



Notice to Competitors No. 3

International Travel Requirements

May 19, 2022

The Vic-Maui race is a unique international event. The skippers (masters) and crew of boats sailing between Victoria and Maui are responsible for meeting Canadian and US government requirements. A smooth Vic-Maui experience depends on your compliance.

Canadian government requirements are administered by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA, <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>). The primary Canadian requirements to consider are for each crew member and the boat itself to have the proper documentation in place to be able to enter Canada prior to or upon arrival in Victoria.

US government requirements are administered by Customs and Border Protection (CBP, <https://www.cbp.gov/>). US requirements include:

- All boats need a CBP User Fee Decal. If your decal is not onboard when you arrive, there will be additional entrance fees incurred and your landing may be delayed. Decal applications can be accessed online at <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/>
- Non-US flagged (foreign) boats need a cruising license (issued by CBP during customs clearance after arrival in Hawaii).
- Each crew member is required to have his/her passport. There are no exceptions.
- Each crew member must be admissible to the US. Crew members who are not Canadian or American must hold a valid visa or a Canadian or American Permanent Resident Card. There are no exceptions.
- *Note that the Visa Waiver Program generally does not apply to persons arriving in Hawaii on private pleasure boats. A valid visa is required.*

All boats and crew must complete US entry requirements; in person attendance at a clearance meeting with a CBP Agent within 24 hours of arrival is required for:

- all skippers,
- all crew

US clearance meetings are tentatively scheduled to occur at the Lahaina Yacht Club at 0900 on the morning immediately following your arrival. Please keep your cell phone on from finishing to clearance so that we can inform you of any changes to this schedule. Please bring all crew passports and customs declarations, and the boat documentation including User Fee Decal number to this meeting. Skippers are personally responsible for all crew members until the clearance meeting is concluded. It is important that everyone attending the meeting show up on time and *not* under the influence of alcohol. **The legal drinking age in Hawaii is 21.**



Please be aware of the zero tolerance policy towards drugs. Pets are not permitted to enter Hawaii. Weapons may cause you major headaches.

Mahalo and Aloha! We are looking forward to meeting you in Victoria and greeting you in Lahaina. If you have any questions regarding US Customs, please feel free to contact the Vic-Maui US Customs Liaison, Jan Nolan, by phone at +1 808 870 7245 or by email to uscustomsliaison@vicmaui.org.

International Travel Requirements CHECKLIST

Well prior to arriving in Victoria:

- CBP User Fee Decal for the boat
- Passports for every crew member
- Canadian and/or US permanent resident cards for every crew member who is required to have them
- Canadian and/or US visas for every crew member who is required to have them
- Accurate crew information, boat registration and insurance documents filed with race committee
- Make an extra copy of your boat registration & insurance papers for Victoria

On arrival by boat in Victoria:

- Boats and crew members who are entering Canada must first go to the Raymur Point CBSA Boat Dock to complete Canadian entry requirements

While in Victoria, assisted by Vic-Maui US Customs Liaison:

- Provide Vic-Maui US Customs Liaison with a paper copy of boat registration and insurance papers
- Complete US entry documents and provide to Vic-Maui US Customs Liaison
- US I-94 immigration forms will be provided and are to be completed by crew members who are not Canadian or American
- US 6059B Customs Declaration forms will be provided for later use

Before arrival in Hawaii:

- Vic-Maui US Customs Liaison will file your entry documents to make your entry into the United States as smooth as possible
- 6059B Customs Declarations are to be completed by every crew member

On arrival in Hawaii:

- Turn on cell phones after finishing
- All boats and crew must complete US entry requirements
- Non-US flagged boats will be issued a CBP cruising license



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