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More than 100 sailboats left San Diego for La Paz

The "Baja Ha Ha" Regatta is the largest in the world



The Baja Ha Ha Regatta arrives at Bahía Tortugas; He will arrive in La Paz on November 11. Photo: Elias Medina | The South Californian

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La Paz, Baja California Sur (OEM-Informex).- 134 sailboats of the Baja Ha Ha Regatta, the largest in the world, began last Wednesday at Bahía Tortugas, on a trip that began on October 31 in San Diego and that their destination is La Paz, where they would be arriving on November 11, and from where some will continue northwards, sailing through the Gulf of California, others towards the Mexican Riviera and some towards the seas of other continents.

Another Regatta of 25 motor boats left San Diego with a brief stay in Ensenada and with a final destination in La Paz, where they will be arriving on November 12; In both cases, the number of registered vessels was higher, but some canceled due to lack of space in the La Paz marinas.

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In the case of the Cubar motor boat regatta, its frequency is every two years, although it was interrupted during the Covid-19 pandemic and the participation of at least 25 boats is estimated for this edition.

A 20-YEAR NAUTICAL TRADITION

These are two groups made up almost entirely of North Americans who have been carrying out this journey for more than 20 years, as part of a nautical tradition in which young newlywed couples travel as well as married couples with their children and retired older adults. and pensioners.

THREE DAYS IN TORTUGAS BAY

In Bahía Tortugas, the sailors remain anchored for two or three days, go ashore to live with the locals, and traditionally play baseball with the youngsters, to whom after the game they give away sports equipment such as gloves, bats, balls, and backpacks. On some occasions they take school supplies to the schools, while they walk the streets of the port where craft and food stalls are set up.

During the second or third day of their stay in this port, they go to a nearby plaza known as Los Bungalos where they have a party, where the locals come to offer food and drinks.

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The presence of more than 100 sailboats anchored in Bahía Tortugas offers a spectacle for locals and visitors, particularly at night when the lights of the boats come on.

The Baja Ha Ha will arrive next Thursday in La Paz and will be received by the nautical community with a festival in a restaurant on the coast located in the El Manglito area; a day later, the Cubar Regatta will arrive and they will also be received with a festival in a well-known hotel on the Costa Baja.

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and their name was changed to Nada Ha Ha.

FULL FILL IN MARINAS

Due to the presence of almost 200 boats, 100% occupancy is expected in the 7 marinas of La Paz during November and December, with the 700 combs fully occupied, according to the president of the Association of Tourist Marinas of Mexico Neil Schoyer.

Some vessels that do not find spaces in the marinas must anchor in the Bay before continuing their journey; The same will happen in the Puerto Escondido Marina, near Loreto, where a total capacity of approximately 100 combs is expected.

In 2021, 134 sailboats participated in the Baja Ha Ha Regatta, while in 2019, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, only 50 sailed

LARGEST REGATTA IN THE WORLD

This Regatta is the largest in the world, sailors sail more than a thousand miles taking advantage of the force of the wind and only the engine during maneuvers in port.

It is expected that this year some will continue their journey to other countries, something that did not happen during the previous two years due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, so the trip ended in La Paz.

Most of the sailors sail north, first visiting Balandra, the Espiritu Santo Islands, and later the Carmen Islands, and others in the Gulf of California.

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In addition to paying the marinas, visitors generate a significant impact on the local economy, since they spend in hotels, bars and restaurants and various service providers; almost all are visitors with high purchasing power.

STRONG ECONOMIC SPILL

According to estimates from the Association of Tourist Marinas of Mexico, the 7 operators in La Paz generate an annual economic income of more than 36 million dollars; The largest and most luxurious boats spend up to 1 million dollars a year in La Paz, although the smallest barely reach 12 thousand, employing mechanics, carpenters, veterinarians, divers, electronics and electrical specialists, among others.

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