This is a guide to help you plan, provision and prepare for a safe and pleasant voyage. We don’t expect you will want or need everything listed here. It is intended only to provoke your thoughts and jog your memory. Also supporting you, the San Diego Marine Exchange family of stores offers more resources and competitive pricing for the boat parts and cruising supplies you may need – and we will serve you worldwide with phone, email, and online-shopping convenience too.

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Please send us any corrections and/or info that will improve this Guide!
Please e-mail your guide corrections to: cruiserinfo@downwindmarine.com

Check this place for any major changes we make to this edition of Cruising DOWNWIND: We depend on Cruisers for input! We call attention to this “inside cover page” of our printed Guide - as online we will use this space of the Guide for all notice of revision with any updated text or info we have to share. Note that our Online Version will be corrected with these updates throughout the year whenever warranted. Any revised online edition will then be noted by a new edition date on the front cover.

Check this place too for updates we make to Net Broadcast Time & Frequencies: These tend to change a bit with time as most cruisers have experienced and understand – but usually the change is not a huge variation. Sometimes it’s just a little late or sometimes the net moves up or down the band a bit depending on QRM or QRN conditions. Whenever you can’t find a specific net running on our posted schedule, ask other cruisers where to find it, or listen for it somewhere within our posted time and/or frequency – it’s usually not far away. If the change is significant then it needs to be corrected so let us know!!

(For more on cruiser-net schedules we maintain see Pages 10 and 15 of this Guide – also open our web site Links Page for more worldwide net schedules and scroll down to Marine Communications.)

***Net Schedule Change Reported***
1-15-2017 - Mark Coll aboard S/V Capaz in Tenacatita reports change in frequency for Amigo Net from 4149.0 to 4146.0 – still at 14:00Z

Important Net Schedules:
Remember our area’s VHF Morning Cruiser Net Schedule for cruisers’ connection: 0830 Mon-Fri CH 68. Downwind Marine will now only monitor this local cruiser’s net on CH 68 weekdays in San Diego. We will not broadcast but hope cruisers will still use this forum as needed, especially once you all start gathering during cruising season in our Port or nearby bays – so fire up your vessel’s radio at 0830 Mon-Fri and check in yourselves to discuss your cruising needs and share information! Also we welcome all to gather any Wednesday @10AM at Sailing Supply/Downwind Marine for Buddy Boat Meetings with free coffee and donuts.

NOTE: If changes occur in the above local net schedule, PLEASE let us know to help share the new information!

PLEASE keep the net corrections coming! Let us know what has changed and we will post your correction on this page of the online version.

Find the latest boater’s guide published by the Govt. of Mexico - full of useful information supplied to us from our friends at Paradise Village Marina in Puerto Vallarta – includes a Directory of Mexican Marinas. Use this link to download their publication: http://www.paradisevillagemarina.com/BoatingInMexico.pdf

Find other great links to cruiser information on our website – just hit our online Links Tab or use this link: http://www.downwindmarine.com/links/links.html

Note that many more Area Cruiser Nets (i.e. Southbound, Baja and Sonrisa Nets) are now maintaining extensive websites! We recommend that you search out these websites and the informative links found on them wherever you are cruising as they are usually most relevant to any and all cruisers and way too much info for us to keep updated from San Diego!

< This 2016 Cruising DOWNWIND is dedicated to all sailors in memory of a wonderful friend >

He loved the fun of sailing – may his joyful spirit remain on the water and in our hearts.
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OTHER USEFUL S.D. CONTACT INFO

San Diego Unified Port Authority
(619) 686-6200  M-F 8AM-5PM
https://www.portofsandiego.org/

Report Water Pollution
1-800-424-8802

Coast Guard Information
1-800-366-5647 (8-4 EST)
http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/

Coast Guard Safety Hotline
1-800-323-7233 (National)
1-800-246-7236 (Western area)
Search & Rescue 24 hrs:
(619) 295-3121

U.S. Customs & Border Protection
(619) 685-4300 Ext 4 - www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel
U.S. Customs/Agricultural Inspection & Immigration Clearance

24-Hr Police Dock - Shelter Island
(619) 686-6272

San Diego Harbor Police Bay Control
(619) 686-6227 (Guest Anchorages)

San Diego Mooring Company
(619) 291-0916

DMV – San Diego
3960 Normal Rd. (Hillcrest Office)
1-800-777-0133

Donna Jenkins
Maritime Document Services
1050 Rosecrans Street
(619) 223-2279 – www.donajenkins.com

FUEL OR PUMP-OUT FACILITIES

Harbor Island West Fuel Dock
2040 Harbor Island Drive
Fuel, Pump-out, Oil Change
(619) 291-6443

High Seas Fuel Dock
2540 Shelter Island Drive
Fuel, Pump-out, Oil Change
(619) 523-2980

Pearson’s Chevron Fuel Dock
2435 Shelter Island Drive
Fuel, Pump-out, ALSO CNG/LPG
(619) 222-7084

BOAT YARDS AND SERVICE

Driscoll Custom Boatworks
2500 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 226-2500 – www.driscollinc.com

Driscoll Mission Bay Boat Yard
1500 Quivira Way
(619) 221-8456 – www.driscoll-boatyards.com

Koehler Kraft
2302 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 222-9051 – www.koehlerkraft.com

Marine Group Boat Works
(formerly South Bay Boat Yard)
997 ‘G’ Street, Chula Vista
(619) 427-6767 – www.marinegroupbw.com
(formerly Knight & Carver Yacht Ctr)
1313 Bay Marina Drive, National City
(619) 336-4141 – www.marinegroupbw.com

Nielson & Beaumont
2420 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 222-4255 – www.nielsonbeaumont.com

Shelter Island Boat Yard/Yachtwys
2330 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 222-0455 – Monitors VHF 16 / 68

San Diego Harbor Moorage
See Page 25 for more info on harbor anchoring, moorings and transient slips.

San Diego Harbor Yacht Clubs
(These yacht clubs offer reciprocal slip privilege to members of similar clubs.)

Chula Vista Yacht Club
642 Marina Parkway #83, Chula Vista
(619) 422-7888 – www.cvyc.org

Coronado Cays Yacht Club
30 Caribe Cay Blvd North, Coronado
(619) 429-0133 – www.ccyc.org

Coronado Yacht Club
1631 Strand Way, Coronado
(619) 435-1848 – www.coronadoyc.org

San Diego Yacht Club
1101 Anchorage Lane, San Diego
(619) 221-8400 – www.sdyc.org

Silver Gate Yacht Club
2091 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego
(619) 222-1214 – www.sgycc.org

Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough, San Diego
(619) 222-0438 – www.southwesternyc.org

San Diego Harbor Marinas

Bay Club Hotel & Marina
2131 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 224-8888 – www.bayclubhotel.com

Cabrillo Isle Marina
1450 Harbor Island Drive
(619) 297-6222 – www.cabrilloisle.com

California Yacht Marina
640 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista
(619) 422-2595 – www.cymchulavista.com

Chula Vista Marina
550 Marina Parkway
(619) 691-1860 – www.chulavistamarina.com

Driscoll Wharf
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(619) 222-4930 – www.driscollinc.com

Driscoll Mission Bay Marina
1500 Quivira Way
(619) 221-8456 – www.driscoll-boatyards.com

Glorietta Bay Marina
1715 Strand Way, Coronado
(619) 435-5203

Gold Coast Anchorage
2353 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 225-0588

Half Moon Marina
2323 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 224-3401

Harbor Island West Marina
2040 Harbor Island Drive
(619) 291-6440 – www.haborislandwest.com

Koehler Kraft Marina
2302 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 222-9051 – www.koehlerkraft.com

Kona Kai Marina
1551 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 224-7547 – www.konakaimarina.com

Marriott Marina
1715 Strand Way, Coronado
(619) 224-3401

Marina Cortez
1880 Harbor Island Drive
(619) 291-5985 – www.marinaortez.com

Pier 32 Marina
3201 Marina Way, National City
1-800-729-7547 – www.pier32marina.com

Shelter Cove Marina
2240 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 224-2471 – www.sheltercovemarina.com

Shelter Island Marina
2071 Shelter Island Drive
(619) 223-0301 – www.islandpalms.com

Sun Harbor Marina
5000 North Harbor Drive #200
(619) 222-1167 – www.sun-harbor.com

Sunroad Resort Marina
955 Harbor Island Drive #100
(619) 574-0736 – http://sdmarina.com/
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Fall Cruising Seminars & Events
Free Mail/Parcel Collection & Holding

NOTE: We must return Rx Drug Deliveries
Mail Forwarding (Letters only - NO parcels)

DEFINITION: “MAIL” includes standard post of letters and parcels. NOTE!! We can no longer include Rx medicine due to liability, and we will not accept or forward any packages from other vendors of products we sell at our store. Pls. don’t send these items and make us refuse your shipment.

FOR LETTER MAIL: DOWNWIND MARINE appreciates the importance of news from home. However, we don’t have the time or personnel to sort and identify single pieces of mail that are incorrectly or insufficiently addressed (often requiring radio inquiries) for the 800-plus vessels cruising the Sea of Cortez and west coast of Mexico with one or more persons onboard. PLEASE have your friends and family back home put all your mail in a manila envelope once a month or so, then LABEL WITH YOUR BOAT NAME and YOUR NAME, and we will gladly forward this to you expeditiously by other cruising folks who are headed your way by car, plane, or boat. Please try by some method to update your address for us whenever you change your boat location or want us to hold mail while you relocate - if not we will send to your last known location.

Mail we cannot forward within 90 days will be sent back to sender.

FOR PARCELS: Please note that the major shipping companies, (UPS, FedEX, etc.) find it easier now to do business in Mexico and will make timely parcel deliveries to you. Also many Freight Forwarders in our area will carry these items. Contact any of them for delivery of important documents too, like Boat Papers or Passports that you want forwarded to your boat in Mexico. We offer to hold these for you temporarily but you must make arrangements with such shippers for pick-up & delivery of such documents with the safe, priority service that only professional shippers can provide.

Note: Our special cruiser service known as the “BAJA EXPRESS” is now retired, effective July 1, 2010. After much deliberation, we find we have to discontinue the practice of asking our cruising customers to transport any parcels south for other cruisers. Due to procedural changes in Mexican Customs, we find there are fewer customers who are willing to carry packages into Mexico, even for other cruisers. Specifically the Customs Officials often require that Duty be paid on any merchandise that is not specifically listed on the Temporary Import Permit of the person carrying it and no one wants to be stuck with the Duty required on products they hold for someone else. Instead we ask that you check out UPS and FedEX here too, and arrange for the delivery of any of those special parcels, like Christmas presents from family or friends! We’ll be using them too when you skype or email an order to us for boat parts or cruising supplies. Just give us a secure destination like a boat marina, or trusted cruiser’s hang like Club Cruceros, etc. and we will use the shippers you select to get your order to you too - more easily than ever before.

In addition, there are more marine stores in most major ports in Mexico that now carry an even larger selection of products you need for your cruising comfort - and in fact we often supply inventory to many of these shops... If they do not stock what you need, just ask them to special order almost any of the products we carry in any of our stores – use our web site for reference on over 21,500 items – or have them contact us directly for any boat part or merchandise you cannot find and if possible, we’ll get it to them.

Regrettably many of our old services must be phased out as they have become antiquated - but if we can help you we will. Contact us if there is a product you think we can help you find – or if we can assist your family and friends in contacting you while you cruise. We hope you have a wonderful cruising adventure and we send our best wishes to every cruiser out there doing what we would so much like to be doing too!

MOREHELPFULINFO...
State Attorney for Protection of Tourists (in San Diego):
(619) 299-8518 or (619) 298-4140
Mexican Consulate General in San Diego:
(619) 231-8414
Mexican Fisheries: (CONPESCA) in San Diego
(619) 233-4324
Consumer Protection in Mexico: (PROFECO) (weblink) www.profeco.gob.mx/Servicio s/quejas_denun.asp
Lee’s Pick for Travel Advice: www.mexperience.com/

LOCAL VHF RADIO SCHEDULES
San Diego VHF Cruisers’ Net Ch. 68 0830 / Monday-Friday
MARINE SSB NETS – See Page 10
We monitor VHF but with lack of calls, we have discontinued our monitoring of marine SSB. Still check our list of nets that do!

SAILMAIL by RADIO
Please ask us about ways to set up your Ham/SSB radios for e-mail use because this will help you connect to your family & friends, plus help you send us orders for more gear!

CRUISER GATHERING
SAILING SUPPLY/DOWNWIND MARINE hosts a Buddy Boat Get-Together each and every Wednesday morning (10 AM) with fresh coffee and donuts! Come meet other cruisers and discuss issues of interest or concern! Learn where other boats are heading and why!
OUR CREW’S CRUISERS’ CHECKLIST

The Crew at Sailing Supply/Downwind Marine provides the following list for best suggestions of gear to stock for passage making. We also recommend that all boats carry both the owner’s manual and service manual plus parts list (with part# if available) for all equipment & electronics you routinely use or need onboard.

SAFETY

1. TOP ESSENTIALS: Life Raft sized for entire crew, an EPIRB and a pre-packed “Ditch Bag” to supply life raft in emergency.
2. Automatic Identification System (A.I.S.) installed – use to track commercial vessels’ course & speed to avoid collisions.
3. Ham Radio with Marine SSB and Pactor E-mail installed, even if there is no licensed ham operator on board. In emergency Ham will talk to anyone, for either medical or vessel assistance. Use also to monitor the maritime mobile ham nets for up-to-date news & weather even when there is no satellite coverage.
4. “Jack-Lines” installed on each side of the length of the boat.
5. Personal Flotation Device (PFD) with Safety Harness for each crew/person on board.
6. Personal Strobes & Whistles on Lanyards for each crew/person on board.
7. Man Overboard Pole with 20-feet of floating line attached to Horseshoe Buoy equipped with Sea Anchor and Man Overboard Strobe.
8. Boarding Ladder or other means to get back on board.
10. Masthead Strobe (Not legal except in an emergency).
11. Flashlight for each area of boat (with extra batteries and bulbs) or battery-less light. LED-type works great here too.
12. Powerful Spotlight or light beam gun.
13. Custom First Aid Kit (to meet personal needs, possible illness and accidental injury) plus Chlorine Bleach to sanitize water.
14. One Rigid Bucket per person (for bucket brigade).
15. Air Horn and Horn Refill Can.
16. Boom Gallows, Boom Crutch, or “Lazy Jacks” to secure boom(s) when not in use, or if /when a topping lift breaks.
17. Lead Line for soundings.
18. Anchors, Chain & Rode in multiple copies, with extra Shackles, Swivels, Seizing Wire & Chafe Gear, plus Anchor Buoy with line for quick deployment in emergency.

Anchoring Note: A proficient anchor system is your best insurance. Have different anchors and anchoring gear on board to be able to leave one or two behind in a hurry and still have enough left to securely anchor again. One monster “Storm Hook” is advisable—but not too big (!) – be able to carry on deck and deploy.

MAINTENANCE & DAMAGE CONTROL

1. Electrical Wire, Solder, Connectors, Tape, etc.
2. Silicone Spray Lubricant (eg. Tri-Flow PTFE, Lanocote) and Engine Starting Fluid.
3. Fin, Mask, Snorkel & Hol-Tite Handle for in-water hull or prop work (also wet suit & weight belt are really useful here).
4. Spares – Zinc Plates, Collars & Pencils for electrolysis control as needed, including use in cooling system.
5. Fiberglass Material & Tape, plus resin and catalyst.
7. Splash Zone or “Poxy-Putty” (both slow cure and fast cure) for underwater repair, plus Bedding Compound (Dolfinite).
8. Spares – Fuses and/or Circuit Breakers.
9. 3M Scotch-Brite Pads for “boatwork”, plus Sandpaper (wet/dry), Paint & Varnish, Primer, Thinner, and Brushes.
11. Small Whisk Broom, Dust Pan, and/or 12-Volt Vacuum.
12. Canvas Squares for use as collision mat.
13. Plywood (as large as you can stow) for emergency hull and cabin side repair, plus large nails.
14. Wood 2x4’s (as large as you can stow) plus Large Hose Clamps for splitting spars and other emergency repair.
15. Assortment of Fasteners – nuts, bolts and screws, etc.
16. Emergency Marine SSB and/or Ham Antenna.
17. Metal Primer & Acid-Etch – keep safely stored.
18. Rubber “True Plugs” and/or Tapered Plugs (wood bungs) with “Stay Afloat” Bee’s Wax – keep plugs dry but as handy to thru-hulls as possible.
19. Expanded Inflatable Repair Kit, to include glue, hull fabric, valves, chemicals, etc.

MECHANICAL

Check with your engine maker or its distributor for a list of recommended spare parts to maintain onboard.

1. Spares Kits – for all Pumps on board including Pressure, Hand and Bilge Bumps with extra impellers as applicable.
2. Spares Kit – for Engine Raw Water Pump, all parts plus extra impellers and complete backup pump.
3. Spares – for Stove, include Burner(s) and/or parts for stove.
4. Spares – for Head, all parts plus extra joker valves and packing.
5. Spare Bulbs for running lights and cabin lights, plus a switch or two. Try replacement LED bulbs in your fixtures!
6. Spares – for Oil Lamps, include Chimneys, Wicks, Mantles and Burners, plus extra Paraffin Oil.
7. Batteries for everything using them.
8. Water-Separating Fuel Filter Funnel.
10. Fuel Additive(s) for fungus prevention and water absorption.
12. Spare Oil Filter Cartridges and Oil, enough oil for at least two oil changes and any anticipated consumption of motor.
15. Distilled Water and Salinity Tester to check quality of any distilled water before using in battery.
16. Hydrometer, Battery Filler, and Baking Soda.
17. Hose Clamps plus Assorted Fasteners – nuts, bolts, etc.
18. Volt-Ohmmeter with test leads and alligator clips.
MECHANICAL Continued:
19. Tool Kit – the biggest and best you can afford and fit onboard to also include if possible a Vacuum Gauge, Prop Puller, Drill Tapping Set, Battery-Operated Drill, & High Speed Drill Bits.
20. Gasket Material and Adhesives.
21. Spares – for Outboard, including prop, impellers, ignition parts, plugs, etc.
22. Spares – for Auto Pilot, including belt and parts.
23. Spares – Fuel Pump, Battery Switch, and Ignition Switch.
24. Spare Alternator or Generator and/or Brushes and Bearings.
25. Spare Voltage Regulator.
26. Freon Re-charge Kit (find in auto parts store), plus Refrigerator Vacuum Pump, Gauge and Dryer.

RIGGING
Check also with a Rigging Shop for any special concerns.
2. Spares – Lines for sheets, halyards and/or Wire Rope.
3. Spares – Piece of Rigging Wire (long as your longest stay).
4. Cable Clamps for every size wire on board.
5. Nicopress Tool and assortment of Nicopress Sleeves.
6. Cable Cutter (capable to cut largest diameter wire on boat).
8. Rigging Knife with Shackler for each crew member.
10. Bosun’s Chair & Tackle and/or consider a Jumar Ascending Tool.
12. Winch Handle Pockets.
13. Downwind Pole(s).
14. Mast Steps or Ratlines for spotting coral if going to South Pacific (also highly recommend Polarized Dark Sun Glasses).

COMFORT
1. Foul Weather Gear and Boots to fit everyone.
2. Hats and Croakies for everyone, with spares as needed.
3. Sunscreen for lips, nose, and skin.
4. Flip-Flops, Tennis Shoes, Heavy Boots & Reef Walkers.
5. Electric Fan(s) & Wind Scoop to fit to your front hatch!
6. Sun Awning – best if it can be left up while sailing.
8. Good Dodger and Weather Cloths.
10. Reliable Self-Steering – Wind Vane or Autopilot, or both.
11. Velcro Hatch Insect Netting and Porthole Screens.
14. Charcoal or Propane BBQ to cook outside!
15. Laundry Aids like rub board, large tub, plumber’s helper, portable wringer and clothespins, plus Tide for salt water laundry.
16. Saltwater Soap (for dishes, decks, and shampoo) – plus Hair Rinse. (Joy dishwashing soap works great in saltwater!)
17. Insulated “Travel” Mugs and Thermos Bottles – 2 or more.
18. Aluminum Foil Plates for rat guards on lines.
19. Non-skid Matting for lockers, drawers, carpet bottoms, etc.
20. Beach Towels and lightweight, fast-drying Sleeping Bags, Blankets & Pillows.

MISCELLANEOUS
1. Extra Set of Oars and/or Paddles.
2. Dark Glasses with polarized lenses necessary for spotting coral in South Pacific - and lots of extras too.
3. Jugs for Diesel, Gas and Water as needed – make sure these are well labeled (color-coded) and well secured!
5. Backpacks, Heavy Canvas Bags, Sport Bags.
7. Sparker Lighter for stove and Waterproof Matches.
8. Deck Washing Bucket – Rubber or Collapsible Canvas.
9. Funnels to fit everywhere you need.
11. Fishing Gear – Assorted Hooks, Lures, Line & Wire Leader, Shock Cord, Net or Fish Gaff, and Small Bell. Be licensed!!
12. Sharp Knives including 1 large for filleting fish & Filet Board.
14. Boat Hook(s).
15. Shock Cord – in different diameters and lots of it.
16. Tie-Down Line, 1/8” or larger – minimum 250-feet.
17. Heavy-Duty Gloves – minimum 2 pair.
18. Flags – Country Courtesy Flags for each country visited, Quarantine Flag, and one extra “Home Country Flag” (or bag of Nylon in assorted colors to make your own flags).
19. Assorted small gifts for trade, (e.g. dark glasses, printed T-shirts, any clothing from Levi Strauss.) Bring School Supplies for village kids.
20. Folding Shopping Cart.
21. Miner’s Head Lamp, 12V Drop Light and/or Lights in Engine Room – Find good LED versions to work here too!
22. Amp (or Amp Hour) Meter on ship’s main battery bank, plus Amp Meter for Alternator.
23. Hand-Held VHF radio(s).

AND THE LUXURY ITEMS……
1. Water Maker – good to have a salinity tester for this too.
2. Portable Generator, Wind/Trolling Generator, and/or Solar Panels.
3. Video or Digital Camera, Blank Tapes and Memory Cards/Sticks, VCR/DVD Player and Video Library.
4. Folding Bicycle(s).
5. Deck Wash-Down Pump.
WE STOCK A FEW BOOKS & DVDs FOR YOU & CREW

For Mexico we suggest the following will be of interest:

Spanish for Cruisers – by Kathy Parsons  (Great help when discussing boat repairs, maintenance, and shopping.)
Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish – by Margarita Madrigal
Comprehensive Guide to Marine Medicine – by Eric Weiss, M.D. & Michael Jacobs, M.D.
Advanced First Aid Afloat – by Peter Eastman, M.D.
Where There Is No Doctor – by David Werner (Hesperian Society Publication)
Donde Esta No Doctor – by David Werner (Translation in Spanish - great to have in tandem with the English version.)
The Cruising Woman's Advisor – by Diana Jessie
Cruising Cuisine – by Kay Pastorious
The Cruising Chef Cookbook – by Michael Greenwald
Mexico Boating Guide – 3rd Edition – by Captain Pat Rains
Cruising Ports: The Central American Routes – by Captain Pat Rains
MexWX: Mexico Weather for Boaters – by Captain Pat Rains
Reed's Maritime Meteorology – by Cornish & Ives
Modern Marine Weather – by Burch
Prairie Chicken Goes to Sea – by Margo Wood
Charlie's Charts – by Charles (and Margo) Wood – and newly revised by Captain Holly Scott (with Jo Russell)
Cruiser's Guidebooks: Sea of Cortez and Pacific Mexico – by Heather Bansmer & Shawn Breeding
Cruising for Cowards – by Liza Copeland

Check our website at www.downwindmarine.com for the books we carry online for Cruisers!
Also available are Books for Navigation, Ham Licensing and Code, SSB Installation and Operation, and Chart Guides.

ALSO BOOKMARK THESE MARITIME RADIO NETS IN BAJA... AND BEYOND

WE HOPE THESE ARE CURRENT BUT ALL COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED – PLEASE GET BACK TO US WITH UPDATES!
Note: Net warm-up & coordination sessions frequently begin prior to the published net opening time.

HAM NETS:
BAJA NET
7238 kHz - LSB
Daily @ 16:00Z
CHUBASCO MARITIME MOBILE
7192 kHz - LSB
Daily @14:30-14:45Z
SONRISA NET
3968.0 kHz - LSB
Daily @ 13:30Z
Weather at 14:45Z (13:45Z summer)
Contact: Geary Ritchie
email: query@saildocs.com
http://sonrisanet.org
BAJA CA MARITIME SERVICE
7233.5 kHz - LSB
Weekdays @ 15:00Z
PACIFIC SEAFARER'S NET
1430 kHz - LSB
Daily @ 03:00Z
2182 kHz
MARITIME EMERGENCY NET
14300 kHz (COVERAGE ALMOST 24/7)

MEXICAN NAVY MONITORS:
8257 kHz
12392 kHz
MEXICAN NAVY WORKING FREQUENCIES:
4366 kHz, 4419 kHz, 8768 kHz, 8780 kHz

MARINE SSB NETS:
AMIGO NET
4149 (4146) kHz USB (Primary)
6224-6227 kHz (Secondary)
Daily @ 14:00Z (then goes 8A/8B)

PAPAGAYO NET
4030 kHz / 4024 kHz – USB
Daily @ 04:30Z

PANAMA PACIFIC NET
8143 kHz – USB Daily @ 14:00Z
Alternative: 8137, 8155 and 6230

WESTBOUND PACIFIC NET
8104 kHz – USB
Daily @ 16:00Z
SOUTHBOUND NET
6516 kHz USB
4149 kHz USB (4B)
Daily @ 01:00Z
Weather: 8122 kHz at 0200 UTC
Contact: Mark Schneider/ SV Wendaway
email: southboundeveningnet@live.com
https://southboundnet.wordpress.com/

BLUEWATER NET
6516 kHz - USB
Daily @ 02:00Z
PICANTE NET
6212 kHz - USB
Daily @13:30Z

Also check these websites for current updates on Ham and SSB nets at:
ATTENTION AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

Unlike what is offered already by Canada and the USA in reciprocal ham radio privilege to many countries, Mexico still has no interest in establishing a process to automatically recognize non-Mexican amateur radio operator licenses. For a foreign technician to join in Mexican Ham nets or operate a ham radio legally in Mexican waters, a provisional (reciprocal) operator's permit is required by the Mexican government (aka: XE2 Permit or Mexican Ham License). This permit historically costs @ $95.00 USD and is valid for 6 months or for the length of your visa and can be renewed with each new visa you obtain. There must be a minimum of 5 months remaining on your visa at the time of application for this permit. (See pg. 18 to obtain such visa.)

Reciprocal Mexican Ham Radio Licensing is a service provided by the Mexican government through the SCT (Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Transportes) and most recently directly under the Comision Federal de Telecomunicaciones ("CoFeTel"), where such permits were only issued by official locations that are authorized by "CoFeTel", generally at the SCT centers in the state capitals, and "CoFeTel" headquarters in Mexico City.

**Port Cities on the Pacific Coast of Mexico with SCT Centers include:**

- La Paz, Mazatlan, Manzanillo, Acapulco, Zihuatenejo.

To obtain such a permit you will need to complete an application form at an authorized SCT Center and provide 3 copies each of your current Amateur Radio License (US or other), Passport, and your Mexican Tourist Visa obtained through the Mexican immigration services whose offices are located at most places of entry into Mexico. Note that you will be instructed to pay fees through the nearest bank (Banamex) – just follow the directions you are given to the bank you are instructed to visit – it will usually be very close by, i.e. within walking distance.

**HOWEVER, all this is now on hold (!) while Mexico is undergoing major changes in its bureaucracy –** In 2013 “CoFeTel” was revamped as "IfTel" or "IFT" (Federal Institute of Telecommunications) which became in charge of Mexico’s entire telecom-type testing and approval processes for all equipment imported into Mexico, and now they must also sort out the reciprocal HAM licensing for visitors, the later seemingly way down on the priority of tasks to complete. So for now, NO applications for new XE2 permits or renewals are going to be processed.

At this time the best we can do is only replicate an excerpt below on the change of the XE2 Permit situation dated 29 May, 2015 from Baja radioman Tony de Witte and posted on the Baja Net’s website – read his complete memo at: [http://thebajanet.com/2015_Changes%20to%20Mexico's%20Reciprocal%20Licensing.html](http://thebajanet.com/2015_Changes%20to%20Mexico's%20Reciprocal%20Licensing.html)

From Tony: I spoke at length with Ing. Miguel Alejandro Aldana about the renewal of a reciprocal license, as in my case, or the acquisition of one since being informed by the SCT office that the entire process was being revamped. What Mr. Miguel Aldana told me was that all issuance of amateur radio (aficionado de radio) licenses both Mexican or otherwise have been suspended for the time being while the applicable laws are re-written. The IFT is no longer issuing any licenses, permits, or certificates at this time.

Any current licenses will remain valid until their expiration date (vencimiento). No new licenses or reciprocals will be issued until this process of re-organization is completed. Until then, you can still renew your currently valid license or reciprocal before the expiration date (vencimiento). You will be given a "conditional or provisional license" in the meantime. No fees will be incurred until the new rates are determined and the licensing process re-enacted. You can no longer go to a SCT office such as the ones in Tijuana or Mexicali. They no longer handle any of the paperwork and there are no official forms to fill out for now. Requests are by personal letter and accompanying documentation, copies of US FCC license, US passport, Mexican visa, and Mexican Reciprocal permit. All correspondence must be sent directly to the IFT department. They will then respond with either a request for more information, the status of your request, or with the provisional license itself.

To apply for the 'provisional' reciprocal license, send all of the above copies of the documentation and letter to:

**Titular de la Unidad de Concesiones y Servicios – Sr. Rafael Eslava Herrada**
Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones
Av. Insurgentes Sur #1143
Col. Nochebuena
Delegacion Benito Juarez, Mexico, D.F. 03720

You may also want to talk to Miguel Alejandro Aldana for more information at: 01-55-5015-4328. I spoke to him in Spanish, I do not know if he speaks any English. You can also visit the IFT website (en el portal) at [www.ift.org.mx](http://www.ift.org.mx) and [http://www.ift.org.mx/tramites/solicitud-de-concesion-de-espectro-radioelectrico-para-uso-privado-con-propositos-de-radioaficionado](http://www.ift.org.mx/tramites/solicitud-de-concesion-de-espectro-radioelectrico-para-uso-privado-con-propositos-de-radioaficionado)

**Note:** At this time, Tony has not received response to his “conditional” license renewal submitted in May 2015 – he reports most HAMS within Mexican territories continue broadcasting using the XE2 prefix before their call sign as if they had a permit. So far there seems to be no regulation and enforcement of this suspension and the government is still not issuing XE permits to foreign hams during this transitional period. For updates in this situation, perhaps contact Tony de Witte - XE2/K6IGZ or other HAM operators in Mexico through the Baja Net, but as of September 2016, there is nothing new from them to report.
CHUBASCO/MANANA NET GUIDELINES

Wait until Net Control asks for check-ins. Then, if you have traffic, speak slowly and phonetically. You will be called when it is your turn. Have a frequency in mind where you can meet your other station.

In the following examples the "suffix" should be YOUR Mexican call (if within 12 miles of Mexican territory) or US call (if in International or U.S. waters).

ALWAYS USE YOUR SUFFIX WHEN COMING INTO THE NET. USE YOUR COMPLETE CALL WHEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CONTROLLING STATION. USE ITY PHONETICS FOR YOUR SUFFIX. The suffix is the group of letters within (before/after the number) in your call.

DEFINITIONS
Contact: Used upon hearing a station you need to talk to that is talking to Net Control.

Ex: "Contact" suffix of station you want followed by your suffix.

Recheck: You were unable to make/maintain contact with another station leaving net frequency.

Ex: "Recheck" suffix.

Short Time: You must leave your radio very soon and need to pass a (some) traffic before leaving.

Ex: suffix "Short Time".

Re-Entry: Used when a station returns to the net and It is necessary for another station to know they are back.

Ex: "Re-Entry" suffix

Re-Entry With/Without: Reserved for use by Relays and 2-way stations and may also be With/Without: used when directed by Net Control. This denotes whether the re-entering station does or does not have further traffic.

Ex: "Re-Entry" suffix "With"

Info: Used to signify that you have information pertaining to the current traffic subject.

Ex: "Info" suffix

Check Out: If you have checked into the Net and have traffic pending or another station has reason to expect to be able to contact you, always officially “Check Out” with net control when leaving.

List: If you are unable to contact a station on the Net but still want to try again, tell the net control that you want to remain “Listed”. You will be periodically given an opportunity to call your station again.

HIGH SEAS SSB MARINE CHANNELS

All Frequencies Upper Side Band Mode

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NOTE: These frequencies have been allocated for the exclusive use of the Mobile Maritime Service. The frequencies 4125kHz, 6215kHz, 12290kHz, and 16420kHz are used for calling, as well as distress and safety purposes and the carrier frequency 8291kHz is used exclusively for distress and safety purposes.

The frequencies listed below, may be used for intership simplex (single frequency) and cross band operation. Appendix 16, Sections C 1 and C 2:

4 MHz: 4000, 4003, 4006, 4009, 4012, 4015, 4018, 4021, 4024, 4027, 4030, 4033, 4036, 4039, 4042, 4045, 4048, 4051, 4054, 4057, and 4060.

8 MHz: 8101, 8104, 8107, 8110, 8113, 8116, 8119, 8122, 8125, 8128, 8131, 8134, 8137, 8140, 8143, 8146, 8149, 8152, 8155, 8156, 8161, 8164, 8167, 8170, 8173, 8176, 8179, 8182, 8185, 8188, and 8191.

Comment: Note that the frequencies 4417kHz (4 Charlie) and 6516kHz (6 Delta), which are often used by ship stations for simplex intership transmissions and the 6215z Caribbean Net, have been specifically allocated solely to Coast Stations under Appendix IC-Section A - Table of Single-Sideband Transmitting Frequencies for Duplex Operation under the new Band Plan.
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14.325 Hurricane Net | A/R | ATL, CAR, PAC | Hur. Track | K0IND |

**LEGEND:**

- **ATL** = Atlantic, **CAR** = Caribbean, **C/A** = Central America, **EC** = East Coast, **E/Pac** = East Pacific, **G/C** = Gulf Coast, **I/O** = Indian Ocean, **MED** = Mediterranean, **MM** = Maritime Mobile, **R/C** = Roll-Call passage maker positions taken, **TFC** = Traffic, **W/C** = West Coast, **W/Pac** = West Pacific, **W/U** = Warm Up session check-ins, **WX** = Weather, **“+”** = Net information checked recently, **“*”** = No current information, may be outdated, **“>”** = Net operates from/to times listed, **“?”** = Net time changes from/to for daylight savings or summer to winter.

**Footnotes:**

1. **Credits:** Many thanks to Dockside Radio, Val Ellis and the dozens of people, both cruisers and base stations, who have provided this information. Cruisers “out there” and dedicated base stations are often the only source of updated information. All updates are appreciated. Thanks also to those hard working Net Managers, Net Controls, and Relay/ Two-way Stations. We all appreciate all your efforts! Please contact Downwind Marine with any changes or additions to this list at (619)225-9411 or email to cruisesinfo@downwindmarine.com.

2. **Amateur Nets:** MM Nets above are shown in capital letters. Other nets listed above provide information or services useful to cruising hams. MM Nets are active nearly worldwide 24 hours a day, between 14.300 - 14.320MHz.

Traffic Nets in the U.S. include many state and regional Traffic Nets that exist on 75 and 40 meters, normally above 3.900MHz on 75 and 7.225MHz on 40. Most are active in the early evening. The B.C., Straits of Georgia, system has several repeaters linked together covering the entire straits area. It runs daily MM Nets in the late afternoons during the summer months. The Chesapeake Bay 2 Meter Net provides check-ins and WX during the summer months.

4. **Operators** are strongly cautioned to check appropriate band allocations, operator privileges, reciprocal licensing agreements, third party traffic agreements, and net protocols before transmitting.

3. **VHF/2 Meter Nets** are run in popular cruising grounds and often provide check-ins, WX and sometimes wide area linked systems. The B.C., Straits of Georgia, system has several repeaters linked together covering the entire straits area. It runs daily MM Nets in the late afternoons during the summer months. The Chesapeake Bay 2 Meter Net provides check-ins and WX during the summer months.

5. **Marine Band Nets:** Marine VHF Nets are frequently run in popular cruising areas, eg. Cruisers Net in La Paz, Baja, Mexico on Ch 22.

6. **Marine HF Nets:** Marine HF Nets are often run for regional purposes. Popular examples include:

   - **Ken Keri Net** (New Zealand), Western S PAC on 2480/ 4417/ 4445 KHz, WX at 1925/2000L, Position Reports taken at 0800/1900L.
   - **Caribbean SSB Net** on 6.215 MHz at 1200/2300Z, **Herbs’ WX Net** (Southbound II) on 12A, 12.353 MHz at 1900/2400Z for E/C and CAR passage makers (also on 6A), **VNN555 Net** (NSW Australia, by VK4NN), 2000Z, ITU Channel #608/6221T/6522R, #1234/12329T/ 13176R, #1642/16483T/17365R.

   Also informal nets are often held during popular passage making times. Examples include the 8A, 8.294 or 12B, 12.356 MHz nets for boaters heading south from San Diego to Baja and vice versa. WX information is often provided. Additions to the Marine Band Net List are requested.

7. **Information:** Photocopying of this MM Net List for free distribution is authorized, as long as credit is given and the list is published including the legend and all footnotes. Entering the list into a computer database or any other use requires written permission.
RADIO FAX TIME SCHEDULES & HTTP: ADDRESSES – June 2016
Locate updates and transmission contents for worldwide schedules at
www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/rfax.pdf

PT. REYES, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

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NMC Coast Guard San Francisco (Pt. Reyes), North Pacific – http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/fax/hfreyes.txt

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NMG Coast Guard New Orleans, Gulf of Mexico & Baja California – http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/fax/hfgulf.txt

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KVM-70 DOD Honolulu, Central & South Pacific – http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/fax/hfhi.txt

Additional Pacific Basin Radio FAX Schedules:

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San Diego Bay Mooring and Anchoring Information

PERMITS FOR DESIGNATED ANCHORAGES AND TRANSIENT VESSEL SLIPS

All mooring ball rental assignments are managed by San Diego Mooring Co. Phone: (619) 291-0916

Anchoring in San Diego Bay is by permit only in designated anchorages for 72-hour periods and must be obtained at least one day in advance – no exceptions. Most permits are issued without fee online by the San Diego Unified Port District at http://reservations.portofsandiego.org/boating or from the Harbor Police Mooring Office during regular business hours from 0800 – 1600 hours Monday-Friday. (Closed weekends and holidays, and every other Friday.) Owners/operators of all vessels with permits are responsible for all applicable state laws and local ordinances, in addition to any environmental concerns. All boats must have holding tanks or port-a-potties.

For Email Anchorage Reservations: reservations@portofsandiego.org or Phone: (619) 686-6227

These designated anchorages are marked on SD Bay Services map on back of this guide with the following descriptions:

A1 - (LA PLAYA COVE) - La Playa Cove is a 72-hour over weekend-only anchorage located between San Diego and Southwestern Yacht Clubs in the Shelter Island yacht basin. The hours of anchoring are from 0900 hours on Friday through 0900 hours on Monday. In case of a weekend holiday, anchoring is permitted for 96 hours. If the holiday falls on a Friday, anchoring is permitted from 0900 hours on Thursday through 0900 hours on Monday. If the holiday falls on a Monday, anchoring is permitted from 0900 hours on Friday through 0900 hours on Tuesday. A maximum of twenty-five (25) boats are allowed in the cove. (Up to 40 vessels can be accommodated with raft-ups of up to 10 boats.)

A5 - (GLORIETTA BAY) - The A5 anchorage is located in Glorietta Bay, south of the Coronado Golf Course. Anchoring is allowed for up to 72-hours only. The hours for anchoring begin and end at 0900 hours. There is a minimum of one calendar day between issuance of A5 permits and no more than three 72-hour anchoring permits may be issued to any person or boat in any 30-day period. This area accommodates fifteen (15) vessels, and up to twenty (20) vessels within raft-ups.

Please note that the A8 - SOUTH BAY ANCHORAGE is no longer in operation!

Anchoring permits for A1 and A5 may be obtained online or by at (619) 686-6227. Requests for anchoring permits may be submitted up to 30 days in advance, but no less than one day in advance. No more than three 72-hour anchoring permits may be issued to any person or boat in any 30-day period. The three permits may be issued at A1 or A5, or both, but are cumulative.

A9 - (CRUISER ANCHORAGE) - The A9 anchorage is located in an area adjacent to the United States Coast Guard Air Station and the east tip of Harbor Island. This anchorage is available to non-residents of San Diego County only whose boats are not registered in San Diego County either. Permits for this anchorage must be obtained in person at 1401 Shelter Island Drive and proof of non-residency must be provided. Permit here also requires boat inspection by the Harbor Police Bay Control Officer.

All vessels obtaining a permit for this anchorage are restricted to a 90-day period within any 365-day period. All vessels obtaining a permit must renew their permit every thirty days without exception. The Cruisers Anchorage is marked by three large yellow can buoys that warn of the restricted water space toward the Coast Guard Air Station to the east. A red channel buoy showing the entrance to the Harbor Island lagoon marks the West End. This anchorage is available for up to twenty (20) vessels.

Note: In the event the Harbor Police or Harbormaster staff determines that any anchorage is congested and an additional vessel would inhibit access by police/fire boats or in some manner would be detrimental to safe boating, a permit will not be issued.

TRANSIENT DOCK – 26 slips for vessels up to 65-feet LOA are available at San Diego’s Guest Dock located at the Harbor Police Sub-Station (1401 Shelter Island Drive) for up to 15 days in any 40-day period per vessel/person. Services available at each slip include potable water and 30-amp shore power connections, plus guests have access to restrooms and showers. Vessels are charged $1.00 per linear foot length per day based on USCG or DMV boat registration. Online credit/debit cards are accepted in payment. Use of these slips requires current boat registration/documentation with owner and/or operator identification. Make online reservations for slip assignment on first come first serve basis - use the SD Port reservations web site shown above, or tie up at the Police/Customs dock at the facility and contact the Harbor Police Mooring Office during regular business hours at the phone kiosk provided there dockside.

This Guide also maintains a list of marinas to contact for price and availability. (See page-6 of this guide.)
CHECKING IN & OUT OF MEXICO BY BOAT – GET ONLINE FMM!

Americans are not required to have a “visa” to visit Mexico but they must have a visitor entry permit that provides for a single entry up to 180 days. Mexican Immigration Law no longer calls this a tourist entry or FMT (Forma Migratoria de Turista). This entry permit is now called FMM (Forma Migratoria Multiple or Multiple Migratory Form) which is issued to Americans, Canadians and a few other nationalities, who fall under the category FMM - Visitante Sin Permiso para Realizar Actividades Remuneradas (FMM Visitor without permission to undertake remunerative activities), and is issued to all such visitors, whether arriving by car, boat or plane (your airline ticket price to any Mexican destination actually includes this FMM fee). If arriving by sea, the application for and pre-payment of the FMM can now be performed online, using the following link to the appropriate section of the Mexican Immigration web page: http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Pesca_Deportiva_Turismo_Nautico - select the line at bottom of page that takes you to the official bank payment page (Banjército) for payment application, or use this link: https://www.banjercito.com.mx/registroEmbarques/

Pre-payment of the FMM visitor form was initially intended to get the immigration payment from the U.S. sport fishing fleet from San Diego that entered Mexican waters to fish and did not land at any Mexican port. This was expanded to include the private yachts and sailboats entering Mexico with the intent to make the clearance into Mexico ports easier, and even faster. The Mexican government recommends that everyone pre-pay online but it is not mandatory to do so prior to arrival at a Mexican port, especially if you plan to arrive in Ensenada to clear-in as you enter Mexico from the north. The Banjército page though is simple enough and will allow a boater to make the $332 peso per person payment with a credit card. (2016: $332 MXN @ $17.00 - $21.00 USD.)

The FMM is a single-entry permit, and the date of entry is established with your online application or check-in at a Mexican port. Currently the date of departure can only be selected online up to December 31, 2016. For those intending to stay longer, the departure date will be corrected upon check-in with immigration and their official issue of the FMM. It is possible for the online FMM to be paid by one application for all passengers aboard by reporting the number of passengers on the form, ($332 pesos is multiplied by the number you give to calculate the total payment due), however this receipt will be printed only with the name provided in the application. It is recommended for cruisers to each have an FMM receipt printed in their individual name, which means that skipper and crew should make separate online application and indicate only 1 passenger in the space provided so that the payment due on the individual application is for one person only.

The Banjército page only gives you a receipt for the payment for the FMM, not the permit itself. The receipt is all you will need for fishing or other entry into Mexican waters. For cruisers who will be landing at Ensenada, Cabo San Lucas, or any other Mexican port with an immigration office (Migración), the procedure is to go first to Migración and present a valid passport (with green card if applicable) for every person aboard and make application of the FMM with payment of the Immigration Fee ($332 pesos/person) or show the pre-payment receipt for FMM from Banjército to cover the Immigration Fee owed, and Migración will issue to each the FMM that will be valid for up to 180 days.

Note here that cruisers must make their first arrival point in Mexico at a port or marina with immigration services and complete the FMM. Ensenada is highly recommended for this entry in southbound travel, as the FMM then permits you to stop along the Baja coast, (which you officially cannot do until you check-in with immigration - the next entry with immigration services after Ensenada is Cabo San Lucas.) For lucky folks, Isla Cedros often has an immigration official on hand for check-in but by reports this courtesy is generally for commercial vessels and is not always extended to private yachts. If turned down here, you must go back to Ensenada or proceed directly to Cabo.

Another clearance form for arrival by sea is the “Crew List for Spanish Speaking Countries”, or Despacho, the official crew manifest (see page 26). Complete the form and have at least four copies when checking into port with the other documentation. The crew manifest is for the travel periods when the boat is at sea. The names on this list must match up with the persons on board. When the boat is in port the Crew List serves only to show that the boat is legally checked into the port. The people named on the Despacho do not need to be on the boat while in port (but crew touring off boat must possess valid documents and FMM.) Have blank crew manifests in reserve if you expect to make crew changes. Usually each Despacho will eventually have 2 sets of stamps, the one applied when the boat leaves a port and one put on when the boat enters the next port, although currently Mexican protocol provides that cruisers need only check into their first port-of-call and check out of their last port-of-call in Mexico, provided of course that there is no change in the Crew List. If crew changes are made at any point along the way, you must make out a new Crew List to reflect the change and have it approved by Migración and the Capitanía before the boat can leave port. Keep one copy of each Crew List and any port entry and fee receipts in an accessible file, with most recent documents on top.

Upon entry you first visit Migración and then the Port Captain (Capitania) to pay the port “clear-in” fee with your documentation, and then back to Migración to drop off a copy of Crew List signed by the Port Captain. The port “clear-in” fee is only charged upon first
entry into Mexico and paid by credit card. Without credit card you fill out a form to take to the bank (Banjército) and return back with the form stamped by bank as proof of payment.

Other required documents are boat registration with proof of ownership of the vessel or proof that you are legally authorized by the owner to function as captain of the vessel. A Temporary Import Permit (TIP) should also be obtained online before arrival in Mexico or at your first port of entry no matter how long you intend to stay in Mexico. This document does not change vessel registry - it establishes your ownership of the vessel within Mexican waters and allows your vessel to stay in Mexico legally for up to 10 years and not be impounded (for more here see page 26). A TIP is obtained with a one-time fee of $50.00 USD and is not issued in all ports, as it requires a special Banjército CIITEV office. Port cities of Baja CA with such office include Ensenada and the ferry terminal at Pichilingue (La Paz). To obtain such permit in other areas, contact the local Customs Office (Aduana) of the area you visit or go online at www.banjercito.com.mx/registroVehiculos/.

Port offices are closed on weekends and holidays. If you arrive at this time and your crew must leave the boat before you can clear Migración, make sure you have a copy of their FMM and their plane ticket available for officials to inspect so there is no question that they were a part of your crew. Many registered marinas can clear boats in and out of port for their clients, providing better hours of service to cruisers during the marina’s longer working day. This service applies only for entry to and from ports within Mexico or internationally by way of a Registered Ships Agent. Check with each port on any further regulations for such clearance as it varies. Although port clearance is no longer required when traveling from port to port after your first entry into Mexico, it is highly recommended that you hail the Port Captain by VHF or visit the office as a courtesy upon arrival in any new port and inquire what contact with that port’s office might be required. The safety of all port visitors is the top priority for this port agent.

For those who plan long stays in Mexico, a serious subject is that of INSURANCE. Insurance with Mexican underwriters offer year-round coverage for both liability and replacement. More American carriers too are willing to offer year-round coverage as they have become more familiar with the weather patterns of the Pacific coast. Today, most marinas in Mexico will require liability insurance at a minimum for any length of stay. Check with people who have cruised recently, there are variations in services and good agents to help.

Checking out of Mexico requires a last visit to the Port Captain’s office. There is a port use fee paid by cash, check or credit card to the Port Authority Office (API), usually based on the size of your boat. This fee is not always enforced in all ports but is supposed to be collected when you leave any Mexican port for an international destination. Usually the Port Captain will require proof of payment of API fees in order to stamp your clearance papers and despacho.

Follow the “reglas” provided by Mexico’s Migración, Aduana and other port officials you visit in this beautiful country and your stay will be an incredible experience. The FMM and the Temporary Import Permit are simple measures of commerce and friendship provided by the Mexican government to officially establish your stay in Mexico as foreign visitors and provide for fair economy in maintaining your boat and cruising needs. The modest Duty Fees you are charged are used to provide services for your safety and property protection during your stay – Mexico values its visitors.
Ensenada Harbor is undergoing slow but steady changes. Regulations governing harbor pollution are in effect. The Malecon is completed. The cruise ship wharf is amazing. There is also now a fee to anchor in the harbor.....but the good news is the marina docks are a lot “mo bettah”! Most marinas offer port and customs clearance services with many other amenities. Cruisers (& members of the 90-Day Yacht Club) are advised to reserve a slip before arrival here.


**2016 Update - Short List of Ensenada Contacts:**

**Baja Naval – Boatyard & Marina** – VHF: Ch. 77  
Full service boatyard with 75-Ton Travel Lift  
50-slip marina with slips to 100-ft – Wireless internet  
Phone: 011-52 (646)174-0020  
Dock Master: Diego Fernandez  
Email: marina@bajanaval.com - boatyard@bajanaval.com  

**Hotel Coral & Marina (North of Harbor)** – VHF: Ch. 71  
Gas & Diesel dock - 350-slip marina with slips to 150-ft  
Phone: 011-52 (646)175-0085 or in US 1-(866)302-0066  
Dock Master: Arnulfo “Fito” Espinoza R.  
Email: fito.espinoza@hotelcoral.com  
Web site: [http://www.hotelcoral.com](http://www.hotelcoral.com)

**Cruiseport Village Marina** – VHF: Ch. 12  
One of the newest facilities, with 198-slip to 68-ft  
Phone: 011-52 (646)173-4141  
Email: reservations@ecpymarina.com  

Bpmex Gas Station  
Bank – Banomex or Bancomer

Ensenada continues to offer great shopping for Mexican wares – with pharmacies, bars, restaurants, liquor stores & more within blocks of harbor.
NOTE: All info on people and places named in this Guide will change with time. Please help us maintain these pages for cruisers with helpful and accurate information. We rely very much on cruisers to contact us with corrections or additions! --Thanks from Downwind!

2016 Update - Short List of Cabo Contacts:

Marina Cabo San Lucas
380-slip World Class Marina/Vessels to 375-ft
Phone: 011-52 (624)173-9140
FAX: 011-52 (624)143-1253
VHF: CH 88A
Web site: http://www.igy-cabosanlucas.com/

Agencia Barreda
Experienced - reliable Victor Barreda and family serve as document agents for foreign cruisers. Located at the foot of the Pedregal.
Phone: 011-52 (624)143-0207 / Cell: (624)147-5019
FAX: 011-52 (624)143-0002
VHF: CH 12 - Email: agebarr@prodigy.net.mx

Cabo Yacht Center
Boatyard with 70-ton Travel Lift & Marine Store
Phone: 011-52 (624)143-3020 (in US: 866-702-6337)
FAX: 011-52 (624)142-9711
Web site: http://www.caboyachtcenter.net/
VHF: CH 88A - Email: info@caboyachtcenter.net
La Paz is definitely the cruising center of the Sea of Cortez, and deserves its good reputation. Among other things, the town is business oriented versus tourist oriented; almost all serious boat repair work can be performed here and access to parts from the states is above average; postal service is more reliable than in other parts of Mexico; and best of all, the drinking water is clean.

La Paz now has several full service marinas. Marina de La Paz is located near the front of town and has 110 slips, protected by a breakwater, with water and electricity (110/30 amp or 220/50 amp), water, and free WiFi internet and Ethernet connections at each dock. The fuel dock sells diesel only. Anchor-outs have the use of a dinghy dock, and on the premises are a chandlery, laundromat, restaurant, dive service, yacht maintenance service, FAX, public phones, public VHF radio, and the clubhouse for the Club Cruceros de Le Paz with mail drop, book exchange, and message board.

The larger Marina Palmira is about 3 miles from the center of town and the new Costa Baja is located at the beginning of the entry channel to La Paz. Marina Don Jose has a few slips next to Marina de La Paz and Marina El Palmar has more slips a little further to the south.

The inner bay of La Paz is now dotted with moorings, from the basin in front of town to the area in front of what is commonly known as Hotel Gran Baja and more are located in the channel next to El Mogote peninsula. Marina Santa Cruz, towards the town side of MLP has more.

Miscellaneous yachting and translating services are offered by Alba and Yoli: 044 (612)348-8383 and 044 (612)108-9973. If calling from the USA dial 011 instead of 044.

La Paz also has five boatyards capable of hauling boats up to 120 feet.

Last but not least, find the LOCAL NET (La Paz Cruiser’s Net) on VHF channel 22, at 0800 Monday – Saturday for the yachtsman's answer to the yellow pages, 911, and National Enquirer all in one easy-to-use package. Don't miss it.

CRUISING GUIDE EDITOR’S NOTE: Please check the “Links” Section of our website at www.downwindmarine.com/links/links.html for the myriad of interesting places we keep finding on the web for La Paz and Baja Sur – for music, fine arts, sail events – we keep finding prolific postings of people & activities you might want to know about! Let us know if there are more Links to post too!
SPANISH
For The Gringo Yachtsman
Compiled by Dix Brow, Kay Boylen, and Chris Caswell

We’ve all seen it: the American tourist trying to ask for something in the non-English-speaking shop. The face gets redder, the voice gets louder, and the charade of descriptive gestures gets more convoluted. Compound that problem by making the American into a yachtsman trying to buy a shackle (el shacklo?) and the result is often total frustration.

For the benefit of SEA readers who venture below the border, we’ve put together a basic list of boating terms that probably won’t be found in your average English Spanish dictionary. We haven’t included the more common words, so be sure you take the basic dictionary with you. One point to remember: language is a tenuous thing and varies from one area to the next. What a North American calls a boom vang is a kicking strap to an Englishman. So if our word draws a blank when you use it, don’t blame us. If all else fails, try the last phrase on this list. It should get action.

Sailing

Sloop………………………………………………….El balandro
Yawl………………………………………………………..La yol
Ketch…………………………………………………..La queche
Schooner………………………………………………..La goleta
Sail………………………………………………….……..La vela
Genoa Jib………………………………………………….El genoves
Jib…………………………………………………………..El foque
Mainsail………………………………………………….la Mayor
Mizzen……………………………...…………………La mesana
To Reef……………………………………………………...Rizar
Reef Points……………………..…Los puntos de tomar prizos
Spinnaker……………………………………………..….El balon

Rigging

Chainplate………………………………………...El endenote
Stay………………………………………………...El estay
Foremast…………………………………………..Estay de proa
Backstay…………………………………………La burda
Shackle………………………………………………….El grillete
Halyard………………………………………………..La draza
Block……………………………………………………..El moton
Sheet………………………………………………….La escota

Engine Terms

Spark plug………………………………………………...La bujia
Belt……………………………………………….El cinturon
Hose……………………………………………….La manguera
Pump………………………………………………..La bomba
Starter………………………………………………..El arranquecedor
Points………………………………………………...Los platos

Spars

Boom………………………………………………...La botavara
Bowspirit……………………………………………El baupres
Gooseneck…………………………………………………………..El zuncho de la botavara
Mast………………………………………………………….El palo
Spinnaker Pole…………………………………………….El tangon del balon

Anchors

Anchor………………………………………………………….La ancla
Anchor chain………………………………………………..La cadena de la ancla
Anchor line………………………………………………..La cuerda de la ancla
Capstan………………………………………………..El cabrestante
Sea Anchor………………………………………………..La ancla flotante

Hull

Anti-fouling paint………………………………..La pintura anti-incrustante
Beam……………………………………………….El pantoque
Bulkhead……………………………………………El mamparo
Cabin……………………………………………….El camarote
Cockpit………………………………………………..La baranera
Companionway……………………………………………..La escotilla
Deck………………………………………………….La cubierta
Draft………………………………………………….El calado
Centerboard…………………………………………..La orza
Bow…………………………………………………….La proa
Stern…………………………………………………….La popa
Frame………………………………………………….La cuaderna
Hand rail…………………………………………………La barandilla
Keel………………………………………………….El quilata
Hull…………………………………………………………..La brusca
Rudder…………………………………………………….El timon
Outboard motor……………………………………….El motor fucra de borda

Deck Gear

Cleat………………………………………………...La abrazadera
Life lines……………………………………………Los guardamancebos
Stanchion………………………………………………..El candelerio
Steering Wheel……………………………………………..El volante
Tiller………………………………………………………….La cana
Winch……………………………………………………………El torno

Accommodations

Bunk…………………………………………………..La litera
Forecastle……………………………………………El castillo
Head…………………………………………………..El vater
Mahogany………………………………………………...La caoba
Oak……………………………………………………..El roble
Teak………………………………………………………….La teca
Spruce………………………………………………...El abeto de Canada

Terms Underway

Ahead…………………………………………..…Avante por la proa
Aft………………………………………………….Artras pr la popa
Amidships…………………………………………..El medio del barco
Closehauled…………………………………………….Barloventado
Jibe…………………………………………………………..Trasluchar
In irons…………………………………………………..Proa encantada
Phrases Underway

Turn left (right) ……………………………Doble a la izquierda (derecha)
Straight ahead…………………………...Directo de frente
Stop! ...............................................Para! (alto)
Faster (slower)……………………………Mas rapido (despacho)
Can you tow us? ………………………..Puede remolcarnos?

Navigation Terms

A fix……………………………………..Una situacion
A sight…………………………………..La observacion
Compass……………………………La brujula (el compas)
Dead reckoning…………………..La situacion de estima
Dividers………………………………Los compases de puntas
Hand bearing compass………..El aguja acimutal de mano
Lead line…………………………….El escandallo
Offshore………………………………..Alta mar
On shore……………………………El la costa (cerea de tierra)
Parallels………………………………Las reglas paralelas
Sextant………………………………..El sextante
Depth sounder…………………….El sondador mecanico
Speedometer………………………..El velocimetro
High tide………………………………La marea alto
Low tide………………………………..La marea baja

Miscellaneous

Oars……………………………………..Los remos
Oarlocks……………………………..Las chumaceras
Dinghy………………………………..La ponga
Life preservers……………………..Las salvavidas
Binoculars…………………………..Los binoculares (los prismaticos)
Flashlight……………………………El foco de mano
Deep……………………………………El hondo
Not deep…………………………….Poco hondo
Dock……………………………………..El muelle
Knot (in rope)…………………………El nudo

Fishing Terms

Rod……………………………………..La cana
Reel……………………………………..El carrete
Line……………………………………..La piola (linea)
More drag……………………………..Mas freno
Leader………………………………….El empate
Swivel………………………………….El destorcador
Hook…………………………………….El anzuelo
Gaff……………………………………..El gancho
Bait…………………………………….La camada
Fishing chair………………………….La silla de pesca
Troll……………………………………..Trolear
Fish following………………………..La pez viene
Strike! …………………………………..Esta jalando!
Birds working……………………….Pajaros trabajando
Tangled………………………………..Enredado

A jump……………………………………..El salto
Slack……………………………………….Flaja
Coming up………………………………..El sube
Bad hookup……………………………Mal anzuelado
Too bad…………………………………Que lastima!
Turtle……………………………………..La caguama
Shrimp………………………………….El camarón
Lobster………………………………….La langosta
Whale………………………………….La ballena
Shark………………………………….…El tiburon
Marlin…………………………………….El marlin
Salmon………………………………….La pez vela
Dolphin………………………………….El dorado
Yellowtail…………………………….El jurel
Porpoise………………………………..La tonina
Groper……..……………………………La garropa
Rock bass……………………………..La cabrilla
Skipjack tuna…………………………..El barrillete
Crab……………………………………..El cangrejo

When All Else Fails…

Shape Up Or Ship Out! …………Desarrollatebien o Embarcate!
(Also more plainly spoken as…………. En vereda o fuera!)

We also recommend Kathy Parsons’ book
Spanish for Cruisers to provide valuable
Spanish boat terms and phrases for concise, accurate communication whenever needed…
and check out her website as well at
www.spanishforcruisers.com/.

Our Best Recommendation for your visit to and full enjoyment of Mexico:

Practice your Spanish!!
Crew List for Spanish Speaking Countries

For your boat’s use in checking into Mexico and beyond, Downwind Marine maintains a blank "Despacho" or Crew List form printed in Spanish. You can get our form in the store or download from the appendix of this online version of the Cruising Downwind Guide. (See Appendix I.) Although current procedure in Mexico no longer requires a despacho be updated in and out of ports within Mexico, it is still wise to keep an updated document. Despachos are still needed for international departures.

Note that Kathy Parsons also offers an excellent online pdf for this use as well – it is one you can fill out and save on your computer on board to print whenever you need. This bilingual form is written with comprehensive directions in both Spanish and English. It has been developed for cruisers by Kathy with Rogelio Gregg at Baja Naval in Ensenada, to be easy to use and to address all the concerns of the Mexican port officials– it's too good to try and duplicate so we have their permission to reference here for cruisers to download:  
http://www.spanishforcruisers.com/sfc-cheatsheet-crewlist.htm (Saludos a Kathy y Rogelio!)

Check out www.SpanishforCruisers.com from Kathy Parsons for other amazing cruiser links and resources. Additionally check out:  
Spanish and French for Cruisers – Language Guides for Boaters at:  www.forcruisers.com  
Advice, Resources and Inspiration for Cruising Women at:  www.womenandcruising.com

Mexico’s Temporary Import Permit Application

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL (i.e. USING OR LEAVING YOUR BOAT IN MEXICO)

There has been much transition in procedure for vehicles and yachts staying in Mexico for any length of time. Boat owners no longer leave custody of a boat to a person or marina in Mexico. Boats owners of vessels over 4.5 meters in length (14.7 feet) must secure a Temporary Importation Permit (TIP) for the vessel through the federal government upon entry into Mexico which then allows the vessel multiple entries into Mexico or for the owner to leave the vessel in Mexico… for a duration up to 10 years. A one-time fee of $50.00 USD will be charged upon completion of this application.

1. Current Mexican Customs Reglamento states (in Article 106, Section 5, subsection C) that boats can be temporarily imported to Mexico for up to 10 years, as long as owners comply with the requirements and conditions established in the Reglamento. The permit is valid for multiple entries over the 10-year period.

2. This regulation applies to vessels presently located in Mexico and which were brought in on trailers by foreign tourists who were issued temporary import permits for a vehicle and have noted on the back of the permit the characteristics of these vessels, as well as those vessels which have arrived by sea. Owners are permitted to temporarily import the vessels under the Customs regulations through a special Banjército CIITEV office in Mexico. Contact the Aduana (Mexican Customs agency) upon port arrival for directions to this office – or for further instruction if such Banjército is not located in the immediate area.

Cruisers’ NOTE: Confirmed in September 2006 – You can now apply for and quickly receive such Mexican Temporary Import Permit for your boat over the internet before entering Mexico at:  

Permit application can be made up to 60 days before entering Mexico, and within 7 (play it safe with 10) days of leaving your residence to ensure the documents can be mailed to your residence before you leave.

3. The Customs regulations include the following instructions:

   A. At boat’s first entry point, either boat owner, owner’s accredited captain, or owner’s accredited representative must present to Customs, the official import application form issued by Customs.
B. The application must be accompanied by:

a) Copies of proof of ownership of the vessel and/or trailer which can be one of the following: Title, Bill of Sale, Certificate of Navigation, or current Vessel Registration with a U.S. Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

b) Current Tourist Visa.

c) Most recent port exit papers stamped by the Port Captain (if the vessel is already in the country), or papers issued at first port of entry.

d) Letter stating that the importer promises to return the vessel to its place of origin at the end of the period granted (this means it cannot be sold) and that the vessel will not be used for commercial purposes without proper authorization.

e) In any case where the vessel has been in custody of a marina, a note will be added to the above letter of promise, relieving the marina of its custody of the vessel at of the date of issuance of the permit.

4. It is suggested that on the original application the boat owner list specifically any other equipment (dinghy, motor, jet ski, helicopter, etc.) that is an integral part of the vessel. Keep in mind that if such an item needs to be sent out for repair, then this import permit is what will permit the piece to be exported and re-imported more easily.

IMPORTATION OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

All materials brought into Mexico must be declared and Customs Duty paid. However, a TIP can be used as needed to import vessel equipment, maintenance and repair parts and allow entry of materials duty-free for each boat when such materials are identified by its TIP. To temporarily import any merchandise duty-free as destined for the maintenance and repair of a vessel declared as imported, the importer or owner named on the TIP must present the following to Customs at the entry point of such merchandise:

1. The vessel’s TIP Application Form and copies of the invoices for any new materials, all in the boat owner’s name. It is highly recommended that you include in your original application a detailed list of all equipment aboard your vessel, including brand names, models, and serial numbers where pertinent - to include cameras, appliances, phones and laptops.

2. On the form the owner will be notified that he will be responsible for the use of the items, as well as for the pieces that were substituted; and, as applicable, for the payment of taxes on these items or the destruction of the old parts if requested by Customs.

Recommendations for this exercise vary among cruisers – especially for establishing record of equipment and gear a cruiser may need to have designated as part of maintenance and repair of vessel temporarily imported. It is a lot easier to complete the application for this permit in person in a port city where there is a Customs Office, Immigration Office, Port Captain, and a Banjército in close proximity – Ensenada and La Paz are the two places to apply for this permit in Baja – and excellent ports of first entry. Note there is no Banjército in Cabo San Lucas. Many cruisers especially recommend Puerto de Pichilingue near La Paz as it is a commercial port with good rapport with mariners and good access while cruising the waters of Baja Sur. The next port that has a Banjército office that can issue this permit is in Mazatlán.

With great attention to cruiser needs, Neil at Marina de La Paz has been providing answers to many questions regarding the Temporary Import Permit - as well as providing directions for its application in La Paz (although for its extreme convenience, Neil highly recommend cruisers from San Diego make a stop in Ensenada for all first entry tasks including application of TIP. For his comments on this and more specific La Paz harbor requirements, please check this website at http://www.marinadelapaz.com/faqs/
Boat Fishing in Mexican Waters

In addition to having a valid tourist permit (see pg. 18), boats traveling in Mexican waters can and will be inspected by Mexican officials for violation of their fishing regulations. Mexico requires that each person onboard any vessel engaged in fishing must have a valid fishing license, regardless of age or interest in fishing. Having fishing gear aboard automatically indicates to the inspecting officials that folks aboard intend to fish. Although since January 2008, boat permits are no longer required for vessels practicing sport fishing in Mexican waters, the individual fishing permit is still required on any private boat engaged in fishing with boat being defined as a floating platform that includes dinghies, kayaks and paddle boards, etc. So play it safe! Without assurance that everyone onboard is personally licensed to fish in Mexico then it is very important not to have any fishing gear aboard in Mexican waters or you may be seriously delayed and/or cited and fined. If you have the gear, then get make sure everyone aboard is licensed! (Note: Any person fishing in Mexico from shore or pier will not be required to possess a fishing license.)

Besides being fun, fishing is terrific in Mexico. Even if you think you will only fish from shore, think ahead and perhaps get fishing licenses for you and crew for the duration of your stay in Mexico – you never know when you might have the great opportunity to hit tuna underway – or best yet, to fish from your dinghy before sunset in and around your anchorage – pure bliss! Fishing licenses are now issued by the State (i.e. Baja Sur or Baja Norte) as well as by the Mexican Fisheries (CONAPESCA – Comisión Nacional de Acuacultura y Pesca) and can be easily purchased at several marinas throughout Baja and the Mainland, as well as the State Finance Office Kiosks in many shopping malls. Also Mexican Fishing Licenses can be obtained from CONAPESCA in San Diego either by mail or in person at the CONAPESCA office or from other agents in the area authorized to provide this service. To mail, just download the application form at http://www.sportfishinginmexico.com/?page_id=8461, complete the application and mail to the address below with money order or cashier’s check and a self-addressed stamped envelope (@ 2-week service). Use certified mail to ensure delivery. You can also visit the CONAPESCA office or one of their authorized agents in person with cash, money order or cashier’s check, and fill out an application on the spot for one-day assistance – no check or credit card accepted.

Other authorized agents for CONAPESCA include several of the sport fishing docks in San Diego and Mission Bay. Most agents charge an additional $10-15 fee but they are easy to reach and open long hours – i.e. very convenient.

The CONAPESCA office in San Diego is open Monday-Friday from 8AM to 2PM and is located at:
2389 Fifth Avenue San Diego 92101 – Phone: (619) 233-4324 FAX: (619) 233-0344

Current license fees are printed on the license application but are subject to change, same goes for fee list below:

Fees for 2016: $9.25/day $23.20/week $34.80/month $46.40/year (Best Deal!!)

Note that the 1-year license is good for 12-months from purchase date – not just for the calendar year.

Link to current Mexican Sport Fishing Regulations: http://www.sportfishinginmexico.com/?page_id=4181
Find here a complete list of Mexican sport fishing regulations and bag limits.

Note: It’s great fishing in Mexican waters, both offshore and in anchorages – get licensed!

Controlled Substances in Mexico

With or without prescription, if it’s a “controlled drug” in the States, then it’s controlled in Mexico and subject to law!

Play it safe here too – in order to legally possess the drugs listed below, Mexican law requires you carry a Mexican Rx for them. According to an article in the GRINGO GAZETTE, a 48-year old American was jailed in Mexico after being arrested with an overabundance of certain prescription drugs not issued by a Mexican physician. Note that only certain licensed physicians in Mexico can issue the Rx for controlled drugs and these must be kept for inspection.

If you have to take any of the drugs listed below, consider contacting a Mexican doctor to provide the prescription.

A SHORT LISTING BY GENERIC NAME (not all inclusive)

KETAMINE MORNOPHINE SULFATE PHENTANILE SULFATE METHADONE CLOBEENZOREX (SEMI-CONTROLLED) PHENTERMINE (SEMI-CONTROLLED) NALBUPHINE HYDROCODONE ZOLPIDEM TRIAZOLAM OXYCODONE BROMAZEPAM MIDAZOLAM DIAZEPAM ZOHOPROPOXIPHENE (AKA NEOPERCODAN) DENTROPROPOXIPHENE (AKA NEOPERCODAN)
Puerto de ___________________ Numeral __________________
Rol de los personen con que navega el ___________________
matrícula de ___________________ del porte de ______ toneladas
brutas de arqueo, al mando de su Capitán, _____________________
que zarpa para el puerto de ________________________________

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Comprende este rol los asientos de ______ individuos, y siendo de mi satisfacción como Capitán que soy, me obligo al exacto cumplimiento de cuanto disponen las leyes y reglamentos del legítimo comercio nacional y de las disposiciones vigentes que me sean provenidas por las Autoridades Marítimas de los puertos nacionales.

Fecha: ____________________ por el Capitán ____________________
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