



Information Bulletin 1A

VICTORIA & START INFORMATION

Preliminary Information:

This Information Bulletin provides preliminary information to boats, crews, family and friends who are making plans for the 2016 Vic-Maui start in Victoria. Updated information will be published when available, through the website at www.vicmaui.org, the Shackles and Cotterpins email newsletter (subscribe at www.vicmaui.org/subscribe), and by updates to Information Bulletin 1 at www.vicmaui.org/victoria-bc.

The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority welcomes the 2016 Vic-Maui fleet and invites competitors, family and friends to explore and enjoy Victoria's Harbour.



Victoria Harbour and the Causeway Docks:

Victoria has extensive harbour facilities including a naturally protected Inner Harbour. The Vic-Maui fleet moors in Victoria's Inner Harbour (James Bay) at the Causeway Docks, in front of the Parliament Buildings.

"Victoria Harbour is the jewel of Vancouver Island. Lands surrounding the picturesque deep-sea harbour were a traditional winter home for First Nations peoples for thousands of years. When European explorers arrived, the harbour was chosen by the Hudson Bay Company as its Pacific Northwest base, and Fort Victoria was born."

Victoria Preferred Accommodations:

Victoria is a provincial capital city and has a full range of general and marine supplies and services. Our preferred accommodations partners are offering group rates to Vic-Maui competitors, families and friends.



Please see the Victoria-BC section of the Vic-Maui website at www.vicmaui.org/victoria-bc for the most up-to-date information and for Preferred Accommodations rate sheets and booking information.



Victoria Arrival & Start Timing:

Competing boats are required by the Notice of Race to be at the Causeway Docks at least 48 hours before their scheduled start. This facilitates safety inspection sign-off, confirmation of crew passport information, and other pre-start events and preparations.

To help with advance planning, here is some unofficial information:

- Each boat is assigned a start date and time; boats are started in groups;
- Generally, slower rated divisions-classes-boats start earlier, faster rated ones start later
- The start dates for 2016 are expected to be between July 8 – 12, inclusive
- Most boats arrive three days before their start date, so boats and crews should be planning to arrive July 5-9, inclusive
- Start times are usually before noon
- Preliminary start dates and times were announced on March 7; final start dates and times are expected to be announced by April 30

It is recommended that spectator boats arrive in Victoria on the same schedule as their respective competitor boats. Competing boats and spectator boats are welcome to arrive early; advance notice will be required so that we can provide moorage.

Upon arrival, all competing boats must check in at the Race Office.

Moorage Reservations:

Vic-Maui has an event moorage reservation with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA). Vic-Maui competitors and spectator boats should not make separate moorage reservations with the GVHA.

Vic-Maui provides moorage at no charge for competitors for the two nights prior to their respective start dates; spectator boats requiring moorage and competing boats requiring additional moorage will need to make moorage reservations in advance through Vic-Maui. Moorage reservation details will be announced when available.

Spectator Boats:

Spectator boats are arranged by competitors and, after approval, are officially recognized by the committee. Each competing boat normally invites one spectator boat. Spectator boats moor alongside the Vic-Maui fleet during the pre-start preparations, and take family, friends & supporters to see the start outside Victoria Harbour. Spectator boats may be sail or power, and each receives a spectator boat battle flag.



Sponsors:

Sponsors boats will be moored with the Vic-Maui fleet and sponsors will be participating in various Vic-Maui events in Victoria.

Skippers Meetings:

Skippers Meetings are held before each start, at the boat designated "Vic-Maui Race Office" at the Causeway Docks. Attendance is mandatory for the Skipper and one other crew member. Dates, times and locations for Skipper's Meetings will be announced in the Sailing Instructions. Most likely, we will be scheduling the Skippers Meetings for late-afternoon of the day before each start.

Pre-Start Parties:

Pre-start parties will be held on the Causeway Docks on dates that work with the scheduled start dates. Preliminary dates for the pre-start parties are July 8 for boats starting on July 9-10, and July 10 for boats starting on July 11-12. Competitors, families, friends and supporters are all welcome. Tickets are provided for competitors. There will be a modest charge for additional tickets for family, friends & supporters.

Evenings Reserved for Team Private Functions:

One of the two evenings before each start will be set aside for the teams, family, friends and supporters. No official events will be scheduled for those evenings. Most teams arrange their own private send-off dinner with family, friends and supporters.

Local Suppliers:

Victoria is a busy city with all the usual amenities, and has a vibrant marine industry with many local suppliers. Information will be posted at www.vicmaui.org/victoria-bc.