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From your Membership page you can renew a policy, create a new policy, update your address, use the Travel Buddies calendar or find the Chubasco online PDF version. You will be able to locally print your policy immediately after you purchased it.

The Ship's Store online has available all of our Vagabundos logo clothing, as well as burgees, magnetic signs, Baja & Mexico books, charts, maps, etc.

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**Fifty Four Years ago the Vagabundos del Mar Boat and Travel Club** was founded on the principle of buddy boating - 29 people in 13 small trailer boats cruising from Bahia Kino across the Sea of Cortez in 1966. The Club has evolved into a non-profit organization of more than 10,000 Members and still fosters the buddy philosophy. Members are very independent individuals with a strong sense of adventure who not only explore on their own, but who have come together with like minds to experience the safety, special camaraderie and fun of sharing those adventures when traveling with buddies with similar interests, especially in Mexico and in Baja California. Many times new buddies become life-long friends and travel companions. Today with the internet, our popular Travel Buddies Calendar gives a new way of finding a buddy. We are reminded that some Members today may not know of our Founders, and we are repeating here some of what has been written in the past. We are grateful to our Commodore Eternal Ray Cannon, and President Emeritus, Chet Sherman, for introducing us to Baja and the Sea of Cortez and bringing us together. Chet used to say this was a hobby he started in his garage "that just got out of hand". He had the special talent of "organizing the unorganizable" and was a Pied Piper. He started writing our publication, *Chubasco*, Spanish for big wind. The dedication and hard work of the Club's previous and present Officers and Directors and many volunteer Members have made the Club what it is today.

Through the years the Club has donated thousands of dollars to worthwhile conservation and other causes in the Western U.S. and Mexico; and organized many activities and trips by boat and RV that ventured all over Mainland Mexico, including the Yucatan and through the Copper Canyon, Baja California, Bahamas, Canada, Alaska and locations in between. Other memorable trips by air travel were made to the Caribbean and Guatemala, and there are other great adventures planned. We will be running recounts of these and would love to include your special adventure to share with Members. If you have trip photos, or older or newer fish photos, send those in too. Many of us gather on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta once a year at the Annual Crab Feed Event to reminisce over these

and other past adventures and plan new ones. Ray Cannon expressed his love for small boat cruising in a previously unpublished essay that is included in Gene Kira's book, *The Unforgettable Sea of Cortez*. As we reflect over the past Half Century, this expresses the founding Credo for the adventurous band of small boaters that formed the Club. This essay follows:

"To the young in spirit, no matter the years, to those with an inner ache to thrill once again with wild and true adventure, or who long to capture the storybook romance of cruising out in search of hidden treasure on an island, to explore painted caves for Indian artifacts, and like a primitive, live off the fat of the land and waters, for all this and more, I say 'go down to the sea in little ships.'"

"Go for a voyage searching among the baylets, coves and lagoons."

"Go ashore, build a camp and spend a night in the wilds and hear the plaintive mating calls of creatures of the wilderness, the yowls and caterwauls of coyotes and cats challenging for your food, the thunderous gurgles of snoring whales making bedfellows of your boats, and the courting cries of the nocturnal birds and katydids, all accompanied with the background music of little waves breaking on the beach and the even more gentle winds."

"Sleep, and breathe deeply of the primeval and tangy perfume wafted down on the balmy night breeze from blossoms of the wild hillside chaparral."

"Wake up by the chuckles of sea fowls announcing the dawn, to swim in warm, clear water or dive into strange and beautiful marine gardens of flowering animals, succulent sea foods and rare sea shells."

"There are thousands of things to do, never before done by modern man in these vast and uninhabited places that once supported tens of thousands of Indians. You can cast for fish where no angler has dropped a hook, or cruise out to troll or bottom fish, with complete assurance of success. You can sail on to new areas, each seeming more inspiring than the last."

"Although this Sea is vast, its smooth surface, almost waveless beaches, bizarre islands, baroque shorelines and its wilderness character and

abundant sea life make it ideal as a small craft wonder water world. Not only for those who still cherish that precious inner spark for adventure, but for all of all ages who wish to rekindle it.”

“After spending half a lifetime in search of adventure in many of the remote places of the earth, I can now say with all truth, that small boat cruising in the Cortez provides the most exciting, most pleasurable, and most satisfying method of fulfilling that craving to experience the strange and unique in nature in the raw”.

“But I learned the hard way that these voyages can be enjoyed to the fullest only when they are well planned and carefully executed, and there are no shortcuts to thoroughness.”

“The Sea of Cortez is no place for the thoughtless. Beautiful, calm mornings may bewitch the careless outboarder to disaster; running down a favorable tide or breeze may speed him beyond the range of his fuel supply; a lack of knowledge of weather reports and seasonal storm conditions can prove hazardous.”

Ray Cannon’s *Sea of Cortez* book lured many to the Vagabundo lifestyle. Ray left us in 1977 and Chet Sherman, a Pied Piper and Adventurer in his own right, formulated the Club in ensuing years. Chet was the first President for 30 years until he left us in 1996. Chet expanded horizons and drew near to him those he chose to carry on his legacy who were of like mind. Many of us who have driven Baja 1 over numerous years and cruised the waters of the Sea of Cortez, know first-hand the advice back then to be prepared is still true. Chet preached about “shake-down” cruises and practice runs to “Baja bomb test” your boat, trailer and rig before hitting the road. Though there are many modern marinas today with fuel much more available, it still pays to be informed, watchful and well supplied. Baja 1 has been improved from the days when trailer boats were towed through innumerable big potholes and rough roads and launched over the sand on portable wire mesh tracks, but the road in some areas is still narrow with no shoulders. It’s stories of survival from broken trailer tongues or wheels rolling off into the desert, axles breaking, being stuck in the sand and the like when we used to say, ‘this is where

we separate the men from the boys.’ That came to mind other times on launching the boat from the trailer into the surf and hoping the engine would start; or at anchor watch in a storm at night in the rollers when wind direction changed in a Chubasco, hoping one of two anchors out would hold and you wouldn’t wind up on the rocks. It takes a certain resourcefulness to work out of a situation or predicament that just seems to happen when you are in remote parts on an adventure. With buddies to help who carry spare parts or to crank a wrench or change a hose, and then at the end of the day to retell and share the experience, it makes all the difference. The Club’s Mission still is -- **“To help Members travel safely, economically and enjoyably in all of North America, especially Baja California.”**

## WHAT WE’RE ALL ABOUT

### Assisting Members to Travel Safely in Mexico

The REAL Baja experts for more than 53 years Non-Profit Vagabundos del Mar is the Go-To place for reliable all Mexico Travel Insurance at the Lowest Prices. Pioneers in Mexico Tourism who understand firsthand the needs of travelers on the road and water. We process documents for tourist travel.

Vagabundos has tailored special policies at lower rates for Members based on our low loss ratio. As pioneers in the field decades ago, Vagabundos has for years provided affordable insurance so Members could stay longer in Mexico. Mexico only recognizes liability underwritten by a Mexican company. Liability insurance is required to operate a vehicle on Mexican roads. Bond and legal assistance is included with all policies.

Everyone’s situation is different, and it is important to choose the correct insurance policy for your needs.

**LIABILITY ONLY POLICY** - Our liability only policy covers civil liability, legal aid and medical expenses for occupants. You can choose \$300,000 or \$500,000 in civil liability.

**STANDARD FULL COVERAGE** - Physical Damage, Total Theft, Percentage Deductibles, Cost of Repair, \$300,000 Civil Liability, Medical Expenses for Occupants and Travel Aid.

**PREMIER FULL COVERAGE** - Physical Damage, Theft, Vandalism, Partial Theft, Fixed Deductibles, Higher Cost of Repair, Uninsured Motorists, \$500,000 Civil Liability, Higher Medical Expenses for Occupants, Gap Coverage and Travel Aid.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE POLICY** - Provides \$500,000 Liability Only Coverage. Therefore, a Driver's License policy will exclude coverage for collision damage and theft of your own vehicle, along with Medical Expenses to occupants.

**IN-WATER BOAT LIABILITY** - Mexico liability insurance policies cover boats, jet skis, yachts, and other personal watercraft. Like most traditional split limit policies, we offer coverage ranging from \$50,000 per person to \$250,000 per person for bodily injury. Our policies also include \$20,000 in legal assistance and bond coverage. We offer three coverage packages, so you can find the best coverage at a price that fits your budget.

**MEXICO HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE** - Our homeowners insurance is underwritten by one of the best known and most trusted insurance companies in Mexico, Grupo Nacional Provincial. For over 100 years, GNP has been the premier provider of insurance in Mexico and holds an A- rating from Global Rating Service A.M. Best.

**TRAVEL MEDEVAC INSURANCE** - Vagabundos is now offering Reliable Emergency Travel MedEvac Insurance! This is not your average MedEvac membership program. Our Travel MedEvac Insurance is underwritten by Nationwide and unlike other providers, Travel MedEvac focuses only on what is important... getting you and your traveling companion home in the event of a medical emergency. Beware of other plans that provide evacuation coverage only to the "nearest suitable facility", rather than to your home hospital. We provide the evacuation coverage you need in the event of a medical emergency.

Coverage includes: air medical transport to your home hospital of choice; ground ambulance transport from hospital to hospital; return of dependents; visitor transportation; return of standard vehicle, RV and watercraft; transport and repatriation of mortal remains; transport of traveling companion or family members.

We reminisce to 1966 when Vagabundos started with a few good buddies who wanted to travel to Baja and Mainland Mexico. It was then the Vag buddy system began. It's no different today and our popular Travel Buddies Calendar is a great tool to find a buddy to caravan with and many Members are currently using it and finding new friends. Members traveling to Mexico can post trips and find other Members who are traveling at the same time. It is for Members only, so you will not encounter the general traveling public. Vag sponsored events and a useful interactive map are included. Regardless of your driving experience, the easy-to-use calendar will allow you to find a buddy.

**We continue to provide valuable services to our members.** You may purchase your tourist card (FMM) with us, eliminating the need to go back and forth between the bank and Immigration Office at the border. We established this service many years ago. You will receive your prepaid FMM from us. Stop at the immigration office at the border and get it validated and you are ready to enjoy your trip. You may also purchase your Mexico Sports Fishing Licenses with us. A weekly license is \$23.20, monthly \$34.80 or annual \$46.40 plus \$8 service charge per license.

## MEMBERS SPEAK

We have closed our claim and everything is great! We just want you to know that we have had the most pleasant experience working with the Mexican Insurance Company on our unfortunate damage to our Toy Hauler trailer. They were always so nice to communicate with and their promptness was outstanding. We are so thrilled! It all started with you helping me with a three way call to them to start the claim. Between our great experience with Vagabundos transferred to the insurance company we will always remain a customer of yours and will highly recommend you all to others that are seeking Mexican Insurance coverage.

Thanks again for everything!! Roger and Carol Mears

I would like to pass on my employee commendation for your representative Shawna Newcomb. She was extremely helpful, polite and knowledgeable on our recent conversations and would like to acknowledge her as an outstanding employee of Vagabundos. Thank you very much. Judy and Carl De Jager

# **More than 54 Years covering the Western Waterfront from Alaska to Cabo San Lucas**

## **2020 ACTIVITY PLANNER**

When it comes to Baja and Mexico, there is still no other club that does what we do. The Vagabundos are the only non-profit social club specializing in Baja and Mexico travel. We are the Go-To place for all Mexico travel, with low-cost dues, all-Mexico Vehicle insurance with one of the most reputable brokers in the business, and are the only Club with both a hard-copy and digital publication. We strive to provide a Safety Net for travelers, providing the latest information from our contacts in Mexico and depend on the reliable information shared with Members currently on the road. It makes the difference in fulfilling our Mission - To help Members travel safely, economically, and to enjoy all of North America, especially Baja California. We are Not for Profit and All for Members.

### **Activity, Tournament Leaders and Wagon Masters**

We are always looking for help with Activity events and Tournaments and in finding new places. Think about your favorite outdoor area or fishing spot and how much fun it would be to share time there with your Vag Buddies. There are incentives -- some expenses and one week at the Loreto Casa. Before joining Vagabundos we adventured by ourselves. After our first trip years ago crossing the Sea of Cortez with Ralph "Padre" Lucas and crew, we realized how much more fun it was to share those experiences with good buddies. You will make life-long friends and be safer cruising on the water and traveling on the road - the reason for your Club's inception. For Wagon Masters, if you are an experienced traveler, take some buddies with you and receive compensation and expenses for your trip, and a week at the Loreto Casa. Our friendly staff in the office, who still answer the phone live, will be right there to help you with arrangements, reservations and working with participants for both Activities and Caravans. Call the office at 800-47-4-BAJA (2252).

The Club offers a Free Membership for the first year for current Members' adult sons and/or daughters who connect with the outdoors and relate to the Vagabundo Lifestyle. Get the kids involved! We are also now giving a Free new Family Member Membership for one year for you to give to a friend you think would enjoy the Vagabundo Lifestyle. Just fill in the blank form on page 18 and place your Membership number instead of the credit card info and give to a friend to send in.

In every beginning of the year issue of the Chubasco we list each Activity we know of that will be coming up in the ensuing year, and if possible, the following year. This is the best measure we have of what the Vagabundos do. Members can go over the list time and again to find the activities that most interest them and mark their calendars so they won't miss out.

Active people who are looking for fun, adventure and companionship from Alaska to Mexico by Boat or RV or vehicle can see that we are like them, get aboard and take advantage of Vagabundos activities and many money saving services.

Here are some of the fun things the Vags will be doing in 2020. If you have an idea for an Activity, please call the office to express your idea.



## ACTIVITIES

### **ANNUAL CRAB FEED & FIESTA** **Lighthouse Resort and Marina** **May 28 - 31, 2020**

The 2019 42nd Annual Crab Feed was held at the Lighthouse Marina. 300 Vagabundos Members, family and friends; 1,250 lbs of the best Dungeness crab provided by Mahoney's Seafood; 160 lbs of shrimp; 14 cases of fresh artichokes; 100 loaves of San Francisco sourdough bread makes Vagabundos Crab Feed and Fiesta the event of the year. There are no other crab feeds like this one. The four-day event included the Thursday Annual Pig Roast by Pigmeister and Director Fred Eberle and his crew with potluck side dishes. Friday night BBQ ribs or chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and margaritas. Saturday is the main event Crab Feed. Sunday morning survivor's potluck breakfast. It is a weekend to remember where you leave your diets for another day. Tony Schuck, graciously accepted the "Crab of the Year" award.

The 2020 43rd Annual Crab Feed event will be held at Lighthouse Resort and Marina on the beautiful California Delta. All RV sites are back-in. The cabins are limited.

We'll do it again starting with Thursday's kick off with the annual Pig Roast and famous potluck. Friday enjoy margaritas and catered Mexican Fiesta. The prelude to the Main Event on Saturday is the 8th Annual Chili Cookoff. Prize for the Chili Cookoff will include \$50 cash and two Crab Feed tickets for next year. Mahoney's Seafood will bring us the best Dungeness crab around as they always do, and will again provide the shrimp as they did last year since it was a big hit also. Delicious artichokes from the artichoke capital of California and fresh baked sourdough from San Francisco will accompany. Sunday morning Survivor's Potluck breakfast is always one not to be missed.

Reservations must be made before April 15, 2020 in order to receive the group rate for the RV sites and cabins. Please make all reservations with the Vagabundos office. Call now 800-47-4-BAJA (2252).

### **12TH ANNUAL 2020 PADRE LUCAS** **YELLOWTAIL TOURNAMENT** **June 18-20, 2020**

The week after Father's Day works well for the Yellowtail Tournament and will again be that week - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 18-20. The cost will be \$50.00 per entry. Included will be a welcome party with chips and margaritas; and on Saturday the 20th we will have the awards dinner

with trophies included. This tournament becomes bigger and better every year. Tournament headquarters is Casa Diaz. For more local information go to [bahiadelosangeles.info](http://bahiadelosangeles.info) which has accommodations, guides, etc. You may dry camp at Casa Diaz.

Last year was another fantastic tournament. It was our biggest and best tournament for the 28 anglers who participated. I have Western Outdoor News on board as a new sponsor for 2019. I wish to thank all participants and Tackle Express for their \$50.00 gift certificate. Thanks to Vagabundos Del Mar for donating several items, making our giveaway raffle even better! Janet and I would like to especially thank Vagabundos for giving us a beautiful engraved clock for our years of service.

A waypoint stop to Bahia de Los Angeles is Don Eddie's Landing in San Quintin. The road in is now paved and they offer Vagabundos Members discounts on rooms, dinner and breakfast. Sign up at the Vagabundos office at 800-474-2252(Baja).

Larry and Janet Lammon

### **SAN QUINTIN FISHING TOURNAMENT** **September 4 - 6, 2020**

2019 Vagabundos San Quintin Fishing Tournament at Don Eddie's was full of fun, good fishing, and good food. Once again Don Eddie's had to turn on the no vacancy sign as Members, friends, and the San Quintin community made this year's tournament the most successful thus far.

Tony, owner of Don Eddie's, and his staff did an amazing job preparing tacos for sign in. They prepared an outstanding BBQ chicken dinner for the first day of the tournament, and the Grand Finale Gourmet Ribeye Steak Dinner for the awards banquet. Labor Day activities included our traditional Oyster Farm lunch, followed by cocktails and fresh fish dinner at Don Eddie's.

A wide variety of fish was caught - Yellowtail, Bluefin Tuna, Dorado, and all types of bottom fish.

Cash prizes, Accurate BX Boss Extreme Reel (valued \$489.95) and Trophies were awarded to the winners.

Date for 2020 San Quintin Fishing Tournament  
Labor Day Weekend September 4 - 6, 2020

Friday, September 4, 2020 - Sign in at Don Eddie's Bar. Includes tacos.

Saturday, September 5, 2020 - Day 1 of Tournament 6am - 4pm. Includes BBQ chicken dinner at Don Eddie's Bar 6pm.



Sunday, September 6, 2020 - Day 2 of Tournament 6am - 4pm Includes ribeye steak dinner at Don Eddie's Bar 6pm. Optional Monday, September 7, 2020 (Labor Day) lunch at the Oyster Farm, cocktails and fish dinner at Don Eddie's Bar time to be announced. Freddie Washington

Make your reservations now by calling the Vagabundos office at 800-47-4-BAJA (2252).

## **COSTA RICA ADVENTURE TOUR 2019 by PREMIERE TOUR LEADERS DAVID & CONNIE JONES**

### **COSTA RICA FIGHT SONG**

"Like a small boat on the ocean, sending big waves into motion . . . I might only have one match, but I can make an explosion." Rachel Platten's song kept running through my head during our Vagabundos Costa Rica tour. Costa Rica might be a small country, about the size of West Virginia, but it's making bold moves on behalf of the environment. According to Vox, the nation's new president, Carlos Alvarado, has pledged to make the Central American nation carbon-neutral by 2021. On top of this, they're also planning to go plastic-free by the same year. Sounds impossible, but impossible goals must start somewhere; remember President John Kennedy's goal to go to the moon and beyond - so bravo to President Alvarado. Our small Vagabundos group, 13 of us who spread out to fill the space of our 30- passenger bus, learned a lot about the fauna and flora, including the fascinating banana. Our guide, Cesar Florez, a biologist whose master's thesis was on this interesting plant, was so full of information about every little thing we saw, even as small as the teensy poison dart frog, smaller than a child's little fingernail. Other sightings included the two-toed and three-toed sloth, howler monkeys, white face capuchin monkeys, crocks and caimans, mackaws and tucans, and much more. And about our bus, this is a Vagabundos tour requirement: A tour bus that will give nearly everyone their own window. All of us felt that we had the best that any tour could offer: A perfect guide, the best that many of us have ever experienced; a charming and safe driver; very comfortable and unique accommodations; memorable experiences; and, maybe best of all, the fun of traveling with other like-minded Vagabundos. There is so much more to Costa Rica than anyone expected that we felt the need for another Vagabundos tour, one that will include a few of the same places, because each experience in these places is unique, but will also expand to new areas with different experiences, and it will be customizable to your unique style of travel. If you think you might be interested, call the

Vagabundos office and get on the list now; like this last one, the next tour group will be small.

### **Hello Vagabundos del Mar,**

We are writing to let you know what a memorable and fantastic adventure we had on the Costa Rica tour, and especially wish to acknowledge and appreciate Connie Jones who put together such a fabulous itinerary. Connie did so much and was the glue that kept the journey going so smoothly, ensuring our comfort and checking in with us on things we'd like to do in addition to scheduled tours. This is only a couple of examples of Connie's care and attentiveness to us and logistics of the tour for 11 days. We are grateful to Connie for her time and effort to select the best tour operator and obtain such an outstanding tour guide (and bus and bus driver!!). It was an interesting, educational and very fun experience!!! Connie is a such a delightful person and we enjoyed our time with her and David very much. And, we have made 11 new friends and are pretty sure we'll all be in touch.

Please pass this message onto the Board and Vag management team as appropriate, so they're aware of our appreciation of Connie's work on this most memorable tour!!

**Dorothy & Mike Kraus**

**Planning on returning to Costa Rica in May of 2021.  
If you are interested please call the Vagabundos  
office at 800-47-4-BAJA (2252) for the itinerary.**

## **ADVENTURE TOURS 2019-2020 CST# 2044242-40**

### **PASSPORTS WILL BE REQUIRED BEACHES AND WHALES ROUND-TRIP February 2021**

The past recent years have seen record numbers of gray whales in the lagoons on the Pacific side of Baja. All indications are numbers are still increasing and 2020 will be even better. We are amazed that year after year as we have made the trek to Baja to seek the whales, we have not had a trip without an opportunity to actually touch a gray whale in their habitat. For us it is a humbling experience each time we view these intelligent mammals in the place they've chosen to birth their calves - as the Mexicans say - the gray whales are Mexican by birth. In one of the most

remarkable annual migrations nature offers, Pacific gray whales make the 5,000 mile trip from the chilly feeding grounds of the Arctic to the safety of warm, shallow waters of the Baja Peninsula for their breeding and calving season.

We will introduce you to these two favorite things to do and see in Baja and will take you down to Cabo San Lucas and back to California in both RV's and passenger cars. We'll spend some nights on Baja's best beach campgrounds. During the height of the season, we will experience whale watching with gray whales in Scammon's Lagoon and another lagoon, depending on timing and number of whales present. These gray whale wintering areas have developed "friendly" mothers who bring their calves right up to the boats and enjoy being stroked. Mostly it's the babies, pushed to the boat by mama whale, who probably learned the behavior as a baby herself, who seem the most friendly and want to play with us. To connect with these friendly whales from a small panga, looking right into their eye rolled toward you, creates a distinctive awareness of these intelligent creatures, enhances the mind and exhilarates the soul. In Loreto we will search for magnificent blue whales and other whale species like humpbacks and finbacks. In La Paz we'll seek another incredible gentle giant – whale sharks. The fee per rig with two people is to be determined. Be sure your CB radio or two-way family radio is working. For more information visit the Beaches and Whales Tour page on our website at [Vagabundos.com](http://Vagabundos.com) or call Vag Office at 800-47-4-BAJA (2252).

## ROAD REPORT

We made the trek south to Loreto from El Centro via highway #5 as planned. We towed a 38' fifth wheel (96" body) with our F350 Ford diesel.

### Mexicali - San Felipe

The road is good no issues some rough sections and also some newly paved sections

### San Felipe – Portecito

- Some detours around washouts still remain
- Some detours maintained graded and watered
- Further south you travel the detours become rougher
- New paved areas are smooth with no lines in most areas of new pavement
- Sharp drop-offs onto detours travel slow and take your time

### Portecitos – Highway #1

- 10 kilometers remain unpaved, construction on the new highway still ongoing, very dusty
- Rocky in some areas choose your route
- Many detours, narrow single lane in some areas around washout, poorly maintained SLOW down
- Newly paved sections very good again center line missing
- Some potholes and rough sections on the old pavement

### Guerrero Negro – Santa Rosalia

- Rough sections on the old pavement
- 1.5 kilometer detour around new construction watered and graded, soft in some sections
- The road through Santa Rosalia is very rough, slow down.
- Increased tractor-trailer activity

### Santa Rosalia – Loreto

- Old pavement rough in some sections
- Bridge abutments are not even

### Rule of thumb for Mexico Baja highways:

- Roads are very narrow
- Sharp drop-offs, no shoulder for the most part
- Sharp curves mean sharp curves watch speed
- Downgrades are steep 10 degree+ grades  
SLOW DOWN
- Watch the other drivers DRIVE DEFENSIVELY
- The military checkpoints were all good no concerns at all.

Regards Jo-Ann & René Liebaert

Thank you very much Jo-Ann & Rene - Reports like these are a great help to all Members.



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# EL PALMAR CASAS

## Vag Rental in Loreto

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Two Weeks Maximum

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### CASA 7

\$80 Per Night For up to four Members

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Two Full Baths With Shower

Two Bedrooms (One in Loft)

Maximum of Six People

Living Room, Kitchen

TV

Fishing in the Loreto Bay National Marine Park can be exceptional for migratory dorado, yellowtail, sailfish, marlin and many other resident species.

Diving around the nearby islands is very popular, as is kayaking and viewing several species of whales. Pangas can be chartered for a delightful day picnicking and snorkeling on a lovely white-sand beach with several adjoining reefs and numerous tropical fish.

Several businesses cater to these activities.

Fascinating side trips can be made to Puerto Escondido to the south and the village of San Javier high in the Sierra de La Giganta to the west. Nopolo is a few miles south of Loreto and has a fine golf course and a tennis complex.



*Casa 7 Dining Room and Kitchen*



*Casa 7 Living Room and Bedroom in Loft*

# SHIP'S STORE ORDER FORM

<b>MEXICO MAPS and FISHING CHARTS</b>		No	\$	<b>GUY HARVEY CLOTHING (cont.)</b>	No	\$
Baja Directions 11"x17" laminated Fishing Maps				Men's Long Sleeve		
Sportfishing Atlas, Baja California Edition	50.00			cruisin - white - L-2X	21.00	
Ensenada	14.00			double dodo - charcoal - L-2X	21.00	
L.A. Bay/Upper Midriff Islands	14.00			<b>Women's T-shirt's</b>		
San Quintin	14.00			king of spades - coral - S-XL	21.00	
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Loreto	14.00			marlin dorado - caribbean - XL	15.00	
La Paz	14.00			marlin yellowfin - pink - XL	17.00	
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Anglers Guide to Trailer Boating Baja - Thomas	30.00			burg, navy, white - M; burgundy, gray, red, white -	28.00	
Baja California Plant Field Guide - Jon P. Rebman	35.00			L; burg, navy, red, white - XL	28.00	
Baja's Wild Side - Daniel Cartamil, PhD	20.00			burg, gray, navy, red, white - 2X	30.00	
Birds We See in Baja California Sur - C.E. Llewellyn	40.00			gray, navy, white - 3X	32.00	
Cave Paintings of Baja California - Harry Crosby	40.00			<b>Men's</b>		
Complete Book of Saltwater Fishing - Milt Rosko	20.00			Beefy T's - Vag logo screen printed front/back	20.00	
Field Guide to Marine Mammals of Pacific - Allen	29.00			burg-L; burg,-XL; burg, forest, white-2X; stwash		
Gulf of California Coastal Ecology-by Johnson & Vazquez	20.00			blue, white-3X		
Lagoon Time - Steven L Swartz	30.00			Beefy T w/pocket - dk choc, denim, forest, lt steel,	20.00	
Mexican Camping 4th ed. - Mike & Terri Church	22.00			maroon, navy, sand, white-L; dk choc, forest, lt		
Mexican Camping Baja 6th ed - Mike & Terri Church	19.00			steel, maroon, navy, sand, white-XL; forest, lt		
Mexico Health & Safety Travel Guide - Page&Page	25.00			steel, maroon, navy, sand, white-2X; forest, denim,		
Moon Handbook Cabo 7th ed.- Niki Goth Itoi	17.00			lt steel, maroon, navy, sand, white-3X		
Sea of Cortez Cruising Guide-Breeding & Bansmer	50.00			Pocket Polo Shirts -		
Spanish Lingo for the Savvy Gringo-by Elizabeth Reid	15.00			black, burg, lt blue, navy, red - L	25.00	
Unforgettable Sea of Cortez - Gene Kira	50.00			black, burg, lt blue, navy, red, white -XL	25.00	
Whales & other Marine Mammals - Tamara Eder	13.00			black, burg, gray, lt blue, navy, red, white-2X	27.00	
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kaleidoscope - navy-M-XL; marlin boat - gray - L				coral, navy, purple, red, sapphire-M; coral, heather		
<b>Men's T-shirt's</b>	16.00			sapphire, lime, sapphire-L; purple, sapphire-XL ;	20.00	
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blue - stonewashed gr-L; white-L-3X				antique cherry, coral, heather sapphire, navy,		
bull dorado - black-L-3X; denim-L; white-M-3X				white-3X		
cabo billfish - navy - L-XL				<b>Hats</b> Mesh Cap w/Vag logo embroidered	14.00	
cruisin - aqua-L-3X; orange-L-2X				black, navy,		
double dodo - white, yellow-L-3X				Mesh Cap w/Vag logo silk screen - royal, white	10.00	
foursome - aqua, white, yellow-L-3X; red-L-2X				<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
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hoodat - charcoal, orange-L-2X				Magnetic signs, 10" x 12" (2)	21.00	
island marlin - ocean blue-L-2X				Membership name badge w/Vag logo	11.00	
marlin - navy-L white-L-3X; ocean blue-L						
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patriot - pale blue-L-2X						
pirate reef - black, white-L-3X						
save our seas - navy-2X; white-L-3X						
saving our seas - cardinal-L; white-L-3X						
spring tide - mint-L-3X						
swordfish flag - white-XL						
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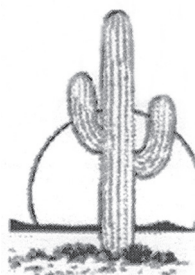
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stories of shark biologist Dr. Daniel Cartamil, as he explores Baja California's Pacific coast region. Packed with over 100 breathtaking images, this book chronicles a fragile paradise of remote landscapes, wildlife, and cultural treasures on the verge of being overtaken by modern civilization. From the high sierra, to ancient cave paintings hidden deep in the desert, to the surf-pounded Pacific, readers will discover Baja's little-known 'Wild Side.' The release of this book coincided with the opening of the 'Baja's Wild Side' exhibit at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

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**Peso** - 18.87 to the dollar.

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**Mainland Vehicle Fee** - \$44.

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FEED

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