



Information Bulletin 2

SPECTATOR BOATS

Vic-Maui spectator boats come to Victoria, moor as part of the Vic-Maui fleet, take your family and friends out to see the Start (which is outside the harbour and not easily viewed from onshore), and often shadow the competitor boats up the course towards Race Passage, before turning around and heading back into Victoria. It's fun for everyone and makes for a great send-off for the fleet.

Spectator boats are arranged and organized as follows:

- **Each competitor boat invites their own spectator boat.** You have one of your friends bring their boat to enjoy Victoria and the start, and to carry your spectators.
- There is a limit of one spectator boat per competitor boat, except by prior approval.
- Boats are given designated spectator boat status by Vic-Maui and moor as part of the Vic-Maui fleet. This allows your family and friends to be right there with you during your final preparations, and to help out, too.
- Moorage for these spectator boats is reserved through Vic-Maui.
- Vic-Maui spectator boat battle flags will be provided as a recognition item for the spectator boats. At the dock in Victoria, boats proudly fly their battle flags.
- Benefits:
 - There is a direct relationship between each competitor boat and its designated spectator boat.
 - You have control over there being enough space for your spectators.
 - The Vic-Maui fleet and excitement in Victoria is doubled.
- If a competitor boat does not have their own spectator boat available for Victoria, please ask Vic-Maui to help arrange one. And, if that doesn't work, a commercial spectator boat could be arranged (at a cost) with one of the whale-watching or water tour boat operators.

Next steps for Vic-Maui competitor boats:

- Figure out who you want as your spectator boat, and approach them.
- Send an email to spectators@vicmaui.org so we know who they are.
- Forward this information bulletin to your chosen spectator boat, and ask them to make their Vic-Maui moorage reservation using the online system at: <https://www.vicmaui.org/victoria-moorage>
- The deadline for making spectator boat arrangements is June 17, 2022.
- If you don't have a spectator boat of your own, please let us know at spectators@vicmaui.org so that we can help make alternate arrangements.



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