



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race

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THE TWENTY FOURTH EDITION

START: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
JULY 3—7, 2014
FINISH: LAHAINA, MAUI
AWARDS BANQUET: **JULY 26, 2014**
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1. RULES

- 1.1 The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing*. No national prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.2 The Notice of Race and its appendices will apply.
- 1.3 If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.4 While in the Strait of Juan de Fuca all boats shall comply with Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Traffic Separation Scheme).
- 1.5 One hour after the start the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea shall replace Part 2 of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.6 All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 16 when operating within 200 nm of the Hawaiian Islands.

2. SKIPPERS' MEETING AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Skippers' meetings will be held on July 2 and July 4 at 1630 PDT at the vessel designated "Race Office" located on the Causeway Docks in Victoria's Inner Harbor.
- 2.2 Competitors should submit questions for the skippers' meeting, in writing, to the Race Office at least one hour prior to the start of the meeting.
- 2.3 Notices to competitors issued prior to July 3, 2014 shall be posted on the Official Notice Board on the Vic-Maui website at www.vicmaui.org/documents. Courtesy copies of notices may be posted at the vessel designated "Race Office" located at the Causeway Docks in Victoria's Inner Harbor and at the Vic-Maui race desk at Lahaina Yacht Club ("LYC") 835 Front Street, Lahaina.



3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be communicated to all entrants in writing, by email, or other methods as appropriate.

4. THE START

- 4.1 There will be two starts; on July 3, 2014 and July 5, 2014.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each start is 1000 PDT.
- 4.3 Each starting sequence will be signaled in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes prior to the starting signal. The warning signal shall be numeral pennant 1.
- 4.4 The race will start off Victoria Harbor in the vicinity of Brotchie Ledge.
- 4.5 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag aboard the committee boat and the Brotchie Ledge Light Beacon. The line will bear approximately 130 degrees Magnetic from Brotchie Ledge and will be approximately 250 metres long. Note that there is an area of shallow water near the beacon.
- 4.6 The starting line may remain in place for 30 minutes following the starting signal. Boats starting after the starting line has been removed shall start within 24 hours after the starting signal by passing South of Brotchie Ledge.
- 4.7 The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 from 30 minutes prior to each starting sequence until 30 minutes following the start.
- 4.8 The race committee may broadcast the following information on VHF Channel 72:
- a) countdown to warning, preparatory and starting signals,
 - b) boats on the course side of the starting line (OCS).
- 4.9 All broadcasts on VHF Channel 72 will be made as an unofficial courtesy to competitors. Failure to broadcast or errors in broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.



5. COURSE AND TIME LIMIT

- 5.1 From the starting line, leaving Duntze Rock Lighted Whistle Buoy 2D, (48° 24.90N, 124° 45.11W), or its charted position if missing, and Tatoosh Island and Hawea Point to port, to a finish line off the west side of Maui.
- 5.2 For handicap purposes the course shall be 2308 nautical miles.
- 5.3 The time limit shall be 2355 HST on Thursday, July 24, 2014. No boat's finish shall be recorded after the time limit has expired.

6. FINISH

- 6.1 The finishing line shall be a range 0.75 nm long bearing 270 degrees Magnetic from an orange diamond located on the Northwest corner of the Aston Kaanapali Shores hotel located at 20° 57.01N 156° 41.43W, seaward to 20° 57.14N 156° 42.22W. Note that there is an area of shallow water near the shore.
- 6.2 Boats shall contact the Race Committee in Lahaina:
 - a) at a point 25 miles from the finishing line via phone at +1-808-283-6975 or +1-253-370-3530. If unable to contact the finishing line at either number, notification can be made via email to racecommittee@vicmaui.org;
 - b) when the light at Hawea Point is abeam via VHF Channel 16, or via phone at +1-808-283-6975 or +1-253-370-3530. After receiving acknowledgement, boats shall then stand-by on VHF Channel 72 for further communications;
 - c) when approximately one mile from the finish via VHF Channel 72, and to provide the name and or sail number of boats within visual contact ahead or behind;
 - d) if the above methods of communication fail, boats are allowed to use relay communication to contact the Race Committee.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may acknowledge a boat's finish by sounding a horn by day or by flashing a light at night, and confirming the finish on VHF Channel 72. When finishing between dusk and dawn, each boat shall illuminate its mainsail sail number for a period of 1 minute after finishing.
- 6.4 A certificate of compliance will be distributed in the skippers package prior to the start. The completed and signed certificate shall contain reference to actual GPS finish time in HST and shall be filed by the boat at the Vic-Maui race desk at LYC, 835 Front Street, Lahaina no later than 24 hours after finishing.



7. ROLL CALL

- 7.1 Each boat shall record its latitude and longitude (degrees and minutes), true wind speed (knots), true wind direction (degrees True), and barometric pressure (hPa or mbar) at 1700 HST each day, including the day of starting. The position and conditions as recorded at 1700 HST and any other comments shall be reported to the Race Committee at racecommittee@vicmaui.org during Roll Call prior to 1800 HST each day.
- 7.2 The Race Committee will consolidate roll call information and distribute to all boats via email prior to 1900 HST each day.
- 7.3 Boats may send blogs, tidbits, anecdotes and photographs with their Roll Call, or any other time, to racecommittee@vicmaui.org. Items, subject to editing, may be posted on the www.vicmaui.org website.
- 7.4 Boats shall check their email system to ensure that their Roll Call report has actually been sent. Boats unable to complete their Roll Call may meet the Roll Call requirements by alternative methods.
- 7.5 A Communication Vessel will be designated to assist with relay and emergency communications. All boats shall stand a Roll Call communications watch from 1800 – 1815 HST daily, closely monitoring VHF Channel 16 and either HF 4149 kHz USB or Satphone, and responding if called.
- 7.6 Boats failing to complete Roll Call by 1830 HST may be penalized.
- 7.7 Boats shall give their ETA at the finishing line in HST during their last Roll Call report.

8. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 The skipper of a boat is responsible for the decision to request outside assistance, determining who to request assistance from, and how to communicate the request.
- 8.2 The Canadian or US Coast Guard should be contacted directly for developing situations or emergencies at sea. These authorities may be contacted or alerted by any available means including VHF radio, SSB radio, satellite telephone and EPIRB. Relay communications assistance may be requested from the Communications Vessel or other boats. (See Appendix 1 - Race Communications Directory).
- 8.3 After initiating emergency communications, a boat shall make all reasonable efforts, including continued participation in Roll Call, to keep the Race Committee and other boats informed of its situation via email to racecommittee@vicmaui.org.



9. MEDICAL ADVICE

- 9.1 In the event of a medical situation or emergency during the race, advice is available by contacting the race medical officer, Dr. Cheryl Holmes (see Appendix 1 - Race Communications Directory). Dr. Holmes is an emergency physician with professional experience providing medical advice via radio and telephone. Boats may seek medical advice from physicians other than Dr. Holmes, but shall promptly inform the Race Committee of the situation or emergency.

10. MEANS OF PROPULSION

- 10.1 Any use of a boat's engine for propulsion shall be entered in the vessel's log and recorded on the certificate of compliance. Any use of a boat's engine for propulsion in the racing division shall also be reported at the next Roll Call.
- 10.2 Boats are allowed to use their engines when rendering assistance. Sailing Instruction 10.1 shall apply.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 A boat that intends to file a protest, a request for redress, or acknowledge fault for violating a rule shall inform the Race Committee at the first Roll Call following recognition of the matter in question and no later than immediately upon finishing.
- 11.2 Protests, including protests concerning compliance with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations and requests for redress, shall be filed at the Vic-Maui race desk at LYC, 835 Front Street, Lahaina within 3 hours of the finish of the protesting boat. Protest forms will be available at the Vic-Maui race desk.
- 11.3 Protests, including protests initiated by the Race Committee, and hearing schedules will be posted on the official notice board at the Vic-Maui race desk at LYC, 835 Front Street, Lahaina no later than 1000 HST, July 25, 2014.



12. PENALTIES

- 12.1 The Organizing Authority has created a framework of time penalties designed to provide a guideline for the Protest Committee in determining penalties. The Protest Committee, at its sole discretion, shall impose penalties for violations of the rules up to and including the disqualification of a boat from the race. These provisions modify rule 64.1.
- 12.2 All time penalties shall be added to a boat's elapsed time.

13. TRASH DISPOSAL AT SEA

- 13.1 Boats failing to comply with NOR 1.4.7, which prohibits the intentional dumping of anything other than organic trash from food waste, may be protested.

14. OUTSIDE HELP

- 14.1 Without limiting the application of rule 41, the transmission or receipt while racing of any communication for the direct or indirect benefit of an individual boat is prohibited. This includes fee-for-service weather information and all routing information or advice. This does not include communication, including email, required in order to comply with the notice of race and sailing instructions or for personal messages not related to a boat's performance in the race.
- 14.2 Boats may receive weather information in any form, providing that the information is public and available without charge. Boats may use any communications method to receive weather information.
- 14.3 Boats may receive fleet position information, providing that the information is public and available without charge. Boats may use any communications method to receive fleet position information.



15. TRANSPONDERS

- 15.1 The Race Committee will install a transponder on each boat to transmit the boat's position.
- 15.2 No boat may tamper with or alter the installation of the transponder. A boat shall be responsible for the cost of any mishap which may result in the loss of or damage to the transponder.
- 15.3 The Race Committee will be responsible for the removal of the transponder at the conclusion of the race. The skipper shall arrange with the Race Committee to have the transponder removed. Advance arrangements can be made for the rental of transponders for the return delivery.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 The certificate of compliance required after finishing will include certification from all crew that, to their knowledge, the boat sailed the race in compliance with all applicable rules, including the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for 2012 – 2013 as modified by the notice of race and its appendices.
- 16.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions, notice of race and its appendices.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible at racecommittee@vicmaui.org. Boats may also contact the Communication Vessel or Coast Guard requesting that notification of such retirement be relayed to the Race Committee.
- 16.4 As soon as possible upon arrival at the first destination following retirement, a boat should contact the Race Committee at racecommittee@vicmaui.org. The owner or skipper shall report the circumstances in writing to the Race Committee no later than July 26, 2014.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.



APPENDIX 1 – RACE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORY

June 13, 2014

(check www.vicmaui.org/documents for updates)

Race Committee	Distribution List	racecommittee@vicmaui.org
RC Duty Officer – Primary (also RC Chair)	Rich Ballantyne	[REDACTED]
RC Duty Officer - Alternate	Guy Walters	[REDACTED]
RC at Start (SI 4)	Race Committee	VHF Channel 72 [REDACTED]
RC at Finish (SI 6)	Race Committee	VHF Channels 16, 72 [REDACTED]
Medical Officer (SI 9)	Dr. Cheryl Holmes	[REDACTED]
Communications Vessel - Primary	Family Affair [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] VHF DSC & Channels 16 HF DSC & 4149 kHz USB
Communications Vessel - Alternate	Kinetic [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] VHF DSC & Channel 16 HF DSC & 4149 kHz USB
Vic-Maui Fleet	All boats	[REDACTED]
Cdn Coast Guard Radio	Victoria, Tofino Tofino	VHF DSC & Channel 16 MF-HF 2054, 2182, 4125 kHz
US Coast Guard Radio	Various coastal stations NMC - Pt. Reyes, CA NMO – Honolulu, HI	VHF DSC & Channel 16 HF 4125, 6215, 8291, 12290 kHz
Cdn Coast Guard	JRCC Victoria	+1-250-413-8933 +1-800-567-5111 jrccvictoria@sarnet.dnd.ca
US Coast Guard	RCC Seattle	+1-206-220-7001
US Coast Guard	RCC Alameda & Pacific SAR Coordinator	+1-510-437-3700
US Coast Guard	RCC Honolulu	+1-808-535-3333