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## A MARITIME HISTORY OF BAJA CALIFORNIA

Presenter: Edward W. Vernon

Three Tuesdays, May 11, 18, and 25

1:30-4:30PM

Valle Verde Auditorium

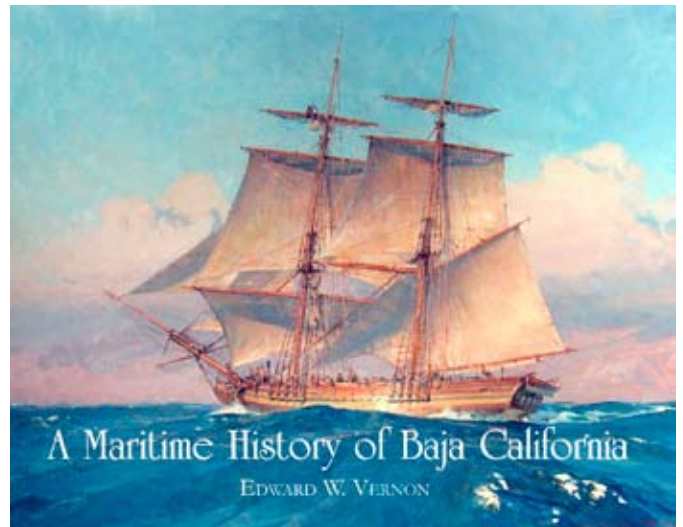
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Baja California, long thought to be an island, was the early stepping-stone from Mexico to Alta California—then a part of Spain. Virtually no traffic passed over the Sonoran Desert and the Colorado river to sustain the peninsula's Spanish and Mexican inhabitants from the mainland.

The course will give an overview of the Spanish exploration of this "island of beautiful Amazons." Three major ports, La Paz, Magdalena Bay, and Ensenada, will be studied in detail from their founding to the modern era. Included will be the fascinating whaling and otter-hunting eras, the American invasions, French mining operations (supplied with coal by German square rigged barks), a Chilean invasion and many other intriguing developments. We will discuss the maritime history from Cortes' 1535 colonization attempt up to the modern cruise ship era. Each session will have three "student" presentations and we will finish with two presenters with special knowledge of historical events in Baja California.

When enrolling you will be asked if you would like to make a short (15 to 20 minutes) presentation on one of the following subjects. Other subjects will be added to the list as we learn how many willing have enrolled.

Some of the student presentations will include: Hernan Cortes and his influence on Baja, the seaborne Portola expedition, the Gold-Rush steamers, the Manila galleon and the wreck of the San Felipe, the Chilean invasion, the English pirate Cavendish, William Walker's invasion, the salt works of Loreto and Guerrero Negro. Please indicate your willingness to be a presenter and indicate your preferred subject.



### ENROLLMENT FORM: *A Maritime History of Baja California*

VISTAS Members \$30 per person — Non-members \$45 per person

Yes, I'm willing to be a presenter. My preferred topic is: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

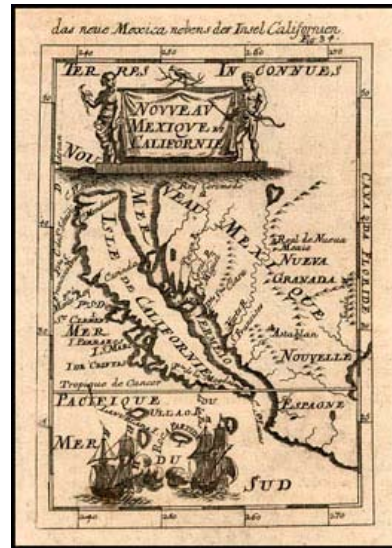
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Deadline for registration: May 1, 2010

Those enrolled in the class will be given the opportunity to buy Ed Vernon's book *A Maritime History of Baja California*, for \$35.00 (Retail \$49.95) The book is not required for the course and a list of bibliographic resources as well as a course outline will be supplied at a later date.



### VISTAS Spring 2010 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Health Care Around the World (Free introductory discussion)	Thurs, Mar 4	2:00pm	Valle Verde Auditorium
Documentary (ongoing)	Third Thurs every month	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
It's About Time David Bisno	Mon, Mar 15, 22, 29 & Apr 5	9:30am-12noon	Goleta Library
Meeting of Minds	Wed, May 12	9:30am-12:30pm	Valle Verde Social Room
Lawn Bowling	May	TBA	
Spanish Civil War	Thurs, June 3, 10, 17	9:30am-12:30pm	Valle Verde Social Room



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