

The Sailing Club Sails the Sea of Cortez

January 18–28, 2010



The stunning contrast of the calm blue water against the arid backdrop of the Baja Peninsula seems surreal as you sail effortlessly through the impossibly rugged terrain. Thick forests of Cardon cactus cling to the jagged slopes around the Sea of Cortez. Navigation is easy in this protected cruising area with prevailing 10-15 northwesterly winds and sand-bottom anchorages. The spectacular desert islands, quiet beaches, mountains and magnificent scenery provide superb diving, snorkeling, fishing, hiking, bird watching and whale watching. With the day temperatures at 81 and the night temperatures at 55 and the whales coming at this season, it is the perfect time to sail the Sea of Cortez

The Itinerary

- Jan 18 – Fly from Philadelphia to **La Paz** and stay aboard our catamaran.
- Jan 19 – Orientation, chart briefing and checkout of your yacht. Sail to **Caleta Lobos**
- Jan 20 – Sail to a large protected anchorage at **Caleta Partida**.
- Jan 21 – A morning sail to **Isla San Jose**, passing **Los Islotes'** abundance of sea lions. Explore the giant cactus forest and lagoon. A short sail takes you to the anchorage at **San Evaristo**.
- Jan 22 – A picturesque stopover of reddish, rocky bluffs and a white sand beach awaits you at **Puerto Los Gatos**.
- Jan 23 - Sail to beautiful **Isla San Francisco** and its pristine white beach.
- Jan 24 – Sail to any one of many beautiful anchorages at **Isla Partida** or **Isla Espiritu Santo**.
- Jan 25 – Sail from **Isla Partida** or **Isla Espiritu Santo** to **Puerto Ballandra** and anchor overnight.
- Jan 26 – Head back to The Moorings base to return to **La Paz** and stay at La Paz Motel.
- Jan 27 – Stay at La Paz Motel
- Jan 28 – Fly Home

The Catamarans

Moorings 4000 Club carries 10 sailors in two double-berth cabins and two triple-berth cabins along with two heads. This boat sails with Captain Don Hurst, but without a cook, at the cost of \$2,244.00 per person.

Moorings 4300 Club carries 10 sailors in four double-berth cabins and the main salon, which converts into a double-berth, along with four heads. This boat sails with Captain Deke Sheller, but without a cook, at the cost of \$2,328.00 per person.

Moorings 4300 Club carries 10 sailors plus a cook (who requires a private cabin) in two double-berth cabins, two triple-berth cabins and the main salon, which converts into a double-berth, along with four heads. This boat sails with Captain Glenn Catley at the cost of \$2,443.00 per person

Price Includes:

These all inclusive prices provide: catamarans, dinghies, captains, fuel, **full** food provisioning, ice, water, coffee, tea and juices, round trip air fare from Philadelphia, two nights at La Paz Motel, security insurance, local & VAT taxes, port fees and round trip shuttle. The only things not included are beer, wine and soft drinks, tips for a cook on Glenn's boat and meals for everyone while staying at the La Paz motel.

The Flight Plan

Price includes round trip group airfare from Philadelphia to La Paz with a stop in Mexico City. If you wish to meet the group in Mexico City, you can deduct \$358 from the price of the trip. The flight from Mexico City to La Paz will be met by Moorings at the airport to take us straight to the catamarans for our first night on board the boats.

Registration:

1. Designate your choice of catamarans which also determines your price.
2. Decide if you wish to fly from Philadelphia with the group or meet us in Mexico City.
3. Send your deposit of \$500 per person to The Sailing Club, 504 Pine Bluff Road, Salisbury, MD 21801. Make checks payable to The Sailing Club.
4. Please be sure to include your passport name, address, phone and email.
5. The second payment of \$750.00 will be May 15, and the final payment will be October 15.

First-Come, First-Served so do not delay in sending your deposit to insure the boat of your choice.

Yours for safe, memorable and exciting sailing,
Glenn, Deke & Don