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**VICTORIA-MAUI
INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE**

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STARTS:

July 2, 1992

July 4, 1992

Victoria, B.C.

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Lahaina Yacht Club

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COMMODORES' MESSAGE

On behalf of the Members of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Lahaina Yacht Club, together we offer an enthusiastic welcome to everyone participating in the 1992 Victoria-Maui International Yacht Race.

We greatly appreciate the tremendous efforts of the Organizing Committees at each of our fine Clubs along with the dedication of those who are racing, all of which will continue to make this event a great success in 1992 and in years to come.

Along with your families and friends, we will be with you in Victoria throughout your pre-race preparations and festivities, and at the start until we see you out of sight around Race Rocks. Everyone will be keeping close track of your progress across the ocean in anticipation of your safe and fast arrival in Lahaina.

All the best of wind, weather, and luck for your passage!

Commodore Barry L. Bell
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

Commodore Tracy Stile
Lahaina Yacht Club



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MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZERS

At last, as we approach the moment of hearing the starting gun in Victoria, final preparations are underway to make sure our yachts, crews, and spirits are in the best of condition for an adventure of a lifetime.

To those of you who have been here before, we welcome you back and hope that the 1992 Victoria - Maui International Yacht Race will prove to be as exciting and rewarding as your previous races. To those of you who are participating for the first time, we assure you that you won't regret your decision to do so !

This year's event has already proven that the spirit of adventure and commitment is alive and well and going to Maui! With 29 entrants lined up to go at press time, we have witnessed a resurgence of the enthusiasm that has meant so much excitement in the 24 years since the inception of the Victoria-Maui International Yacht Race in 1968.

We'd like to thank all our committee members and volunteers who have put in uncountable hours of their time and have gone to great lengths to ensure that this 14th Vic-Maui event will be the best one yet!

Good sailing to all of you.

We'll see you in Lahaina!

Wink Vogel
Race Chairman,
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

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Race Chairman,
Lahaina Yacht Club

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LIST OF ENTRANTS

Sail #	Boat Name	Club	Div.	Type	Skipper	Class	Rating	Time Allow. (Hrs.)
97336	Maverick	LYC	1	NM68	Les Crouch	IOR	69.10	-0.00
87627	Hokulele	TYC/GHYC	1	NM68	Richard O'Neill	IOR	69.07	0.05
23868	Lucille	SYC	1	Frers 50	Kevin Stamper	IOR	38.73	87.23
35	Pulsar	FEMA	1	Hoffman 45	Cpt. Valeriy Popov	IOR	34.66	101.04
609	Mad Max	RVANYC	2	Davidson 40	Wink Vogel	IOR	30.00	134.51
29180	General Hospital	WVYC	2	Farr 40	Sandy Huntingford	IOR	29.99	134.58
15999	Foxfire	CNWS	2	Faufmann 44	Mike Storie/Jim Paget	IOR	28.08	147.78
69211	Carmanah	RVICYC	2	Peterson 41	Dr.Frank Van Gyn	IOR	26.43	160.31
8955	Merlin	RVANYC	A	Santa Cruz 70	Dan Sinclair	PHRF	-36.00	-0.00
87570	McFastrack	FCYC	A	MacGregor 65	Denis Cressey	PHRF	-12.00	15.39
69581	Atalanta	CYC SE	A	Sloop 74	Dick Hedreen	PHRF	3.00	25.00
6944	Charisma	WSC	A	S&S 56	Dr.John McMillan	PHRF	33.00	44.24
59995	Ajax	ACYC	A	Santa Cruz 40	Dr. Walter Schwenk	PHRF	45.00	51.93
69029	Eclipse	SYC	B	Perry 45	Pete McLean	PHRF	66.00	65.39
24241	Sanfire	FCYC	B	C&C 43-2	Bob Stacey	PHRF	72.00	69.24
49278	Rocket J. Squirrel	SYC	B	Swan 39	Chris Otorowski	PHRF	84.00	76.93
69620	Panache IV	CBYC	B	Centurian 47	Helmut Hahn	PHRF	90.00	80.73
39785	Lady Meg	RVANYC	B	Spencer 44	Les Landes	PHRF	99.00	86.55
W1	Passing Cloud	WVYC	B	Roue 68	Greg Sager	PHRF	99.00	86.55
64928	Windancer IV	WSC	C	Shannon 50	Scott Wurtele	PHRF	100.00	87.19
64920	Meredith II	RVANYC	C	C&C 38-2	Cheryl, Barry Holmes	PHRF	117.00	98.09
49453	Luna	VRC	C	Yamaha 33-2	Dennis Manara	PHRF	135.00	109.63
319	Wind Chaser	BYC	C	Islander 30	Michael De Man	PHRF	189.00	144.25
64926	Nuance	VRC	C	Hughes 80/20	Dr.Tom De Roos	PHRF	204.00	153.87
69666	Jo	BYC	I	J-44	Dr.Tom White	IMS	553.60	-0.00
34840	Hone Koa	WVYC	I	X402	Bill Say	IMS	584.20	20.25
7668	Hooligan	CYC SE	I	Cal 40	Gilbert Wood	IMS	632.90	52.44
1979	Vendetta	RPNYC	I	Moody 44	Michael Hope	IMS	644.70	60.23

This is an unofficial list of ratings and may still be adjusted by the Race Committee.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Victoria, B.C. Inner Harbour

START

ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

Pre-Race Activities

Sunday, June 28	All Day	RVYC Spectator yachts assemble
Monday, June 29	All Day	Competing yachts assemble to Tuesday, June 30
Tuesday, June 30	1830	Banquet for July 2nd Start at the Empress Hotel, Balmoral Buckingham Rooms
Wednesday, July 1	1400	Skippers' Meeting for July 2nd Start The Empress Hotel, Buckingham Room
Wednesday, July 1	1400	Royal Victoria Yacht Club Centennial Sailpast, Inner Harbour
Wednesday, July 1	1800-2200	Steamers Pub invites you for complimentary beverages and a \$16.95 dinner buffet – 3 minutes walk from Inner Harbour, 570 Yates St. Seating limited to 200. Admission by tickets which will be available for sale on the dock at 12 noon each day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Thursday, July 2	0900	M.V. "Gibson Gal" (Committee Boat) departs for start line - Brotchie Ledge
Thursday, July 2	0845-0900	Spectators assemble on Royal Vancouver Yacht Club boats in Inner Harbour
Thursday, July 2	0910	Spectator yachts depart Inner Harbour
Thursday, July 2	1000	July 2nd Start – Brotchie Ledge Honorary Starters: Commodores Barry Bell (RVYC) and Mark Robinson (LYC)
Thursday, July 2	1830	Reception – Convention Centre, Rear of Empress Hotel.
	1930	Banquet for July 4th start follows reception.
Friday, July 3	1400	Skippers's Meeting for July 4th Start at The Empress Hotel, Buckingham Room
Friday, July 3	1500	Band Concert - Canadian Forces Naden Band – Lower Quay, Inner Harbour
Saturday, July 4	0845-0900	Spectators assemble on Royal Vancouver Yacht Club boats in Inner Harbour
Saturday, July 4	0900	M.V. "Sea Q" (Committee Boat) departs for start line – Brotchie Ledge
Saturday, July 4	0910	Spectator yachts depart Inner Harbour
Saturday, July 4	1000	July 4th Start – Brotchie Ledge Honorary Starters: Captain (N) James K. Steele CD representing Rear-Admiral Peter W. Cairns, CM, CD Commander Maritime Forces Pacific

Race Committee Room will be open Tuesday, June 30th through Friday, July 3rd,
1000-1830 hrs.

Empress Hotel, Suite

OFFICIAL COMMITTEE VESSELS

STARTING VESSEL

July 2nd Start

M.V. "Gibson Gal" (76')

Skipper: Bob Gibson



STARTING VESSEL

July 4th Start

M.V. "Sea Q" (87')

Skipper: Ronald Cliff



Thank You!

The Organizing Committee of the 1992 Victoria-Maui International Yacht Race would like to thank the following members of RVYC for making themselves and their yachts available in Victoria to accommodate spectators and VIP's at the start of the race.

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SIBELIUS (37' sail), John Jarman – Safety Committee on Board

**ALL SPECTATOR BOATS SHOULD REMAIN WELL CLEAR OF THE STARTING
LINE AND MANOEUVERING AREA**

LAHAINA YACHT CLUB

by R.L. Wall, Fleet Captain

Among the international family of yacht clubs, and being well under 30 years old, Lahaina Yacht Club by most standards is a junior member. None the less, our superb location, warm Aloha spirit, casual ambience (plus the hottest showers in the Pacific) have earned LYC legendary status among mariners world wide. For cruisers, racers and fishermen alike, one of the brightest spots in the Pacific is the Lahaina Yacht Club.

Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated group of ocean-weary sailors who had "swallowed the anchor" making Lahaina their home, the Lahaina Yacht Club was formed in 1965 and the white whale on red background has flown proudly ever since. Among our egalitarian forefathers were Bob Hoehn, Floyd Christenson, Carolynn Blake, Jon Payne, and Pat Ballenger. That same year RVYC's Jim Inness decided to create a challenging ocean-crossing race from Canada to Hawaii. Three boats took up the challenge, with Jim's *Long Gone* arriving first after 15 days, 55 minutes (see Vic-Maui History). With no clubhouse our fledgling founders improvised and brought the welcome parties to the docks. A strong and lasting bond was formed and the Vic-Maui concept was born.

Shortly after the Canadians returned home spreading tales of their crossing and the Hawaiian hospitality they had received, Bob Johnston sailed over from Honolulu aboard *Ticonderoga*. Intrigued with the idea of a populist yacht club, Bob decided to race the "Big T" under LYC's burgee. Following a record-breaking finish in the 1966 Trans-Atlantic race, *Ticonderoga*, flying LYC's red and white colors, went on to race the European circuit. Soon applications were coming in from all over and the idea of having a world-wide associate membership began to take hold. Much would transpire during the next two years.

In the fall of 1966, thanks to the funding, finagling and fortitude of Commodore Floyd Christenson and Businessman Pat Ballenger, a waterfront parcel of land with an abandoned laundry facility was acquired. Annual dues were raised to \$25.00 and volunteer labor was solicited. The club divided itself into groups with Pat in charge of construction and Floyd in charge of morale. Whole families organized work parties and the kids painted while their parents pounded nails. To the shock and surprise of the rest of Lahaina, the building gradually took shape. Almost a year after starting, the clubhouse was finally opened.

The new clubhouse was a welcome sight to the finishers of the first official Victoria-Maui race in 1968. Bill Killam's 47-foot *Porpoise III* out of RVYC won that first race in 16 days, 7 hours and 15 minutes. Each finishing yacht received a royal welcome from the LYC reception committees. The tradition continues, with each year surpassing previous ones. The magic and intrigue of Lahaina is contagious and LYC continued to grow in membership and physical size.

During the next 20 years life just kind of "went on" at LYC. Volunteers, working at odd hours expanding the deck over State waters five, eight, ten feet at a time along with various other facelifts. By 1987, the clubhouse was in need of repairs and expansion. In anticipation of our 25th anniversary, which would coincide with the thirteenth running of the Vic-Maui race, Commodore Earl Kunkel spearheaded discussions to remodel the clubhouse and to try and "get legal" with the State for our years of encroachment.

Months later we were successful in obtaining a long term lease from the State and paid a small fine for our sins. Glenn Kearns completed the design changes and plans were presented to the General Membership. Many wanted the clubhouse to remain uniquely as it was, but the majority voted to pursue costs, options, etc... the big question was, could we afford it even with a very healthy building fund? Time passed and in mid-1989 the members voted to remodel. Work began in late September, 1989 and "it" hit the fan!

Almost everything we tore into was either rotted or "not up to code." We suddenly found out that Maui had Building Inspectors! Galley hood, exhausts, plumbing, firewall and extinguishers, all electrical service and wiring, decking, shoring and even the roof. We had to make it all new! And the building fund wouldn't cover it. Assessments and dues increases were made and work proceeded. Once again we saw volunteers turn out to work on tables, chairs, painting, and moving everything to make room for other workers. Finally, it was over - done - finis. The 1990 Vic-Maui finishers and families found a "new" clubhouse, and old friends.

The Lahaina Yacht Club looks forward to all Vic-Maui participants to arrive, renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Previous visitors remember and newcomers will learn, at LYC you're part of the family. George Elario, now the Club Manager has been with us for 10 years. Tim the bartender is as quick as ever after 17 years. And everyone's favorite waitress for the past 13 years, Sherry Lynn, is still all smiles. On behalf of Commodore Mark Robinson, Race Chairman Steve Taylor, and members and staff of LYC, warmest ALOHA to all who venture here.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

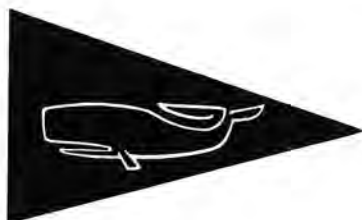
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FINISH

LAHAINA YACHT CLUB Post-Race Activities

Friday, July 10		ROGERS TV (Film Crew) arrives on Island to film Finish Line, Clubhouse, finishing parties, Summer Regatta, Banquet, etc.
Thursday, July 14		FINISH LINE First boats finishing at Lahaina (unless someone breaks the record)
Thursday, July 14	1130	WAITING WAHAINE LUNCHEON Fran and Warren Hinton's 399 Front Street, Lahaina PH: 661-3216
Sunday, July 19	1100	SABOT DAY / SAILING & BAR-B-QUE Mala Wharf Out Station Juniors and Adults – Always a fun time! – Call Fleet Captain Ron Wall PH: 667- 6919
Friday, July 24	1600 1700	AWARDS BANQUET & DANCE at the Jodo Mission – Lahaina Live Music by "Four Play" Banquet (Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Ship's Store. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Call Jim Follett (PH: 808-661-1077)
	1800 followed by	Awards Presentation Dance to live music by "Relentless"
Saturday, July 25	see Race	Summer Regatta - Offshore Triangles
Sunday, July 26	Instructions	Summer Regatta - Channel Race

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7:00pm - 10:00pm only

VIC-MAUI RACE INFO HOT LINE

Contact: Arleigh Laird, Information
Therese MacNeil, Media Liaison

PH: 224-1421 (direct line)

LAHAINA YACHT CLUB,

835 Front Street, Lahaina
PH: (808) 667-6211

HOURS: 9:00am - 11:00pm (approximate)
VIC-MAUI RACE INFO & HOSPITALITY DESK

Clubhouse Contact:
Kay Scott, Hospitality; George Elario, Manager

FINISH LINE & RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Ka'anapali Shores, Lahaina, Room #802
PH: (808) 667-2211

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HOURS: July 6th - July 25th, 24 hours a day

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(Make reservations before 1:00pm on the day you wish to talk)

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HOURS: July 9th - July 30th, 24 hours a day
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Contact: Nancy Goode, Communications
Tom Warren, Harbor
Nick Powell, Pilots

PH: 661-7389

RADIO STATION KPOA

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HOURS: Daily position reports
begin July 7th, 6:20pm

Contact: Chuck Bergson

PH: 667-9221

Race commentary, Hawaiian music, jazz at night.

Numbers in parentheses eg ('86) indicate previous Vic-Maui' sailed.

AJAX #59995 ('88, 86, 84), a **Santa Cruz 40** from ACYC out of Anacortes sailed by skipper Dr. Walter Schwenk ('88, 86, 84, 82), Girts Rekevics (navigator ('88, 84, 82), Jerald Allen, Tom Gilbert, Daniel Snare, Jeffery Skodje ('82), Robert MacWhorter



Island News

by Jim McVie

Vic-Maui start spectacular

Start of 1992's Victoria-Maui ocean racing classic will be the most spectacular in the race's history.

There will be two starts, one Wednesday, July 1 for smaller craft and another July 4. Those two days are the national holidays for Canada and the United States.

Added to those important celebrations will be the 100th birthday celebration of Royal Victoria Yacht Club which shares its century mark with Seattle Yacht Club, one of the major competitors in the Vic-Maui race

and all other Pacific Northwest regattas.

There will be about 200 sailboats in Victoria's Inner Harbor July 1 as Royal Vic marks its birthday with a sailpast on the Wednesday afternoon. Turnout of boats and spectators along the causeway is expected to approach the huge crowds attracted to the scene in the days when the Swiftsure Lightship Race drew about 400 yachts.

New life seems to have been pumped into the Vic-Maui which has attracted a record number of applications. Boats will range from 35-footers to 70-foot plus maxis. Included in those maxis is *Graybeard*, a 73-foot sea roamer under her late skipper Lol Killam. The old girl has size and speed.

Dennis Cressey, Fasl Creek Yacht Club, has chartered a Nelson Marek 57 footer which will be one of the favorites for line honors. *Merlin*, the Vic-Maui record holder, is available for charter as is *Meridian*, the fastest yacht in the Pacific Northwest.

CARMANAH #69211, a **Peterson 41** from RVICYC out of Victoria sailed by skipper Dr. Frank Van Gyn, Duncan Kemp (navigator), Vern Burkhardt, Dr. Darien Hunt, Christopher Jones, Alexandra Wardell, Dr. Bill Norrie



AT.A.LAN.TA (orig.Greek Mythology) A maiden who agreed to marry any man who could outrun her, and who was defeated by Hippomenes when he dropped three golden apples that she paused to pick up.

ATALANTA #69581, a **Tripp 74** Maxi Ketch from CYC out of Seattle sailed by skipper Richard Hedreen, Ed Fraser (navigator) (2x), Vic Bishop (yes), Jerry Bryant, Mike Gettinger, Chris Gilbert, Brian Lenihan, George LeVasseur, David Smart, Lienette Terrill, George Thomas, Ron Wilderman, and two others to be confirmed.

Vic-Maui draws fast flyers in bid for 1992 line honors

There'll be a real fight for first-to-finish honors in the 1992 Victoria-Maui Pacific crossing classic sponsored by the Royal Vancouver and Lahaina Yacht Clubs.

Some of the fastest flyers on the Pacific Coast have already made entry application. Les Crouch's *Maverick*, first to finish in 1990, has entered and will attract other speed merchants such as *Merlin* and *Meridian*, boats with enviable records in the constant search for line honors. Because of their high rating they sometimes have to yield overall honors to slower boats but in the race to the finish they are the ones to carry you money.

In addition to these lightweight flyers, others are being sought for local syndicates to charter for the race. One winning Seattle boat, Kevin Stamper's 50-foot *Lucille* has been entered. Several others are expected to enter. Thirty-two applications have been received to date by race chairman Wink Vogel and his committee.

Wink, a Maui race veteran has entered his Davidson 40, *Mad Max* with his family as crew.

Peter Jefferson, immediate past commodore of Royal Van and race committee vice chairman told Boating News that at least three local sailors plan to charter large, fast yachts. John Long, and Fred Long, four times

Vancouver Area Racing Council IOR Boat of the Year winners plan to charter a maxi. John is past commodore of Royal Van and a Vic-Maui race trustee. Glen MacDonald and Dan Sinclair are looking for a maxi to charter as is West Van's Vic Bishop.

Dick Roberts of Seattle, *Earl of Mar* owner and veteran racer, will sail his own Santa Cruz 70 or charter a fast flyer.

There's much interest in the plan of Seattle's Richard O'Neil in chartering an 80-foot Whitbread yacht.

North Vancouver's Mike Evans, who sailed in the Pacific Cup, will either race his fast Evans 40 or a 60 footer he is building, if the 60 footer is ready on time.

A Beneteau 45, designed by Bruce Farr and just delivered to John Graham, will be among the strong mid-size fleet. Another interesting entry is the J45 *Jo* entered by veteran Bellingham skipper Tom White, who formerly raced *Jo* a C&C 41.

One entry has been received from Alaska. California and Washington clubs have expressed interest as have Japanese and Russian sailors. The international publicity the race received through a man overboard incident in 1990 by *Oriole* has done much to hype the 1992 classic.

One entry creating much interest is

that of *Sunbird*, now registered in Kitimat. Formerly an American Admiral's Cup contender she was brought to Vancouver by the late Alvin Narod. As the 1980 race concluded Alec Foley brought *Sunbird* into Maui after sailing her from Europe.

Among the reasons for racers repeating the Vic-Maui classic is the reception given every yacht and crew by Lahaina Yacht Club members at the finish. Lahaina residents and club members "adopt" individual boats and welcome them with leis, food, drink, music and dancing at the finish. Yachts are decorated with beautiful leis. John Long's *Indomitable* in one race had white and red flowers completely covering her forestay from deck to the top of the mast. The Lahaina "Aloha" welcome has become a large part of the biennial classic.

Vic-Maui Race application register as of Jan. 1991. Boat name, length in feet, skipper, club:
Jo, 44.5, Tom White, B'ham; Carissa, 42.2, Jake Jakubik, Seattle; Charter, Big, John Long, Vancouver; New Whitbread, 80 plus, Richard O'Neil, Gig Harbor; *Maverick*, 68, Les Crouch, San Diego; *Foxtire*, 44, Mike Stone, Seattle.

Mad Max, 40, Wink Vogel, Van; *Lucille*, 50, Scott Rhorer, Sea; *Northern Girl*, 45, John Graham, Van; *Sunset*, Big, Terry Bucholz, Hawaii; *Desperado*, 36, John Henderson, Sea.

Kydaka, 41, Sandy Huntingford, West Van, 47; *Helmut Hahn*, Surrey; *Peter Plant*, Sidney; *Baltic* 51, Vic Bishop, West Van; *Bedlam II*, 41, Bernie Lueder, Van; *Kolohe*, 40, Chris Sherriden, Van; *Samatras*, 40/60? Mike Evans, Van; *Aquilla*, 40, Glen McDonald, Van; *Snook*, 40, E. Bentzen, Sea; *Home Koa*, 40, Bill Say, West Van; *Chimo*, 40, Connor Boyd, Tacoma; *Earl of Mar*, 70, Dick Roberts, Sea; *Ajax*, 40, Wally Schwenk, Everett; *Charisma*, 56, Howard Mills, Kitimat; *Voltava*, 41, Michael Scott, Van; *Tin Man*, 47, Ned Flohr, Sea; *Jennifer Lynn*, 49, Tim Fleming, Sea; *Meridian*, 70, Tim Clark, Sea; *Eclipse*, 45, Peter McLean, Sea; *Libertie*, Tom Sadler, Tacoma.



CHARISMA #6944, an S&S 56 from WSC out of Kitimat, BC sailed by skipper Dr. John McMillan, Dr. Kevin McMeel (navigator), Dr. Howard Mills (owner), Laurie Anderson, Detlef Beck, Kevin Bourgeois, Peter Bush, Pat Mahoney, Andrew Mills, Harriet Mills (11 years), Kate Mills (12 years), Ruth Mills, Dr. Don Thomson.

FOXFIRE #15999, a Kaufmann 44 from CNWS out of Seattle sailed by skipper Mike Storie (co-skipper) ('90, 86, 82, 78, 76), Jim Paget (co-skipper) (90,86, Robert Henry (navigator) (90,86), Jan Hattrup (owner) ('90,86), Fred Amrhein, Doug Horne, Tom Mayes ('90, 86), John Norwood, Bob Smersh, Lorna White



ECLIPSE #69029, a Perry 45 from SYC out of Seattle sailed by skipper Pete McLean, Eric Petersen (navigator) ('86), Roderick Draughton, Bill Griffith, Tom Kellerman, David Lombard, Andrew McLean, Dick Melton ('86), Peter Murphy.





GENERAL HOSPITAL #29180, a **Farr 40** from WVYC out of West Vancouver sailed by skipper Sandy Huntingford ('99, 80), Bob Kitchen (navigator) (3x), Charles Hanson, John Huntingford ('88), Rob Huntingford ('88), Bill Kitchen (4x), Brad Kitchen



HONE KOA #34840, an **X402** from WVYC out of West Vancouver sailed by skipper Bill Say (navigator) ('84, 76), Doug Fulcher, Bill McArthur, Dennis Say, Robin Say, ('88, 84), Al Whitfield ('84)



HOKULELE #87627, a **Nelson/Marek 58** from TYC/GHYC out of Gig Harbour, WA sailed by skipper Richard O'Neill ('88, 86), Chris Jordan (co-skipper), David Birch (navigator) ('88, 86, 84), Tom Bageant, Phil Craven, Hollis Day IV, Scott Edwards, Don Hebard, Ron Knight, Ken Roth, Peter Stanley, Richard Vanberg, Chris Wilson



HOOLIGAN #7668, a **Cal 40** from CYC SE out of Seattle sailed by skipper Gilbert Wood, Geoffrey Wood (navigator), Peter Crowdy, Gary Ernsdorff, Bob Mayfield, Dan Smith, Kirsten Smith

Vic-Maui classic draws Pacific's fastest flyers

by Don Tyrell

Hard work, smart organization, plus seminars and some arm twisting of top ocean racing sailors have assured success of this year's Victoria to Maui ocean racing classic. Race chairman Wink Vogel and his vice chairman Peter Jefferson, a past commodore of Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, put together a package that just had to succeed.

For a while it looked as if the biennial Pacific crossing was losing interest among racing sailors. Sponsored by Royal Van and Maui's Lahaina Yacht Club, the race is unique, a regular-scheduled event that starts in one country, ends in another, 2,300 miles away, drops 30 degrees in latitude and offers reaching, beating and running in winds up to 40 knots.

By mid-January more than 70 applications had been received for entry forms. These have been followed by cheques from skippers entering everything from 36 footers to 80-plus maxis.

There will be two maxi fleets this year, one International Offshore Rule and the other, Pacific Handicap Racing fleet. This year's entry is expected to be more than double that of 1990.

Vancouver's world-roaming *Graybeard*, a former winner under the late Lol Killam, will be back this year with Lol's son, Humphrey. Up until the 1990 race, overall victories were even between American and Canadian skippers. Sid Halls, a Royal Victoria member in the chartered Davidson 40 *Knight Rider*, put Canada ahead in 1990 with Canada's fifth win.

Other Canadian winners have been Harry De Kleer's *Omega*, Vlad Plavsic's *Kanata* and Bill Killam's *Porpoise III*.

Line honors in 1990 went to San Diego's Les Crouch in the 68-foot Nelson/Marek flyer, *Maverick* which will return this year, Victoria's favorite

sailing vessel *HMCS Oriole* was second boat to finish in 1990.

In 1990 some light winds, plus head winds, slowed the fleet and cost *Maverick* her chance to beat the record set by *Merlin* in 1978. That time of 10 days two minutes still stands.

A record number of ultra light "sled" type boats makes for a fast fleet aiming to lower *Merlin's* record.

Merlin will be back this year under charter to Royal Van's Dan Sinclair, who'll be out to cut some time off her present record.

Meridian, the dark-hulled 70-foot Seattle-based speedster which has won line honors in practically every Pacific Northwest race, has entered with Tim Clark again in charge.

Sid Halls has entered again with unnamed 50-footer he'll charter. John and Fred Long of Royal Van, with a consistent performance over the years, will be entering a chartered, large fast boat.

To prove that race officials really believe in all this, both chairman Wink Vogel and his vice chairman Peter Jefferson have entered. In 1990 Wink's *Mad Max* and *Knight Rider* were close all the way, with *Knight Rider* winning overall by saving her time on *Mad Max*, which she beat by six minutes on corrected time.

Entries for this year's classic come from everywhere from Kitimat to Russia, Monaco, Alaska and Edmonton. Sandy Huntingford, of West Vancouver, has entered his Farr

40 *General Hospital*. He's gone this route before with *Kydaka* and will have a well-organized crew and good boat speed.

From Kitimat, Dr. H. Mills has entered *Charisma*, a one time member of the US Admiral's Cup team, better known hereabouts as the late Alvin Narod's *Sunbird*. I saw *Sunbird* come in to Maui in 1980 when Alec Foley was bringing her back from Europe.

JO #69666, a J-44 from BYC out of Bellingham sailed by skipper Dr. Tom White (navigator) ('88), Bob Arney, James Fera, Mark Harang ('88), Erik Hauge, Tom Krabbenhoft, Scott Lindberg ('88), Jordy Stojowski, Steve Trunkey.



LADY MEG #39785 ('86 Communications Boat), a **Spencer 44** from RVYC out of Vancouver sailed by skipper Les Landes, Dr. Jack Balmer (navigator) ('86), Peter Bolda, Clark Gallon, Steve Rooney, Dan Scarr



LUCILLE #23868, a Frers 50 from SYC out of Seattle sailed by skipper Kevin Stamper, Bill Nelson (navigator) (4x), Howard Greenwood, Oliver Davis, Keith Hammer, Spencer Helsell, Dean Johnson (1x), Meaghan Stamper, Harry Wingard (3x)



LUNA #49543, a **Yamaha 33-2** from **VRC** out of **Vancouver** sailed by skipper **Dennis Manara** ('90, 86, 84) **Anthony Kordic** (navigator), **Richard Brooker**, **Dave Campbell**, **Gary Dotson**, **Brad Kane**



MAD MAX #609 ('90), a **Davidson 40** from **RVYC** out of **Vancouver** sailed by skipper **Wink Vogel** ('90, 84, 80), **Graham Garlick** (navigator) ('90), **David Garlick**, **Brent Perry**, **Malcolm Smith**, **Tim Vogel** ('90, 84)



MAVERICK #97336 ('90), a **Nelson/Marek 68** from **LYC** out of **San Diego** sailed by skipper **Les Crouch** ('90), **Martin Dine** (navigator) ('90), **Bill Carey**, **Earl Elms**, **Mike Gildred**, **Jim Hentz**, **Judy Laurain** ('90), **Tom Priest**, **Matt Smith**, **Paul Parizeau**

"Dog & Pony Show"

Vic-Maui rally set at Royal Van

A "Dog and Pony Show" at Royal Vancouver Yacht Club April 22 at 7 pm will boost interest in the 1992 Victoria-Maui race staged every two years by Royal Van and Lahaina Yacht Club on Maui. Seattle Yacht Club will get the show April 23.

Race chairman Wink Vogel and vice chairman Peter Jefferson have been actively promoting the race which has already attracted over 40 applicants.

At the yacht club there'll be a 12 minute video, a rundown on what's involved in taking part as skipper or crew.

Tony Repard will talk on safety for the 2,310 mile classic. John Long, a veteran of Vic-Maui races will give data on charter opportunities. A question and answer period will give valuable detail.

Next year's race will be fourteenth running of the Pacific crossing. The first in 1968 was won by Royal Van's Bill Killam in *Porpoise III*. Record for the course was set by Seattle's Doug Fryer in *Merlin*, 10 days two minutes in 1978.

False Creek Club charters fast racer

False Creek Yacht Club's entry in the Victoria-Maui July 1 ocean crossing will be well-prepared by race time.

They've chartered the fast MacGregor 65, *McFastrack*, from her owner Roger Elmes who will be a watch captain. Denis Cressey, a past commodore, spark plug of the FCYC entry, will be skipper.

McFastrack will get her first sailing in the Vancouver area early this month after a pre-race conditioning in Bellingham. Before the Vic-Maui she'll take in the Ballenas Island, Southern Straits and Swiftsure races as "get-acquainted" ventures for the crew.

She was known as *Fastrack* in California, but because there was already a Canadian registered *Fastrack*, Gordon Henderson's Royal Van-based 37R, The Mc was added to the MacGregor's name.

McFastrack has a well-qualified crew. Skipper Denis Cressey, who sails his own Beneteau 35, has raced in the Vic-Maui, Swiftsure and Southern Straits as well as around the buoys racing.

Larry Saloum, a Kelowna-based lawyer, has done the Vic-Maui before and formerly was an active racer in this area with C&C40 *Okanagan Express*, known for the large red apple on her spinnaker.

Pam Bendall, navigator, made a 2½ year voyage to the South Pacific with her husband Michael and two small children Sam and Charlie, and wrote the book *Kids for Sail* on that adventure. Sandy duBrule, dietician, is an experienced white water rafter and outdoors type.

Vic Bilan, port watch captain, works for Finning Equipment and will act as engineer in charge of mechanical matters. The rest of the crew, Greg Mason, John Bruni, Dieter Lietzman and Gunther Scholz, are all seasoned sailors.

Roger Elmes has sailed his new boat in California tests and was pleased with her speed. In light winds her boat speed equalled the wind speed, but in the high, gusty winds she gave a thrilling performance. Under power, her long waterline lets her cruise an easy 10-12 knots.

False Creek Yacht Club, formed in 1981, has made considerable gains since it first bought waterfront property on False Creek. It solved its problem in building a new clubhouse on the creek by making a long lease arrangement for the building's ground floor with Anderson's restaurant. As a result the club has well aid out quarters on the top floor with a unique view of English Bay and the constantly-moving traffic on the creek.

After a slow start while the building was being completed, the club memberships gained, attracting a number of well-known sailors and businessmen who fancy the creekside clubhouse's atmosphere.

Increasing activity in local races, Swiftsure, Southern Straits and the Vic-Maui are winning the creek club a warm place in the sailing sun.



McFASTRACK #87570 a MacGregor 65 from FCYC out of Vancouver sailed by skipper Denis Cressey ('84), Pamela Bendall (navigator), Roger Elmes (owner), Victor Bilan, John Bruni, Sandy du Brule, Greg Mason, Alan Naseth, Gunther Scholz, Greg Beniston

LIGHTWEIGHT FLYER EYES VIC-MAUI

Roger Glassford of Grand Yachts has just completed the purchase of a MacGregor 65 out of Newport Beach, California, for Roger Elmes of White Rock. This MacGregor is the racing version, and was campaigned actively by Roger MacGregor himself.

Roger Elmes intends to race the boat locally, working up to the Vic-Maui race in July. She'll be here in late February.

MEREDITH II
#64920, a C&C 38-2 from RVYC out of Vancouver sailed by skipper Barry Holmes, Dr. Cheryl Holmes (owner), Barry Ruff (navigator), Dr. David Binding, Derek Holmes, Colin Jackson



NUANCE #64926, a Hughes 80/20 from VRC out of Vancouver sailed by skipper Dr. Tom de Roos ('72), Dr. Rex Ferris (navigator), Bart Bastien, Vic Chatt, Don Mair, Tony Parsons



That Vic-Maui crew, hailed in Denny Boyd's Sun column as the "cardiac crew" because they've all had heart surgery, will do just fine, thank you. Dr. Rex Ferris gets praise from Arie De Kleer whose Fraser 41 *Omega* was the 1988 overall winner. Arie says the doc's a capable sailor and sailed *Omega* on her return from Maui to Vancouver.

Their 40-footer, *Nuance* may not make the same speed as the bigger, hotter performers, but she'll be comfortable and her crew will have the best of medical skills available in doctors Tom de Roos and Rex Ferris. This is a remarkable crew setting forth on what could be a great adventure.

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Yacht race crew has heart

The captain of the 40-ft ketch, *Nuance*, will watch more waves than just Pacific Ocean swells in the International Victoria to Maui race. Skipper Tom deRoos will have to pay attention to the PQRS and T waves — the wave pattern traced by electrocardiography — because deRoos and his entire crew are

post-operative cardiac surgical patients.

The six men planning to participate in the challenging 2,500-mile trans-ocean race have had heart surgery ranging from coronary bypass to heart transplant.

The boat will be equipped to the standards of an advanced cardiac

life support ambulance, just in case.

Three of the crew are doctors, including deRoos, chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster, a regional hospital serving Tri-City.

The trip is intended to raise money for heart research and to prove that life goes on, even after surgery.

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Bart Bastien (left) and Rex Ferris enjoy time aboard the 12-metre (40-foot) ketch *Nuance*. They and three other open-heart-surgery survivors will sail from Victoria to Maui in July.

Staff photo by Jon Murray

Heartfelt ship trip shaping up

By Gordon Clark
Staff Reporter

They're called the Zipper Club. Five aging men who've had open-heart surgery are planning to race across the Pacific in this year's Victoria-to-Maui race.

"If you want to come, you have to have stitches," says crew member Bart Bastien, 57, the forensic identification expert with the B.C. Coroner's Service.

What might appear insanity to many is a chance to live again for the crew of the 12-metre (40-foot) ketch *Nuance*.

"Everyone we talk to thinks we're crazy," says *Nuance's* owner, Dr. Rex Ferris, 52.

"We're quite nuts. There's no question," says the University of B.C. forensic-pathology professor. "We're trying to prove a point — life doesn't end with cardiac surgery."

The race starts July 2 in Victoria — 30 years to the day Ferris had his chest slit open as a 23-year-old Irish medical student so surgeons could open his aorta, blocked until then by a birth defect.

"The majority of people who've

had surgery like that feel they are living on borrowed time," he says.

"You go after life with more enthusiasm and if you've got any dreams, you'd better live them."

Sailing with Bastien and Ferris are retired doctor and skipper Tom deRoos, 70, sailing instructor Don Mair, 57, all from the Lower Mainland, and retired professional engineer Vic Chatt of Quesnel.

They've installed two oversized \$3,000 winches to reduce the strain of pulling in lines and set up a cardiac-care unit aboard *Nuance*.

It is equipped with a defibrillator, respirator, oxygen tanks, intravenous fluids and drugs. Ferris is trying to set up a mini-lab to test blood clotting.

Nuance will also carry a satellite beacon to pinpoint the boat within a few metres if a disaster befalls the crew during the 2,500-nautical-mile voyage. It is expected to take 17 to 20 days.

"If we can do it in 17 days we'll have a shot at placing," says Ferris. "But winning is not the prime objective."

The men are accepting pledges of funds for the Vancouver General Hospital Foundation.

Vic-Maui attracts top yacht crews

There'll be variety and excitement in the 1992 Victoria-Maui race next July. Variety comes from the range of boat sizes from 35 feet to the great king-size maxi yachts.

The excitement will be furnished by the smaller craft which start July 1 looking over their shoulders from the maxi fleet, which starts July 4. Pursuit by the larger boats will keep the early starters pressing on to make the finish line at Lahaina, Maui before the big boats.

This year's ocean classic, sponsored by Royal Vancouver and Lahaina Yacht Clubs, will have a record entry including a large fleet of ultra light displacement boats, the speed merchants of the sea. Some of the maxis have been chartered by Seattle and Vancouver groups especially for the race.

July's first will be a colorful one in Victoria's Inner Harbor. Royal Victoria Yacht Club will mark its 100th anniversary with a sailpast. More than 200 sailing yachts will be assembled in the Inner Harbor.

Graybeard, at 73 feet a world wanderer and a Vancouver favorite, has entered the race she won in 1970 under her skipper, the late Lol Killam.

First of the high performance speedsters to arrive here for the July Victoria-Maui ocean race, was prepped for her first BC races in Bellingham.

McFastrack, a McGregor 65, chartered by a group headed by False Creek Yacht Club's Denis Cressey, was bought in California for White Rock's Roger Elmes by Roger Glassford of Grand Yachts. The McGregors have an excellent record in California racing. *McFastrack* will tune for Vic-Maui by racing in Ballenas, Southern Straits and Swiftsure.

Wink Vogel, chairman of the Vic-Maui race committee, said confirmed entries and cheques were building up the largest fleet in years. Lahaina Yacht Club's mooring area can only accommodate about 35 boats, but 23 entries have already been received by the race committee which had 80 inquiries for information shortly after the race was announced.

Merlin, which set the race record of 10 days, two minutes in 1978, will be back. She's been chartered by Dan Sinclair's Royal Van syndicate. If winds cooperate she has an excellent chance of breaking her record. She's been lengthened about three feet, given a longer waterline by extending her transom.

Canada's naval training ship *Oriole*, Victoria's favorite sailing vessel, which was second to finish in 1990, is expected to return. She was scheduled to go to the east, but those plans may have been delayed as her captain has asked for entry data.

Interest in this year's race was aroused early after a mail marketing plan, seminars and enthusiastic promotion by Chairman Wink Vogel and vice chairman Peter Jefferson. Jack Balmer gave a well-attended series of seminars on the race which attracted active sailors. Jack's *Lady Meg* will compete in the race but will also act as communication vessel.

This year's race has attracted more attention than any since the first race was held in 1968 after Jim Innes, Lol Killam and Ron Ramsey of Victoria held a race to Maui, after which airline pilot Jim proposed the race which was taken up by Hawaii's Lahaina Yacht Club and Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and held every two years since.

Among late entries was Sandy Huntingford's Farr 40 *General Hospital*, out of West Vancouver Yacht Club. Sandy's a great competitor and has made the Vic-Maui before. This year he has a faster boat.

One of the smaller boats which must bear watching is Dennis Manara's *Luna*, a Yamaha 33 which returns this year to the Vic-Maui. Jeff Archer's *Dream Machine* which was first to finish in the 1990 Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet, will be back.

Charisma, a former American Admiral's Cup boat, has been entered by Dr. Howard Mills of Kitimat under Kitsilano Yacht Club colors. She's better known in Vancouver as the late Alvin Narod's *Sunbird*. A 56-foot Sparkman Stephens design, she has possibilities.

Wink Vogel's Davidson 40 *Mad Max*, which finished ahead of overall International Offshore Rule overall winner, Sid Hall's *Knightrider* from Comox, but lost out to the lower-rated *Knightrider* on corrected time, will enter.

Among early entries there was a Swan 39, *Rocket J. Squirrel*. Nothing is known by the committee about her, but the *Squirrel* name for a beautiful Swan raised some eyebrows.

One entry has been received from New Zealand for a Moody 44 sailed by Bill Reid of Wellington, New Zealand.

Nanaimo Yacht Club will be represented by Joe Weber's Rogers 39 *Kelea* formerly owned by Royal Van's Daryl Delmonte.

A boat well known in the Pacific Northwest as *Pachena*, and then *Flattery*, has been entered by Victoria's Frank Van Gyn and Kemp as *Carmanah*.

Entries were still coming. Boating News press time and Vogel and his committee expecting enough entries to fill accommodation at the Lahaina area. That's about 35 boats.



MERLIN #8955 ('78), a **Santa Cruz 70** from RVYC out of Vancouver sailed by skipper Dan Sinclair, Dr. Ron Boyd (navigator) (2x), Ron Drane, Peter Fargey, Vlad Kahle, Dr. Jack Pacey, John Robertson, Jay Sinclair, Dominic Soave, John Vogel, Ron O'Gilvey



PANACHE IV #69620 ('90,88), a **Centurian 47** from CBYC out of White Rock, BC sailed by skipper Helmut Hahn ('90, 88), Diana Hahn (navigator), ('90,88), Bill Bakkan, Steve Clark, Susan Clark, Ron Hendricks, Gary Streeton, Ben Trudel, Rob Watson

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MAYOR Mark Sager will take a break from steering the political shoals of West Vancouver municipal politics to compete in the Victoria-to-Maui yacht race in July.

Mark will act as navigator on his brother Greg's schooner *Passing Cloud*, designed by Nova Scotia's Bill Roue, of Bluenose fame.

Mark says if you are there to see the race start July 4 you won't be able to miss *The Cloud*. "It stands out in a crowd with more than 5,000 square feet of sail from two wooden masts.

In fact, says Mark, the schooner may be the only all-wood vessel in the race, which he expects to complete in 10 to 12 days.

Mark is looking for sponsors, both public and corporate, to pledge so much a mile, with the money going to Canuck Place, the hospice for terminally ill children. You can reach Mark at 922-1211.

"It is 2,310 miles (3,717 km) between land, and I'm looking for 1,000 individual sponsors to piece a penny a mile. We have corporate sponsors like Sun-Rype and the North Shore News, but would like some more. It's for a good cause."



PASSING CLOUD #W1, a Roue 68 from WVYC sailed by Greg Sager, Mark Sager (navigator), Simon Fawkes, Patricia Fawkes, Rene Lange, Jules McNeill, Bill Sager, Ian Shipley, Godfrey (Peng) Roxas, Wayne Walker

Mayor in motion

WV Mayor Sager taking part in Victoria to Maui Int'l Yacht Race

MAYOR TO MAUI

WEST VANCOUVER Mayor Mark Sager says he loves sailing and has never sailed out of the sight of land.

By Anna Marie D'Angelo
News Reporter

After July 4, at least one of those admissions will change.

At that time Sager, his brother Greg of Victoria, Whistler resident Simon Fawkes and five other men, including a San Franciscan who has been on a sailboat "once in his life," are going to take part in the gruelling Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race.

"It's a great way to spend a holiday. All of us share a love of challenge and adventure," said Sager, whose job during the race will be navigator.

The race covers 2,310 nautical miles and is expected to take 10 to 12 days.

The crew will be sailing on Capt. Greg's double-masted schooner, *Passing Cloud*. The all-wood vessel is more than 70 feet long, has a 5,000 square-foot sail and is an original William Roue design.

Roue is best known for designing the *Bluenose*, the likeness of which can be found on Canadian dimes.

So far, only 29 of approximately 75 yachts have passed the strict entrance requirements for the race, which organizers describe as

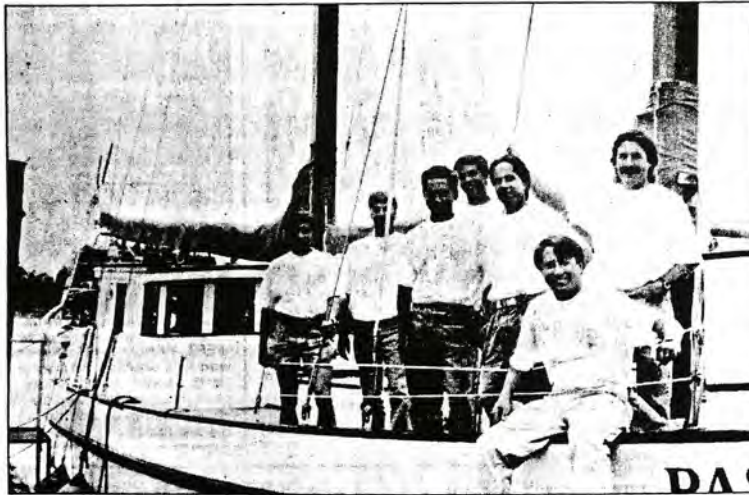


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NAVIGATIONAL STRATEGY and crew preparation were discussed during a *Passing Cloud* crew meeting over the weekend in Victoria. Crew members include Patrick Fawkes (left) from Comox; Jules McNeil from Burnaby; Godfrey Roxas from San Francisco, West Vancouver's Rene Lange, Whistler's Simon Fawkes and Victoria's Greg Sager. West Vancouver Mayor Mark Sager is seated.

"exciting, challenging and not everyone's cup of tea."

Sager is seeking pledges of a penny for each mile. *Passing Cloud* covers; the proceeds will go to Canuck House, a Vancouver hospice for terminally ill children.

Passing Cloud, which has an extensive record of offshore sailing, has recently gone through preparations to ensure com-

petitiveness and safety for the crew during the race.

As a *Passing Cloud* sponsor, the *North Shore News* has helped fund the preparations for the vessel.

The schooner's crew is currently seeking other sponsors.

Local residents will be able to see *Passing Cloud* and its ocean-going crew on Wednesday, July 1,

Canada Day, at West Vancouver's Dunderave Park pier at approximately 2 p.m. when they are scheduled to leave for Victoria for the July 4, 10 a.m. start.

The Vic-Maui race has been held every two years since 1968 and is the only regularly scheduled ocean race in the world with a start and finish in two countries.

The Royal Vancouver Yacht

“It's a great way to spend a holiday. All of us share a love of challenge and adventure.”

— Mayor Mark Sager

Club and Maui's Lahaina Yacht Club are joint sponsors of the race.

The event is patterned on Capt. George Vancouver's Pacific explorations, in which he travelled around the B.C. coast in 1792 and 1793 and used Lahaina as his winter headquarters.

This year, one New Zealand, two Russian, nine American and 17 Canadian vessels are registered in the race.

Sager, who is a member of the West Vancouver Yacht Club and an honorary member of the Eagle Harbour Yacht Club, said *Passing Cloud* will be sailed over 30 degrees in latitude and west by 25 degrees in longitude. The crew expects to face winds reaching 40 knots.

During the race, Sager will keep North Shore residents updated through regular reports using the latest in single-side-band radio communications. Sager's progress reports will be featured in the *News*' sports section.

Anyone interested in pledges or sponsorship of the race may call 922-1211 or Alan at 683-1024.

PULSAR

PULSAR #35, a **Cetus/Hoffman 45** from FEMA out of Vladivostok sailed by skipper Cpt Valeriy Popov, Oleg Prichkin, Evgeniy Safonov, Andrey Bedrin, Dmitriy Panov, Vladimir Lukovskiy, Alexey Shapoval, Victor Tolopa, Egor Saprykin, Victor Moiseenko

Russians coming to Vic-Maui

The Russians are coming. Japanese sailors are also joining the international fleet that will compete in the 1992 Victoria-Maui race. Fifty two entries have been received for the 2,310 mile classic that starts July 4, 1992 from Victoria. Russia's entry is a 44-foot Peterson design, *Admiral Nevelskoy* with V. Popov as captain.

Royal Van's Peter Jefferson, vice chairman of the Royal Van - Lahaina Yacht Club committee handling the race, says there's a possibility of 30 Japanese yachts entering. In the last Kenwood Cup in Hawaii there were 30 Japanese yachts.

Several large, fast boats are being chartered by Seattle and Vancouver syndicates for the race.

Among newer boats will be *Heather*, John Buchan's Seattle flyer, John Graham's Beneteau 45 *Northern Girl*, Sandy Huntingford's *General Hospital*, a recent arrival from California, replacing his successful *Kydaka*, and Tom White's J-44 *Jo* from Bellingham.



ROCKET J. SQUIRREL \$49278, a **Swan 39** from SYC out of Seattle sailed by skipper Chris Otorowski, Rick Boyce (navigator) ('84), Evan Schwab, Gordon Anderson, Gino Borland, Stacey Wilson, Tim Leyh



SANFIRE #24241 ('86, 84), a **C&C 43-2** from FCYC out of Vancouver sailed by Bob Stacey, Janet Pinder (navigator), Lyle Agar, Jackie Ehlers, Joe Kayorie, David Simpson, Trevor Skillen, Richard Stickler, Anna Turnbull, Jeff McLeod

Enthusiasm promotes 1992 Vic-Maui race

Enthusiastic promotion of the July 1992 Victoria-Maui ocean sailing classic is paying dividends.

Royal Van's Peter Jefferson, regatta vice chairman, reports that 62 entries have been received from France, United States, Japan and Russia as well as Canada.

Royal Victoria and Seattle Yacht Clubs celebrate their 100th anniversaries in 1992. Both will be taking part in the race and pre-race activities.

For the first time, the Victoria-Maui race will have two starts, one for smaller boats and one for the larger, faster craft. Smaller boats will start on the

Friday, with the larger taking off on Saturday.

Victoria's convention centre has been reserved with 600 expected to attend the pre-race meeting. The committee of the two sponsoring clubs, Royal Vancouver and Lahaina Yacht Clubs, have been active reserving accommodation in Maui and getting special airline and accommodation rates in Maui.

Return airfare from Vancouver will be \$457, from Seattle \$457, from Seattle \$439. Maui accommodation with car ranges from \$524 to \$723 for seven days.

VENDETTA #1979, a **Moody 44** from RPNYC out of New Zealand sailed by Michael Hope (navigator), Richard Dillon, Andrew Reid, Richard Reid, Thomas Reid, Alistair Shanks, Sam Dillon



WINDANCER IV #64928, a **Shannon 50** from WSC out of Squamish, BC sailed by Scott Wurtele, Per Christofferson (navigator), Bob Hunter, Bob Stubbs, Gordie Forrest, Ian Jamieson, Bob McMillan, Bill Plummer, Jan Larsen, Barry Buyers



WINDCHASER #319, an **Islander 30** from BYC out of Bellingham sailed by Michael de Man, Jay Morrison (navigator), Becci Camp (owner), Mark Kidwell, Ian Murphy

PAST VICTORIA-MAUI RACE WINNERS

Year	Yacht	Skipper, Club, (Type)	Elapsed Time
1968	Porpoise III	F.R. Killam, Royal Vancouver YC (Sloop 47ft)	16d:07h:51m:37s
1970	Greybeard	Lol Killam, Royal Vancouver YC (Ketch 73ft)	15d:00h:42m:45s
1972	Odusa	E.H. Zahn, Corinthian YC (Ketch 53ft)	14d:00h:12m:00s
1974	Tinsley Light	H. Grandin Jr., St. Francis YC (Ketch 35ft,10in")	14d:14h:03m:17s
1976	Race Passage	P.McCullough, Bremerton YC (Sloop 44ft)	16d:01h:27m:02s
1978	Merlin	Doug Fryer, Seattle YC (Santa Cruz 67ft)	10d:00h:02m:09s
1980	Kanata	Vlad Plavsic, West Van YC (Sloop 41ft)	13d:22h:36m:39s
1982	Cadillac Snapper	T. Friedland, Bellingham YC (Davidson 44ft)	14d:21h:09m:18s
1984	Chimera	G.Hess/C.Lanzinger, Corinthian YC (Petersen 42ft)	14d:01h:04m:12s
1986	Boomerang	M.O'Byrne, Seattle YC (Cal 40ft)	15d:09h:49m:44s
1988	Omega	Arie de Kleer, Vancouver Rowing Club (Fraser 41ft)	14d:22h:28m:22s
1990	Maverick	Les Crouch, Lahaina Yacht Club, (Nelson/Marek 68)	12d:21h:13m:55s



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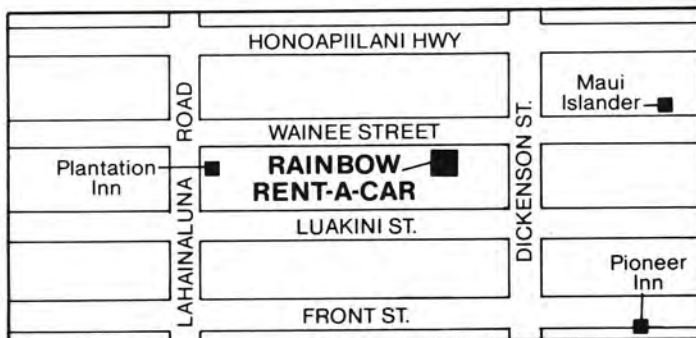
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A BIT OF HISTORY

The biennial 2308 nautical mile Victoria to Maui ocean racing classic was the brain child of Jim Innes, a sailor, member of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and a senior pilot of what was CP Air, now Canadian Airlines International. The 1992 Victoria to Lahaina, Maui, race is the 14th sailing of this Pacific Ocean test of leading skippers, boats, and crews. It has become a major event on the Pacific Coast sailing calendar and competition is keen among those who are able to pass the tough entrance requirements.

It's fitting that Jim Innes should receive recognition for his contribution to the race. CP Air accordingly put up a trophy bearing his name. The waters of this classic ocean race were the setting for the Pacific explorations of Captain George Vancouver. In 1792/93, he explored the British Columbia coast using Lahaina as a winter headquarters. The modern-day racing yachts travel these same waters between B.C. and Hawaii which are flown over by Canadian Airline's fleet of jet aircraft.

Jim Innes' idea was to create a challenging ocean-crossing race that would start in his home province and would attract ocean-worthy yachts and capable skippers and crews. In 1965, Jim's "Long Gone," Lol Killam's "Velaris," both from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and M.R. Ramsay's "Norena of Wight" of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, made the trail-blazing passage from Victoria to Hawaii. It was strictly an unofficial race, an experiment, won by Jim's "Long Gone" in 15 days, 55 minutes, but it was the beginning of a strong bond between Royal Vancouver and Lahaina Yacht Clubs which now act as the joint sponsors of the Vic-Maui Race. Royal Van looks after all details in Vancouver and Victoria, including the start, while Lahaina each year sets new standards for hospitality and efficiency at the finish.

The first official Victoria-Maui race was in 1968, starting from just outside Victoria's harbour. This year there will be two starts to accommodate a wide range of yachts on their way to Maui. The five yachts sailing under the PHRF (Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet) Division "C" will hear the starting gun on Thursday, July 2nd at 1000 hrs while the remaining 23 yachts sailing under IOR (International Offshore Rule), PHRF, and IMS (International Measurement Standard) ratings will leave on Saturday, July 4th at 1000 hrs. From the starting line off Victoria's Brotchie Ledge the racers will sail out through the notorious Race Rocks into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, heading westward to the open Pacific.

This Victoria-Maui Race isn't everyone's cup of tea. Not all yachts or yachtsmen are qualified to pass the strict entrance requirements. For those who do, an exciting ocean race awaits, managed by a team of capable, experienced ocean sailors from the two host clubs. Since the first official race in '68, this blue water classic has attracted some of the world's finest ocean racers. Bill Killam's 47-foot "Porpoise III," out of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, won that first race in 16 days, 7 hours, and 15 minutes. The record for the 2308 mile course was set in 1978 by the ultra light displacement flyer, "Merlin," sailed by Seattle Yacht Club's Doug Fryer syndicate. In the 1992 race, Dan Sinclair, of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and his all-Canadian crew have once again brought out the mighty "Merlin" in an attempt to break this speed record of 10 days, 2 minutes, and 9 seconds, a record that will take some beating.

Other notable Vic-Maui contenders in years past have included Lol Killam's "Greybeard," John Long's "Indomitable," John and Barb Dunfield's "Discover," Doug Fryer's "African Queen," and the 1982 winner, Tom Friedland's "Cadillac Snapper". But any of these entrants can take second place to Dan O'Brien in "Scotch Mist;" in the 1970 race, these fellows broke their mast only three days out and, under jury rig, managed to place among the finishers, complete with bagpiper and instrumental crew lining the weather rail at the finish in Lahaina.

This summer, when the starting guns are fired, the boats of the 1992 Victoria-Maui fleet will be vying for the favoured position at the start line with the navigator's sights firmly fixed on line honours and/or corrected time victory across the finish line at Lahaina.

The big boats should arrive in Lahaina 11 to 12 days (or less!) after leaving Victoria, given fair winds. Smaller boats may take as long as 17 to 18 days to complete the race. On arrival, each finishing yacht is royally entertained by Lahaina Yacht Club's welcoming extravaganza, specially put on for each boat, day or night, when they cross the finish line.

Adapted for the 1992 race from an article by Don Tyrell, "Boating News"

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Third Overall Corrected Time	RVYC Kla-How-Ya Trophy	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
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First to Finish Division II IOR	City of Victoria	City of Victoria
First Division I Corrected Time IOR	Province of British Columbia	Province of British Columbia
Second Division I Corrected Time IOR	Maui Boat & Yacht Club	Maui Boat & Yacht Club
Third Division I Corrected Time IOR	Canadian-American Resources	Canadian-American Resources
First Division II Corrected Time IOR	Founders Trophy	Maui Chamber of Commerce
Second Division II Corrected Time IOR	Lahaina Yacht Club Imperial	The Gallery, Lahaina
Third Division II Corrected Time IOR	Eldred Curtis Memorial	John H. Long & A.J.B. Forsyth
First to Finish PHRF	Joe Glass Memorial Trophy	Mrs. C. Glass
First Corrected Time PHRF	S.G. Foley Trophy	Mr. A.E. Foley
First Division I PHRF Corrected	LYC Past Commodores	LYC Past Commodores
Second Division I PHRF Corrected		LYC Vic-Maui Race Committee '92
First Division II PHRF Corrected	LYC Trustees	LYC Trustees
Second Division II PHRF Corrected		LYC Vic-Maui Race Committee '92
First Division III PHRF Corrected	County of Maui	Province of British Columbia
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First IMS Elapsed	Windsong Trophy	David Macdonald, RVYC
First IMS Corrected	Prophecy Trophy	John Jarman, RVYC
Navigator First to Finish - Elapsed	Gabrielle III	P.R. Sandwell
Navigator First IOR Corrected	Captain George Vancouver R.N.	Canadian Yachting Association
Navigator First IMS Corrected	Lahaina Restoration Foundation	Lahaina Restoration Foundation
Navigator First PHRF Corrected	RVYC Past Commodores	RVYC Past Commodores
Navigator with Nearest ETA at last Roll Call	Andreas Schueller Memorial	Barbara Dunfield
Sailing for RVYC First Corrected Time	RVYC Chairman	RVYC Chairman
Sailing for LYC First Corrected Time	Aitch Wookey Perpetual	William F. Wookey
Best Start	Sea O	R.L. Cliff
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First Canadian Boat to Finish	Jim Innes	Canadian Airlines International



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"THE SEA OF DREAMS"

THE 1992 VICTORIA - MAUI INTERNATIONAL OCEAN YACHT RACE

Sailing the open ocean is at once formidable and serene, a challenge unlike any other. On July 2nd & 4th, 1992 an array of sailboats from around the world will participate in the 1992 Victoria-Maui International Ocean Yacht Race. These boats will race down the ebb tide, past the notorious Race Rocks out into the Strait of Juan De Fuca and onward to the Pacific. Powered only by the wind these boats will cross hundreds of miles of open ocean where only the horizon – sea touching sky – is visible. For the crews of many of these boats, the 1992 Victoria-Maui International Ocean Yacht Race represents the culmination of a dream.

Waterline Productions in conjunction with Rogers Cable TV will capture this dream through the production of the "Sea of Dreams" documentary. This production is intended to show the reality of personal commitment, teamwork, and meeting a challenge.

Through three different, intensely personal stories, the production will open with a dramatic moment aboard one of the racers as they push their way across the expanse of the North Pacific. The stories of the three race crews will, in fact, intertwine to explore the challenges that a race of this kind presents to the participants.

While the program is intended to focus on personal stories, the audience will be introduced to some of the latest nautical technology as well. The boats' relative positions during the race will be documented using the Laser Chart system from the Pacific Marine Training Institute. The sophisticated communications setup aboard the LADY MEG will demonstrate the effort required to ensure that race participants safely complete the 2300 mile transit.

The "Sea of Dreams" production will feature three racers in particular: NUANCE, MERLIN, and McFASTRACK. Using a narrative production style, the story will weave from crew to crew as they battle to achieve their respective dreams.

On July 2, 1992, the crew of NUANCE, a small 40-foot sailboat, will set off to challenge their lives by successfully completing the 1992 Victoria-Maui International Yacht Race. The crew of this racer consists of six men, all survivors of major heart surgery. They will race their cardiac life-support equipped vessel across 2300 hundred miles of the North Pacific Ocean to their destination in Lahaina, Maui. Their goal is to prove that heart surgery patients can continue to lead active and challenge lives.

On July 4, the 70-foot MERLIN will slice through the water in NUANCE's wake. She will soon overtake the smaller vessel, for MERLIN is the race record holder. In 1987, with an American crew, MERLIN covered the 2310 nautical mile course in just 10 days, 2 minutes and 9 seconds. In 1992, skipper Dan Sinclair and his son with a Canadian crew are out to better that record.

For Denis Cressey, on board the 68-foot MCFASTRACK, the dream is to complete one last blue water challenge. Cressey will celebrate his 80th birthday, eight days out of Victoria on July 12th, 1992. The crew of two women and eight men will raise a glass of champagne to toast this special occasion.

Through diaries and video journals, the crews aboard these three yachts will document the teamwork, individual effort and personal growth which characterize this event. Additional footage shot in Vancouver, Victoria, and Lahaina will complete the story of their individual quests for a dream.

The participation of others is vital to ensuring that these fascinating stories, set against the dramatic visual backdrop of the 1992 Victoria-Maui International Yacht Race, are brought to screen. Like the participants, Waterline Productions and Rogers Cable TV have committed themselves to reaching the finish line. Consider this an opportunity to associate yourself or your organizations with the triumphs and excitement of these individuals, endeavouring to realize their dreams.

Vic-Maui video planned for Rogers cable network

A half-hour documentary video based on next month's Vic-Maui race and concentrating on the performances of three crews will be produced by Waterline Productions of Vancouver.

Working with a budget exceeding \$280,000, the video has been assured airing on Rogers Cable in B.C., Alberta, and Ontario, and is being considered for scheduling by the Knowledge Network in B.C., TSN, CKVU, CHEK in Victoria, and Odyssey-PBS in the U.S.

Co-produced by Deborah Angrave and Stu Webster, the show will feature cameras aboard three boats, plus the communications vessel, Jack Balmer's "Lady Meg".

There will be cameras aboard McFastrack, a McGregor 65 chartered by a False Creek Yacht Club syndicate and skippered by Denis Cressey, Past Commodore of the Club and a retired engineer who will be celebrating his 80th birthday during the race.

Cameras will also be rolling on board the Hughes 40 "Nuance", owned by Dr. Rex Ferris, and skippered by Dr. Thomas De Roos, chief of staff of St. Mary's Hospital in Vancouver. The skipper and crew are all former heart patients who have undergone open heart and heart transplant procedures, and are out to prove that heart patients can lead a normal active life after surgery. The boat will be fully equipped with cardiac life-support equipment.

Cameras will also be

placed on the famed Santa Cruz 70 Merlin, holder of the Vic-Maui record of 10 days, 11 minutes, 3 seconds, established in 1978, and not approached since. The boat has been chartered by Dan Sinclair of Royal Van, president of Corporate Health Services, Inc., who will, with his son and an all-Canadian crew be sailing in celebration of Capt. George Vancouver's 200th birthday, and will be attempting to break the current record while taking line honours and overall.

A "diary" approach will be used, with each skipper making a video record of his race and comments on strategy and conditions.

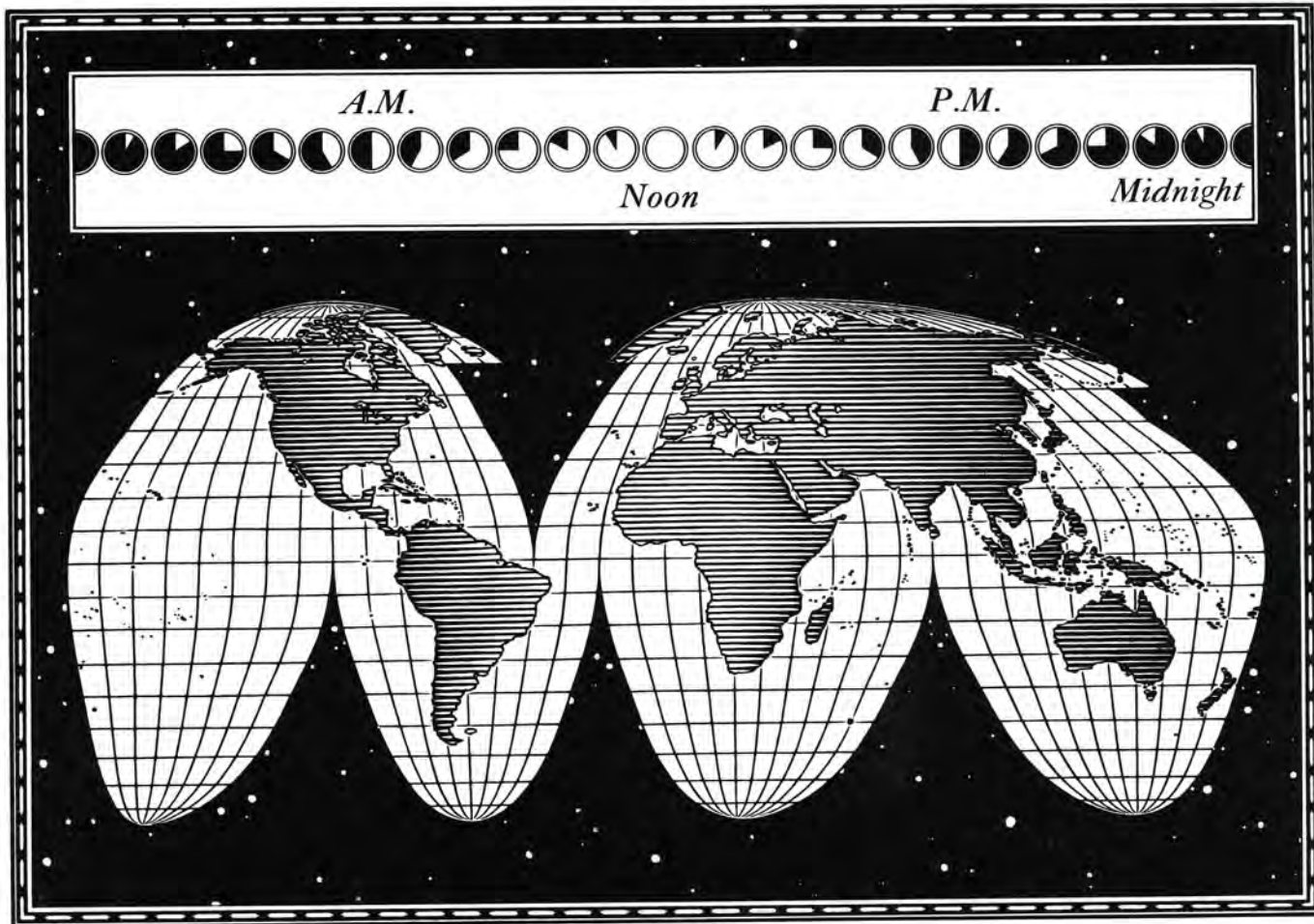
In addition to the on-board cameras there will be coverage of the start and finish of the race, from photo boats and a helicopter. Both Royal Vancouver and Lahaina Yacht Clubs are cooperating with the video crews.

"We think the personal diary approach will be very powerful," says co-producer Stu Webster, who is looking for excitement in the necessity of making quick, critical decisions by the skippers and in the determination of the crews to reach their goals, which are vastly different. The video will be trying to explain why people take such challenges, and at the finish, will ask whether the crews feel it was worth it.

Working title of the documentary is "Sea of Dreams".



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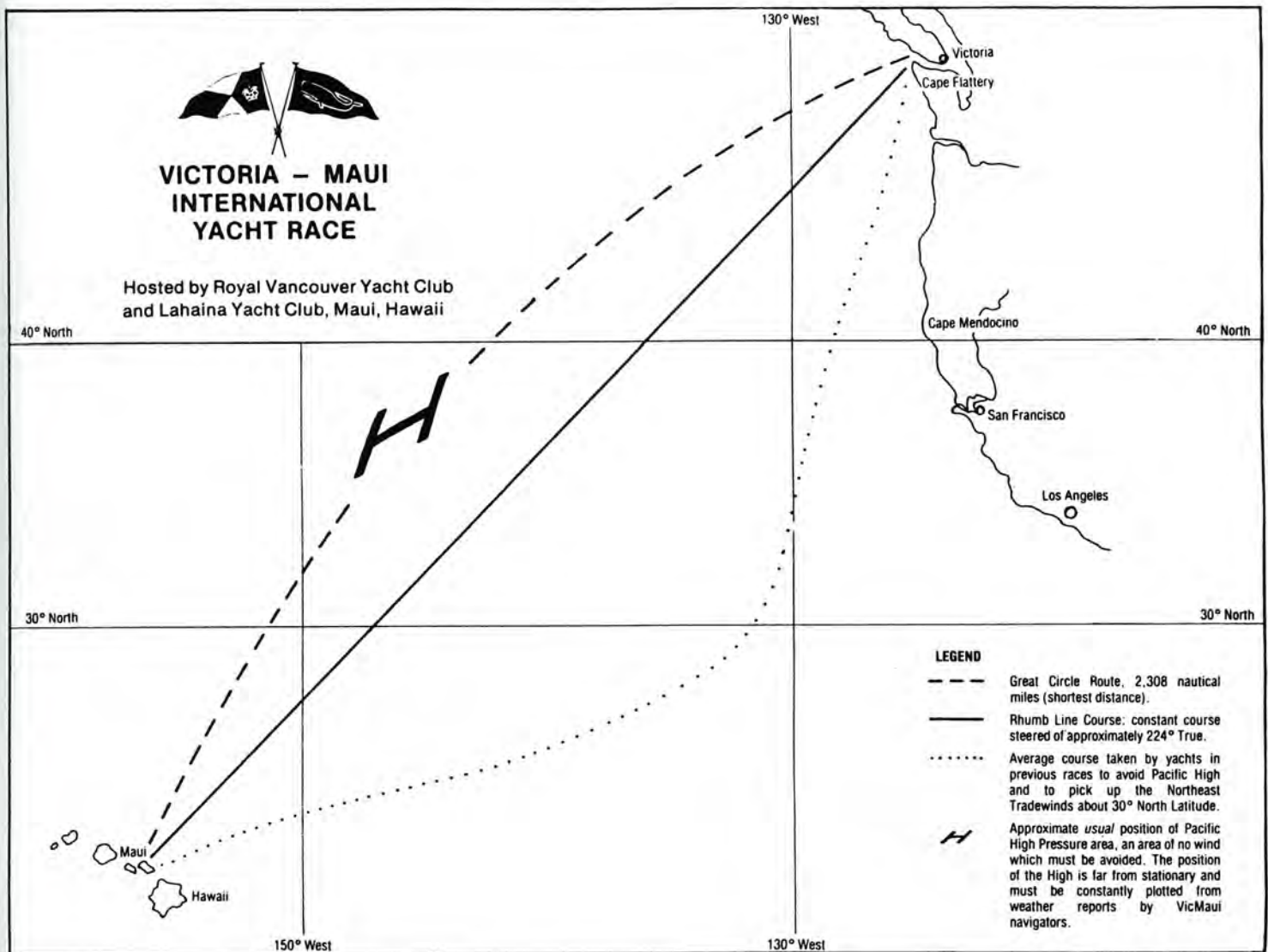
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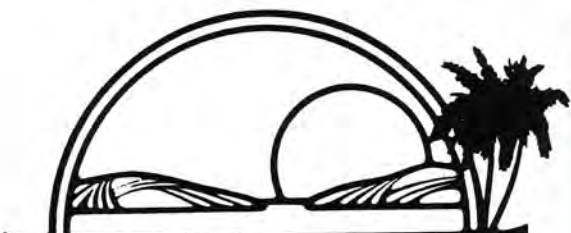
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July 1st is CANADA DAY! To help celebrate Canada's 125th Birthday, the 1992 Victoria-Maui International Yacht Race has been designated an official Canada 125 event !

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The ULDB (Ultra Light Displacement Boat) "MERLIN" currently holds the speed record for the trip from Victoria to Maui. Can she beat her own record of 10 days, 2 minutes, 9 seconds on this trip to Hawaii?

Denis Cressey, Skipper of McFastrack to celebrate his 80th birthday during the Race. Denis is former Commodore of False Creek Yacht Club and has chartered the brand new 65' Maxi Racer to compete in this ocean race.

Promotional posters for the 1992 Vic-Maui appeared in yacht clubs world wide including France, Germany, Great Britain, Florida, California, Hawaii, New York, Washington, across Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Thailand, and Brazil. 1994 Vic-Maui International Yacht Race Posters will begin distribution in the fall of 1992.

194 print articles appeared in Boating News, Yachting, Sea Horse, Latitude 38, Latitude 48, Northwest Yachting, Bay, Northshore News, Vancouver Sun, Kerrisdale Courier, Boating, Boat World, RV Magazine and many others.

Six Maxi racing machines are expected to dominate the race in honours and fierce competition. This is a record number of Maxi's ever to race in the North West. (North of San Francisco that is!)

There is a total of 235 crew members sailing on 28 boats in the 1992 race.

Waterlines Productions in conjunction with Rogers Community TV of Vancouver has taken the initiative to produce a half-hour documentary based on the 1992 Vic-Maui Yacht Race. The show, entitled "Sea of Dreams", will air in the fall of 1992 and will highlight the efforts of three Vic-Maui competitors and crews during their preparation and eventual completion of the race.

Rogers Community TV and CBC television will cover the 1992 race start from on the water and in the air via helicopter.

Midday, CBC National will air short feature reports on key crews.

For your information, Rogers Cable TV has done a survey of the popularity of the "Set Your Sail" and "Learn to Sail" series run on TV Ontario and the Knowledge Network. These programs have been repeated 21 times in four years and 14 times in two years, respectively, based on audience requests. The lifestyle feature approach of "The Sea of Dreams" will satisfy these viewers and introduce entertainment values to a non-sailing audience as well. This is a story of accepting challenges and how individuals prepare for and deal with the realities of their decisions.

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ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB'S 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

This year marks the 100th birthday for the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the oldest sailing club in Canada's Pacific Northwest. To celebrate, members of the Club have organized activities throughout the year. Congratulations on this Centennial, Royal Vic !

On the July 1st to 4th "weekend", the Centennial Regatta and Cruise will be taking place. The event is designed to bring together as many members and their families as possible and will include a short cruise and racing for all types of boats on Wednesday, July 1st - CANADA DAY ! The boats will be racing from Cadboro Bay to the Inner Harbour once they have interpreted their race instructions which they will have received in sealed envelopes just before the race ! After completing the race, all of the boats will marshal for a parade into Victoria's Inner Harbour at 1400 hrs where they will be end up anchoring or mooring with full dress flags flying. All vessels have been encouraged to be "dressed overall" to add to the festive nature of the Canada Day holiday and to contribute to the excitement of the Victoria-Maui race week.

At 1700hrs, there will be an unveiling of a plaque on the upper causeway. This plaque commemorates the site of Royal Vic's original clubhouse in the Inner Harbour.

It is expected that over 100 boats will participate in this festive occasion. Needless to say, the Inner Harbour will likely be busier than usual !

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At 0230 hours, the skipper of the 92-foot U.S. Coast Guard Cutter sounded the alarm. Within seconds, sixteen sailors had left their bunks and taken their stations, joining the five sailors previously on watch. Powerful searchlights swept the water; every pair of eyes aboard searched frantically for a sign of life in the dark and stormy Pacific...

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It was July 16, 1990, and H.M.C.S. Oriole was the first Canadian yacht to finish in that year's Victoria-Maui Yacht Race, crossing the finish line in the Molokai Channel second overall, just after 0200 hours. This was remarkable achievement for H.M.C.S. Oriole, and the town of Lahaina celebrated wildly. People were in the streets chanting, Oriole ! Oriole ! - although they had no idea what Oriole looked like or what the race was all about. The 23 cadets who sailed Oriole so magnificently in the race joined the celebration as soon as they came ashore. However, this happy ending nearly took a tragic turn.

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We were awakened shortly after midnight that same night by a phone call from the Lahaina Yacht Club, informing us of the impending arrival of H.M.C.S. Oriole, and inviting us to join the crew of a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter to meet Oriole at the finish line.

We tracked the Oriole on radar until she crossed the finish line, then the Cutter closed on Oriole to offer her a special welcome to Hawaii: Lloy and I were each manning a fire hose, and the crew had several others ready !

Oriole was making 10 1/2 knots under spinnaker in a 27-knot wind. The Molokai Channel was pitch black, with 5-foot swells. As we closed in for the kill, a 40-knot gust hit, causing Oriole to round up. A flailing spinnaker sheet wrapped itself around the chest of Ordinary Seaman Eric McGair and tossed him 15 feet in the air, through the beam of our searchlight, and overboard into the dark ocean. The crewmen on Oriole quickly dispatched two man-overboard poles with strobes and two life rings, but the wind and strong currents were quickly flushing Eric back to San Francisco, and he disappeared into the darkness, unable to reach any of them.

The Coast Guard Cutter responded immediately to the emergency, its searchlights sweeping the water as we searched in a grid pattern. After 5 long and tense minutes, we caught a glimpse of Eric though he continued to disappear from time to time between the waves. Finally, after some spectacular manoeuvring by our skipper, Eric was brought aboard the Cutter, smiling but visibly shaken.

Fate was kind to Eric that night. We took 10 1/2 minutes to effect the rescue; sea conditions were difficult, but we had the advantage of a head start due to the facts that our searchlight was on, we were able to manoeuvre quickly, and we did have initial contact with the man overboard, so we knew where to begin the search. Oriole was moving so quickly under sail, that even had she rounded up immediately and dropped sails, she would have been 20 minutes away from effecting a rescue, and it is unlikely that she ever would have found Eric in the dark.

Incidentally, we recovered both life rings, which we found during our grid search, but only one of the man-overboard poles was ever recovered, despite the fact that they both had strobes. Even a powerful strobe light is of limited value if you find yourself in the water. Every sailor should remember this the next time you hesitate about hooking up your safety harness and lifeline.

Peter & Lloy Jefferson
(Past Commodore RVYC '90)



Oriole, the Canadian navy's sail training ship, first Canadian boat to finish in the 1990 Victoria-Maui race, is credited with increasing interest in the 1992 classic. Her spectacular man overboard finish made her the toast of Maui.

Oriole spectacular finish hypes Vic-Maui interest

Victoria's favorite yacht, the Canadian navy's huge ketch *Oriole*, is given credit for generating much of the pre-race interest for the July 1992 Victoria-Maui race sponsored by Royal Van and Maui's Lahaina Yacht Clubs.

She was the first Canadian boat home in the 1990 race. Her arrival caused more fuss than all the other arrivals combined.

Peter Jefferson, vice chairman of the race committee said *Oriole* had a man overboard incident at the finish line which made her familiar with every Lahaina resident. Peter, and his wife Lloy were on a US Coast Guard cutter at the finish when a gust hit *Oriole*. Crew member Eric McGair was tossed

15 feet in the air and overboard when caught in a spinnaker sheet. It was dark, but he was caught in the cutter's search light beam and then lost. *Oriole* dropped two man overboard poles with strobes and two life rings. *Oriole* was moving quickly under sail and would have taken considerable time to find him.

The cutter found Eric after ten minutes. *Oriole* was then the toast of the town. *Oriole's* spectacular arrival in port, Peter believes, was responsible for sparking early interest in the 1992 Vic-Maui. Although there's 18 months to go before the race applications are coming in from many areas.

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YACHT / DAY #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AJAX								
ATALANTA								
CARMANAH								
CHARISMA								
ECLIPSE								
FOXFIRE								
GENERAL HOSPITAL								
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HOOLIGAN								
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LUCILLE								
LUNA								
MAD MAX								
MAVERICK								
MCFASTRACK								
MEREDITH II								
MERLIN								
NUANCE								
PANACHE IV								
PASSING CLOUD								
PULSAR								
R.J.SQUIRREL								
SANFIRE								
VENDETTA								
WINDANCER IV								
WINDCHASER								
Weather and Conditions								
Comments:								

DAILY POSITIONING LOG

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