



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

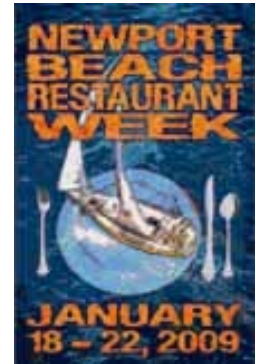
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#### JANUARY:

**Restaurant Week** (January 18-22, 2009) – Spanning five days in late January, Restaurant Week is a special citywide culinary celebration produced by the Restaurant Association positioning Newport Beach as Southern California's Premier Dining Destination. Close to 100 of Newport Beach's best eateries are expected to participate in this citywide, culinary celebration by offering delicious bargain priced three-course, prix-fixe gourmet menus for lunch and dinner.



**Whale Watching** (January through March) – Beginning in January and continuing through late March, whale watchers can catch a glimpse of these majestic sea creatures in their natural environment as they embark on an annual migration from the Bering Sea to Baja California and back. Charter companies – including Davey's Locker, Newport Landing and Bongo's Sportfishing – offer the best viewing opportunities with daily whale-watching excursions starting at \$10 per person.

#### FEBRUARY:

**Newport Beach Jazz Party** (February 12-15, 2009) – Mainstream jazz lovers from around the country and all over the world come together in Newport Beach to celebrate the great American songbook over Valentine's Day/President's Day weekend. Special tickets for the four-day festival and weekend hotel rates available. [www.newportbeachjazzparty.com](http://www.newportbeachjazzparty.com)

#### MARCH:

**Toshiba Classic** (March 2-9, 2009) – Known for its exceptional array of picturesque courses that challenge even the most experienced golfer, Newport Beach is also host to the annual Toshiba Classic, an official PGA Champions Tour event held at the Newport Beach Country Club. Formerly the Toshiba Classic, the event features golf legends – past participants include Hale Irwin, Fuzzy Zoeller, and Ben Crenshaw – competing for more than \$1 million in prize money. As the only event on the Champions Tour to raise \$1 million four years running, the Toshiba Classic is considered a charitable leader on the tour. All funds raised during the event are contributed to the Hoag Memorial Presbyterian Hospital in Newport Beach, as well as the Toshiba Classic Scholarship Fund. For more information, call (949) 253-2880 or visit [www.ToshibaClassic.com](http://www.ToshibaClassic.com).



## **APRIL:**

**Newport Beach Film Festival** (April 23-30, 2009) – Each Spring, cinema meets the salty air as Newport Beach rolls out the red carpet for its annual Film Festival showcasing hundreds of features, short films, documentaries and animation movies from around the world. *Daily Variety* notes “Orange County’s Newport Beach Film Festival may only be a short limo drive away from Hollywood, but far enough that a visit to the nine year old festival feels like a vacation.”

Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2009, the film festival has been presented many acclaimed films such as the U.S. premiere of *Crash*, *Waitress*, *Son of Rambow*, *King and Kong* and *the Illusionist*. Rivaling the setting of Cannes and the Mediterranean, the Newport Beach Film Festival features galas and yacht parties, and the opportunity to interact with directors and screenwriters during this eight day movie-maker event. [www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com](http://www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com)



**Newport Boat Show** (April 15-19, 2009) – The Newport Boat Show is the premier in-water big-yacht show of the West. This year, the Newport Boat Show at the Lido Marina Village is celebrating its 36th year and promises to be bigger and better than ever! More than 300 boats on display plus a host of exhibitors will be on hand in the water to showcase innovative products and services that make owning and operating a big boat more enjoyable. This is the one show serious buyers won't want to miss.

[www.newportinwaterboatshow.com](http://www.newportinwaterboatshow.com)



**Newport-to-Ensenada Yacht Race** (April 24, 2009) – With its emphasis on comradeship and friendly competition, the Newport-to-Ensenada Yacht Race attracts thousands of celebrities, well-known racers, and fun-seeking novices to Newport Harbor each year. First organized in 1947 to provide a fun diversion for soldiers coming out of World War II, the Newport-to-Ensenada race now attracts more entries than any other international yachting race. [www.nosa.org](http://www.nosa.org)

## **MAY:**

**Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Jazz Festival** (May 15-17, 2009) -- Southern California’s most famous Jazz Festival takes place in the beautiful outdoor Amphitheater and Golf Course of the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach featuring a line-up of jazz musicians which include Brian Culbertson, Richard Elliot, Peter White, Rick Braun, Jeff Lorber, Wayman Tisdale, Gerald Albright, Jeff Golub and many more. This is a superbly relaxing three-day, outdoor event with world-class live jazz entertainment, great food, beverage and various vendors throughout the Festival grounds. Ticket prices range from \$55 to \$195 and can be purchased on line at [www.summerjazzseries.com](http://www.summerjazzseries.com) or at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Box Office. For a complete artist line up and for more information, please visit [www.summerjazzseries.com](http://www.summerjazzseries.com).

**Food & Wine Festival** (May 22-24, 2009) - On the idyllic waterfront setting of The Balboa Bay Club & Resort, the 2009 Newport Beach Food and Wine Festival celebrates fine wines from Italy, epicurean delights and spirits over three spectacular days and two nights. Acclaimed winemakers, celebrated chefs, master sommeliers, and noted experts will serve as gastronomic guides, captivating festival goers with educational seminars, enticing tastings and extraordinary dining experiences. [www.balboabayclub.com](http://www.balboabayclub.com)

## **JUNE:**

**Newport Beach Jazz Series** (June through October) – The smooth sounds of jazz return to the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach each summer during the four-month Newport Beach Jazz Series, hosted by The Wave 94.7. In addition to popular tunes by such jazz greats as Bobby Caldwell and Richard Elliott, attendees enjoy a selection of food and wine amidst an unforgettable setting. In 2005, the festival was expanded to 20 concerts, held on consecutive Friday nights June through October, including a special Fourth of July concert with fireworks. [www.SummerJazzSeries.com](http://www.SummerJazzSeries.com)



**Balboa Island Parade** (June 2009) – One of California’s most charming seaside towns, Balboa Island in Newport Beach, draws more than 5,000 residents, merchants and community neighbors during its annual parade down Marine Avenue. With the theme of “An American Dream,” thousands of spectators come together to watch star-spangled floats, festooned tricycles, live marching bands, antique cars full of dignitaries, fire trucks, decked-out golf carts, be-dazzled dogs and more! Shop in the quaint shops and unique boutiques in the morning, then find a spot to watch the spirited procession come to life! [www.Balboa-Island.net](http://www.Balboa-Island.net)

## **JULY:**

**Fourth of July Celebration** (July 4, 2009) – Spend a memorable Fourth of July along the water and under the stars at The Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and Marina, host of Orange County’s most spectacular seaside fireworks display for 50 years. Festivities start in the early afternoon with a barbecue, carnival games, crafts, face painting, music and more, followed by an evening filled with “rockets’ red glare and bombs bursting in air.” For more information, call Newport Dunes at (800) 765- 7661 or visit [www.NewportDunes.com](http://www.NewportDunes.com).

**Fashion Island Summer Concert Series** (July through August) – All of the senses are engaged during Fashion Island’s Summer Concert Series, where gentle breezes and spectacular ocean views combine with the smell of the sea and the sounds of music’s most talented performers. A Newport Beach tradition for over 40 years, past performers have included Taylor Dayne, Juice Newton, B.J. Thomas, Super Diamond, Loverboy, Poncho Sanchez, the Beach Boys and more. The concerts take place in Bloomingdale’s Courtyard at Fashion Island. Admission is free for general seating, with VIP seats available for \$20. [www.ShopFashionIsland.com](http://www.ShopFashionIsland.com)

## **SEPTEMBER:**

**Taste of Newport** (Sept. 18-20, 2009) – Home to more than 300 diverse restaurants ranging from elegant eateries to quaint cafes, Newport Beach is a food-and-drink-lover's paradise that becomes even more epicurean each September during the annual Taste of Newport. Dozens of Orange County's world-class restaurants serve samples of their best appetizers, dishes and drinks against a backdrop of fun and live entertainment. The event is such a palate-pleaser, more than 60,000 people attend annually. [www.TasteofNewport.com](http://www.TasteofNewport.com)



**OCTOBER:**

**Sandcastle Contest** (October 4, 2009) – The favorite beach pastime of sandcastle building is taken to a new level at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Corona del Mar Sandcastle Contest, where “seashore sculptors” turn grains of wet sand into elaborate works of art. Each year, thousands of sightseers descend on Corona del Mar State Beach to watch participants – ranging from novice to expert – construct more than 30 entries. View these creations for free as a spectator, or consider making your own for a minimal entrance fee. For more information, call (949) 729-4400.



**DECEMBER:**



**101<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade** (Dec. 16-20, 2009) – Since 1908, boat owners in Newport Beach have “decked the hulls” of their seagoing vessels for the annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade. Ranked one of the Top Ten holiday happenings in the nation by the *New York Times*, the parade features approximately 100 elaborately decorated boats and draws more than one million spectators each year. Prizes are awarded in a variety of categories such as “Best Humor and Originality” and “Best Lights and Animation!” [www.ChristmasBoatParade.com](http://www.ChristmasBoatParade.com)

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