



Shackles and Cotterpins April 4, 2006

Boats still registering

With the February 1st Early Bird Deadline past, most boats have registered for the race. But not all of them.

Kahuna, an Express 37 from Tacoma, skippered by John Leitzinger is the latest boat to make it official. And there is some speculation that this is not the final number.

With 18 boats officially entered, the Vic Maui Committee is increasingly focusing its attention on the many logistics to ensure that 2006 is another great race.

Race communications is a critical component of off shore racing. Ensuring that boats participate in daily roll call and have accessible contact with other boats and the race committee is vital to ensuring safety and a well-run race.

Getting Ready – Marine First Aid Training Courses

There are many things to do before the race – and ensuring that boats and crew are prepared for emergency situations is tops on the list. The Academy of Emergency Training has designed a course that will equip racers with the necessary skills to handle many emergency medical situations while offshore. This 1 ½ day course is highly regarded and will provide participants with hands-on training to respond to many marine emergencies.

Course Date: April 7 1900 - 2200
 April 8th 0900 - 1800

Location: Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

Cost: \$225.00 + GST

Info: 604-922-2249

RSVP: Paddy Thomson by e-mail at paddyt@shaw.ca



Parties – From Victoria to Maui

An equally critical component of the Vic Maui experience is pre and post-race parties with fellow racers and supporters. Event planning has resulted in some excellent events and now is the time to think about how many tickets you will need for each event. **Skippers will be receiving a ticket order form via e-mail shortly.**

Events Calendar

May 13	Luau at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
June 30	Pre-Race BBQ at Royal Victoria Yacht Club
July 1	Dock Party
July 2	Skippers Meeting
July 3	Race Start

To kick-off the events, the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club will be hosting a **Vic Maui Luau on Saturday, May 13**. The party will feature live Polynesian entertainment, luau-style food, and mai tai's. There will also be fun and games for the kids. This is a great opportunity for 2006 race participants to meet fellow competitors and past race alumni. Skippers, crew, past participants, race sponsors and their families are invited to attend. Tickets are \$35, \$15 for kids under 12. If you are a past race participant, please e-mail Kim at kvmclean@telus.net for ticket information.

The **Pre-Race BBQ** will be held at Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Friday, June 30. There is a fantastic menu and entertainment this year. All race participants and their families are invited to attend this event. Tickets are \$30, \$12 for kids under 12.

The infamous **Dock Party**, sponsored by Spinnakers Brewpub, falls on Canada Day, so as an added bonus we'll get to enjoy the fireworks from the docks. Dock Party tickets for your crew are included with your registration. Additional tickets are \$20 each. Space is limited, so be sure to get your ticket order forms in early!

Please contact Kim McLean at kvmclean@telus.net if you have any questions regarding Vancouver/Victoria events.



Victoria Accommodations – Book Early!

Because of the holiday long weekend, be sure to book your accommodations early! The Hotel Grand Pacific, one of our event sponsors, is offering Vic-Maui participants a rate of \$195 per night from June 30 - July 3. Visit www.hotelgrandpacific.com for more information or contact Hotel Grand Pacific directly at 250-386-0450 or toll free 1-800-663-7550.

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