



## Shackles & Cotterpins

### The Vic-Maui Newsletter

June 5, 2012

Attention Sailors:

**Vic-Maui Boats At Swiftsure.** Twelve of the fourteen 2012 Vic-Maui boats competed in the Swiftsure Race, held May 26-27. Vic-Maui 2010 line honors winner *Terremoto* won her division at Swiftsure, while *Double Take* placed third in her division. *Incantation*, *Terremoto*, *Bravo Zulu*, *Kinetic*, *Anne Bonny*, *Red Sheilla* and *Family Affair* sailed the 139nm Swiftsure Lightship Classic course. *Double Take*, *Red Heather*, *Turicum*, *Big Ben* and *Ballymack* sailed the 103nm Cape Flattery course. Full [Swiftsure results](#) can be found online.

**Preliminary Divisions, Classes And Handicaps Announced.** Start dates, preliminary time allowances, division and class breaks have all been issued. The ten boats in the racing division are grouped into two classes, while the four boats in the cruising division will sail in a single class. Preliminary Vic-Maui handicap certificates have been published for each boat, along with a summary of the handicap data for the entire fleet. Division, class and handicap information is posted on the race website under [Info for Racers - Race Documents](#). An [FAQ on the Vic-Maui handicap system](#) is available. Sailors may be interested to know that the primary inputs to Vic-Maui handicaps are US Sailing's ORR Velocity Prediction Program and the Vic-Maui historical weather matrix.

#### Dates In Victoria And Lahaina:

Victoria: The first start date (four boats in the cruising division) is Thursday July 5. The second start date (ten boats in the racing division) is Saturday July 7.

Lahaina: The finish time limit for the race is Thursday July 26th at 2355 HST. The awards banquet will be held on Saturday July 28th.

**Shipping To/From Maui.** Honolulu Freight Shipping provides weekly shipping between Seattle and the port of Kahalui on Maui. Information is posted on the race website under [Info for Racers - Resources](#).

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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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