



Information Bulletin 3A

MAUI FINISH VENUE INFORMATION

Preliminary Information:

This Information Bulletin provides preliminary information to boats, crews, family and friends who are making plans for the 2016 Vic-Maui finish in Lahaina. Updated information will be published when available, through the website at www.vicmaui.org, the Shackles and Cotterpins email newsletter (subscribe at www.vicmaui.org/subscribe), and by updates to Information Bulletin 3 at <http://www.vicmaui.org/lahaina-maui>.

Lahaina-Maui Accommodations, Provisioning and Logistics:

The Lahaina area has a wide range of general supplies and services, including all routine provisions. The International Airport on Maui is across the island at Kahului, about a 45 minute drive away. Kahului is the major regional center and has a range of general and marine supplies and services.

Most Vic-Maui teams arrange accommodations in the Lahaina-Kaanapali-Napili vicinity.

Hotels may offer group rates to Vic-Maui competitors, families and friends. The Sheraton Maui and The Aston Kaanapali Shores has confirmed a group rate and The Pioneer Inn offers competitive rates for all Vic-Maui teams, family and friends.



We recommend that, before making reservations, you check the Lahaina-Maui section of the Vic-Maui website at www.vicmaui.org/lahaina-maui for the most up-to-date information.

Lahaina Harbor and Roadstead:

Lahaina has a small vessel harbor enclosed by a rock breakwater, and an extensive roadstead with many fixed moorings and areas that are open for anchoring. The small vessel harbor and loading dock are very actively used by commercial, tour and pleasure boat operators. During Lahaina's historic time as a major whaling port, hundreds of vessels would be anchored in the roadstead. See www.lahainaharbor.com for more information. Vic-Maui makes arrangements for slips, moorings and anchorage – Vic-Maui boats should not make advance arrangements with Lahaina Harbor.



Before the Boat Arrives:

While family and friends are enjoying a vacation and waiting for their team to arrive, they can request a temporary guest card for access to the Lahaina Yacht Club. They may also want to attend the [Waiting Wahine Luncheon](#) in Lahaina at The Pioneer Inn on July 25th at 11:30am. Tickets are required and can be booked on the Vic-Maui website at www.vicmaui.org/waitingwahine; early bird pricing is available.

Vic-Maui boats carry satellite transponders which produce position reports on the Vic-Maui website, allowing Vic-Maui, family and friends to guesstimate their likely arrival time. At an estimated three hours before reaching the finish line, boats contact Vic-Maui to advise that their arrival is imminent. Family and friends who have pre-registered their contact information are notified so that they can watch the boat finish from Kaanapali and attend the Greeting Party at Lahaina Harbour.

After the Boat Finishes:

After a boat crosses the finish line off Kaanapali, a local vessel usually comes alongside and transfers a Vic-Maui representative to the boat. The Vic-Maui representative provides local knowledge to the skipper on the 6 nautical mile trip under motor from the finish line to Lahaina Harbor. The trip usually takes about one hour.

Greeting Parties:

Each arriving boat is warmly welcomed with a 'greeting party', regardless of the time of day or night. These parties are scheduled to be held adjacent to the harbor at The Pioneer Inn. Arrivals between 2am and 6am will be held dockside aboard the boats. Actual arrangements will depend on the number of boats finishing at the same time and the amount of other traffic at the loading dock. Ferries have priority at the dock.

After the Greeting Party:

After the greeting party, the vessel may move to a slip, mooring or anchorage, to be determined by the Harbormaster and/or Vic-Maui representative. There is government paperwork for slips or moorings and a fee for use of a slip.

Lahaina Harbour Slips:

Shallower draft boats may be assigned a slip for 24 hours, after which they may move to a mooring or to anchor. Boats with drafts greater than seven feet (7') may not be able to clear the sandy bottom of the channel entrance to the Lahaina Harbor. Harbor entry of boats with drafts of seven feet (7') or more will be dependent on channel conditions and tidal range at time of finish. Slips are limited and boats may be rafted. Shore power may available on a limited basis.



Lahaina Roadstead Moorings & Anchorage:

The Lahaina Yacht Club maintains several permanent moorings in the Lahaina Roadstead, and makes arrangements for access to additional moorings. Vic-Maui assigns use of these moorings and deep draft boats will have first priority. Boats may find all slips and moorings occupied, and may anchor in the roadstead. Boats anchoring will require sufficient ground tackle to hold in up to sixty feet of water with a sandy bottom and some coral. A current flows through the roadstead, and the roadstead is exposed to wind and swell in some conditions.

Boats on moorings or anchored may not be left unattended (Hawaii DLNR requirement); skippers must provide the name and cell phone number of a person who can move the yacht if needed. This person must be available at all times.

Roadstead Shuttle Service:

There will be a shuttle service between the Lahaina Harbor loading dock and boats in the Lahaina Roadstead until July 31. A local boat operator will be providing this service.

US Arrival Requirements:

Arrival formalities for all boats and crews are normally completed with US Customs & Border Protection agents in Lahaina. Compliance with these requirements is taken seriously.

Awards Banquet:

Vic-Maui organizes an [Awards Banquet](#) for all the Vic-Maui teams, including their families and friends. The 2016 Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at The Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa in Kaanapali. Advance tickets are available for advanced purchase on the Vic-Maui website at www.vicmaui.org/awardsbanquet, and are essential for this ever-popular event as seating is limited. Early bird pricing is available. Vic-Maui teams are encouraged to arrange their air travel and return delivery schedules so that everyone can participate in the Awards Banquet.

Re-provisioning for Return Deliveries:

Boats may use the Lahaina Harbor loading dock to take on fuel and water and to load or unload gear and provisions. The local rule for using the loading dock is "first come, first served" and a time limit of 30 minutes is enforced by the Harbormaster. Ferries have priority on the west and north sides of the loading dock. Diesel is available on the south side, gas is available on the north. The fuel pumps are "card access" only, and fuel is available by making an appointment and payment arrangements with a Vic-Maui representative. Cars can load/unload in a loading zone on the street side of the dock. Street parking is available nearby.



Freight Services:

Some Vic-Maui teams ship equipment (sails, boat equipment, spares, etc.) between their home location and Maui, in either direction.

- Air freight forwarders can arrange shipments by air between home locations and Maui; air freight allows shorter lead times but at a higher cost.
- Honolulu Freight offers service by container ship between Seattle and the port of Kahului on Maui. Container shipping requires longer lead times but may result in a lower cost.