



2014 Vic-Maui Information Bulletin 1A

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VICTORIA & START INFORMATION

Preliminary Information:

This Information Bulletin provides preliminary information to boats, crews, family and friends who are making plans for the 2014 Vic-Maui start in Victoria. 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 1.



The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority welcomes the 2014 Vic-Maui fleet and invites competitors, family and friends to explore and enjoy Victoria's Harbour.

GVHA: www.victoriaharbour.org

Maps of [Victoria Harbour](#) and [Causeway Docks](#)

Victoria Harbour and the Causeway Docks:

Victoria has extensive harbour facilities including a naturally protected Inner Harbour. The Vic-Maui fleet moors in Victoria's Inner Harbour at the Causeway Docks, in front of the Parliament Buildings. *"Victoria Harbour is the jewel of Vancouver Island. Lands surrounding the picturesque deep-sea harbour were a traditional winter home for First Nations peoples for thousands of years. When European explorers arrived, the harbour was chosen by the Hudson Bay Company as its Pacific Northwest base, and Fort Victoria was born."*

Victoria Accommodations, Provisioning, Logistics:

Victoria is a provincial capital city and has a full range of general and marine supplies and services. Hotels are offering group rates to Vic-Maui competitors, families and friends.



Please see the Victoria-BC section of the Vic-Maui website at www.vicmaui.org/victoria-bc for the most up-to-date information.

Victoria Arrival & Start Timing:

Competing boats are required to be at the Causeway Docks at least 48 hours before their scheduled start. This facilitates safety inspections and other pre-start events and preparations.

To help participants with advance planning, here is some unofficial information:

- start times are usually around 9-11 am; all starts will be between July 3 - 7, 2014
- generally, slower rated divisions-classes start earlier, faster rated ones start later
- most or all Cruising division boats will probably start July 3;
- the Racing division will probably have 2 starts, each sometime between July 3 - 7
- Preliminary start dates and times will probably be announced on March 3, 2014, much earlier than the formal deadline of May 29, 2014

It is recommended that spectator boats arrive in Victoria on the same schedule as their respective competitor boats. Competing boats and spectator boats are welcome to arrive early; advance notice will be required so that we can provide moorage.

Moorage Reservations:

Vic-Maui has an event moorage reservation with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA). Vic-Maui competitors and spectator boats should not make separate moorage reservations with the GVHA.

Vic-Maui pre-arranges moorage for competitors for the two nights prior to their respective start dates; spectator boats requiring moorage and competing boats requiring additional moorage will need to make moorage reservations in advance through Vic-Maui. Moorage reservation details will be announced when available.

Pre-Start Parties:

There will be a pre-start party for each start. Competitors, families and friends are all welcome. There will be a modest charge for tickets for family & friends. Dates, times and locations for pre-start parties will be announced when known. Most likely, we will be scheduling the pre-start parties for mid-afternoon two days before each start.

Skippers Meetings:

Skippers Meetings are held before each start, at the boat designated "Vic-Maui Race Office" at the Causeway Docks. Attendance is mandatory for the Skipper and one other crew member. Dates, times and locations for Skipper's Meetings will be announced when known. Most likely, we will be scheduling the Skippers Meetings for late-afternoon of the day before each start.

Pre-Start Evenings Reserved for Teams:

The evening immediately before each start will be set aside for the teams, family and friends. No official events will be scheduled for those evenings. Most teams arrange a send-off dinner with family and friends, before getting a good night's sleep the night before their start.

Spectator Boats:

Spectator boats are arranged by competitors and, after approval, are officially recognized by the committee. Each competing boat normally invites one spectator boat. Spectator boats moor alongside the Vic-Maui fleet during the pre-start preparations, and take family and friends to see the start outside Victoria Harbour. Spectator boats may be sail or power.