboayachtclub.com) or by calling the race administrator at 949.673.3515.

In the past couple of years both Balboa Yacht Club and Newport Harbor Yacht Club have generated a great deal of interest in this increasingly popular race. Race records have been set the last two years due to favorable winds at that time of year. Want to experience a feel for it? The race page also has links to 2008 onboard video shot by several boats.

BYC Rear Commodore Peter Bretschger said, "This is one of those great races to participate in because the crews can get down and back all within a week."

Bretschger has entered his J-120 Adios and looks forward to racing in the competitive Fast 40 class that is forming.

The race will be tracked online with onboard transponders that allow people to follow individual boats on the Internet with position updates every two hours.

Loubet said, "With the early start for the smaller boats, we expect most boats to finish on Tuesday."

Current planning includes moving the finish line up to Cabo Falso, a sendoff party on March 25, a special pre-race party for the racers on Wednesday and a winner's reception on Thursday, April 1.