



Shackles & Cotterpins

The Vic-Maui Newsletter

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Attention Sailors:

The start is just a couple of weeks away! The boats and crews are in their hectic final preparation stages. The four boats in the Cruising Division will start on Thursday, July 5 while the ten boats in the Racing Division will start on Saturday, July 7. A steady flow of race-related publications have been appearing on the [race website](#). Some of the highlights follow.

Welcome Letters. Event welcome letters have been received from [BC Premier Christy Clark](#); [Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie](#); [RVYC Commodore Guy Walters](#); and [LYC Commodore Brian Blundell](#).

Time Allowances, Handicaps and Ratings. Final time allowances, handicaps and ratings and Division and Class Breaks have been announced by the Technical Committee.

Final certificates for each boat have been published in the [Race Documents](#) section of the website. [Official Notice to Competitors No. 4 \(Final Time Allowances and Division and Class Breaks\)](#) is also available.

Sailing Instructions. Official [Sailing Instructions](#) have been issued.

Safety Items. Two safety items, relating to Japan tsunami debris and recent sailing accidents on the US West Coast, have been drawn to the attention of competitors in [Notice to Competitors No. 2](#).

Arrival, Moorage And Logistics In Victoria. [Bulletin No. 2, Arrival, Mooring and Logistics in Victoria](#), is available. This information bulletin assists skippers and crews with planning for arrival, moorage and logistics in Victoria. The bulletin has information on Victoria Harbour, moorage reservations, arrival timing, check-in, pre-start parties, skippers meetings, evenings reserved for teams, starts and spectators, logistics, provisioning, accommodations, order forms and committee contact information.

Arrival, Moorage And Logistics In Lahaina. [Bulletin No. 1, Arrival and Moorage in Lahaina](#), is available. This information bulletin assists skippers with planning for arrival, moorage and logistics in Lahaina. The bulletin has information on getting from the finish area to Lahaina Harbor, greeting parties, dock construction, slips, moorage, anchoring, a scheduled shuttle boat service to/from moored and anchored boats, and provisioning for deliveries including taking on fuel and water.

Pre-Start Party And Moorage. The [order form for the pre-start party and moorage](#) is now available.

Tidal Current Charts. Dr. Richard Dewey, Oceanographer, of the University of Victoria has published a [package of Tidal Current Charts](#) for the two start dates.

Shackles & Cotterpins welcomes your feedback, comments and suggestions. You can contact us at shackles.editor@vicmaui.org . You can find a list of all other [Vic-Maui contacts](#) on our website. We look forward to hearing from you. [Click here to unsubscribe](#).

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The Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race, first contested in 1968, is the pinnacle of Pacific Northwest ocean racing. Vic-Maui runs every second year, starting in June or July off Victoria, British Columbia and finishing near Lahaina, Maui, a distance of approximately 2308 nautical miles. Vic-Maui challenges navigators to demonstrate their weather routing and navigational skills. Success depends on the navigator's skill in predicting where the Pacific High pressure zone and trade winds will be, nearly a week into the future. The adventure includes sailing around the Pacific High and surfing downwind in the trades. The days pass quickly with the fleet surrounded by dolphins and albatross, spectacular sunrises, sunsets and brilliant starlit nights. Teamwork gets the boats to the finish line near Lahaina, where each arriving boat is greeted with an outstanding Hawaiian welcoming party. Family and friends meet the racers to celebrate the accomplishment with hugs, leis and mai-tais. Many crew stay to spend more time enjoying Maui with their families before heading home.

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