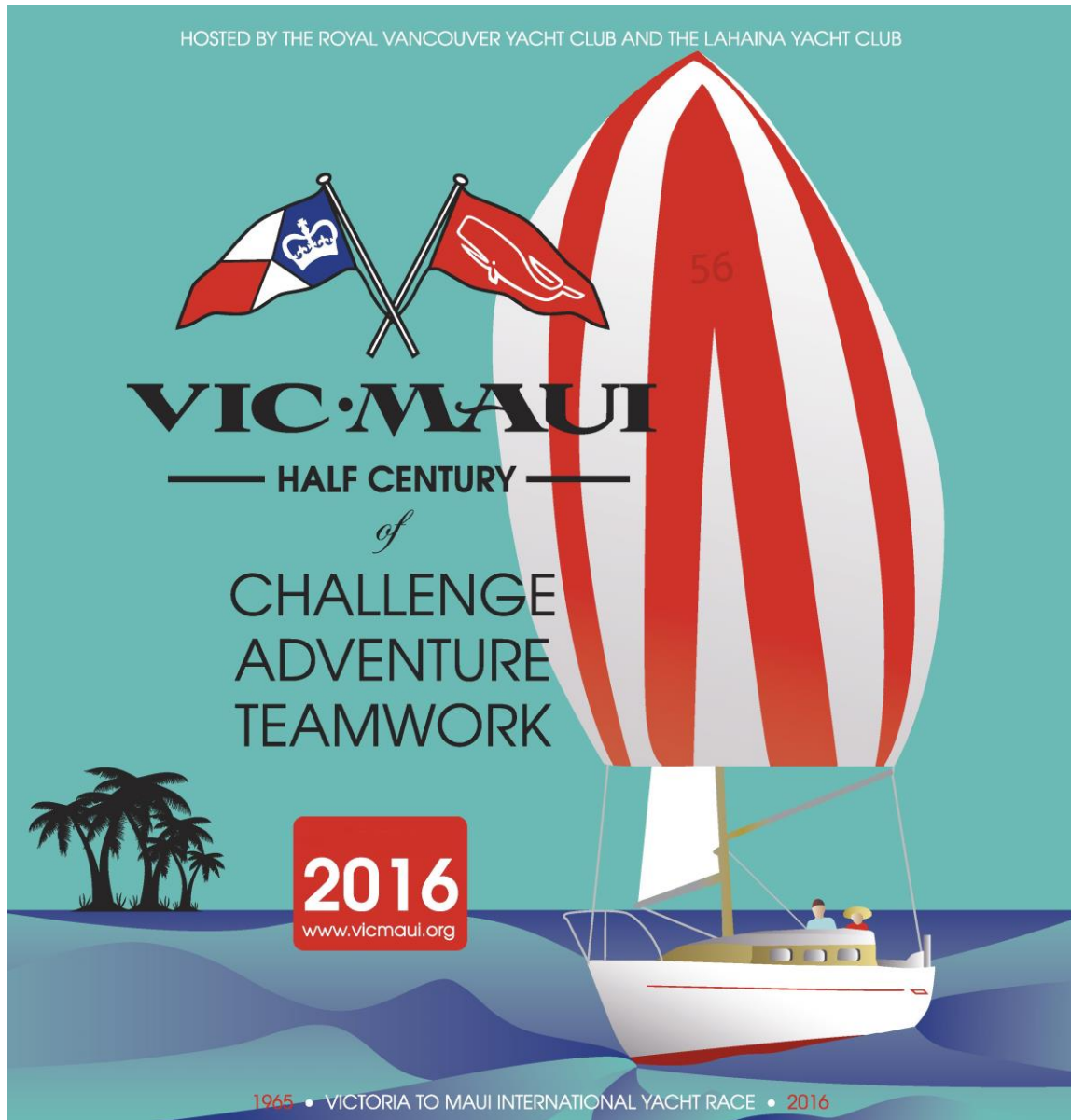




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# Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race



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# VICTORIA TO MAUI INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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 each 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 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

### 2. SKIPPERS' MEETING AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Skippers' meetings will be held on July 8 for boats starting on July 9 and 10, and on July 10 for boats starting on July 11 and 12, at 1430 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 shall be posted on the Official Notice Board on the Vic-Maui website at <http://www.vicmaui.org/official-notice-board>. 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 the Pioneer Inn at 658 Wharf Street, Lahaina.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made after the first start shall be communicated to all entrants by email, or other methods as appropriate.



## 4. THE START

4.1 There will be four starts. The scheduled times for the warning signals is as below.

Division(s)	Date	Warning Signal	Start Time
Division 3, Double Handed, Cruising	July 9, 2016	09:25	09:30
Division 2	July 10, 2016	09:55	10:00
Division 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> group)	July 11, 2016	10:25	10:30
Division 1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> group)	July 12, 2016	10:55	11:00

4.2 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.

4.3 The race will start off Victoria Harbour at Brotchie Ledge.

4.4 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.

4.5 The starting line may remain in position 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.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS AT START

5.1 The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 from 30 minutes prior to each starting sequence until 30 minutes following the start.

5.2 The race committee may broadcast the following information on VHF Channel 72:

- a) countdown to warning, preparatory and starting signals,
- b) actions under rule 29.

5.3 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.



## **6. COURSE AND TIME LIMIT**

- 6.1 From the starting line, leaving Duntze Rock Lighted Whistle Buoy, (48° 24.90N, 124° 45.11W) or its charted position if missing, Tatoosh Island and Hawea Point to port, to a finish line off the west side of Maui.
- 6.2 For handicap purposes the course shall be 2308 nautical miles.
- 6.3 The time limit shall be 1000 HST on Friday, July 29, 2016. No boat's finish shall be recorded after the time limit has expired. This modifies rule 35.

## **7. FINISH**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Boats shall contact the Race Committee in Lahaina:
- a) at a point 25 miles from the finishing line via phone at +1-808-298-7741. If unable to contact the finishing line at that number, notification can be made via email to [racecommittee@vicmaui.org](mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org);
  - b) when the light at Hawea Point is abeam via phone at +1-808-298-7741. 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 astern;
  - d) if the above methods of communication fail, boats may use relay communications to contact the Race Committee.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 A finish report / certificate of compliance will be distributed in the skipper's package prior to the start. The completed and signed certificate shall contain reference to actual GPS finish time in HST and shall be filed with the Race Committee on the pilot boat, or on the welcome dock in Lahaina, promptly after finishing.



## **8. ROLL CALL & LISTENING WATCH**

- 8.1 Each boat shall record its position by latitude and longitude (degrees and minutes), true wind speed (knots), true wind direction (degrees True), and barometric pressure (hPa or mbar) at 1200 HST each day, including the day of starting.
- 8.2 Each boat shall email their Roll Call position and weather data as recorded at 1200 HST and any other comments to the Race Committee at [racecommittee@vicmaui.org](mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org) no later than 1230 HST each day.
- 8.3 The Race Committee intends to consolidate Roll Call information and distribute in simple format to all boats via email no later than 1300 HST each day.
- 8.4 Boats may send blogs, tidbits, anecdotes and photographs along with their Roll Call, or any other time, to [racecommittee@vicmaui.org](mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org). Items, subject to editing, may be posted on the [www.vicmaui.org](http://www.vicmaui.org) website and other media.
- 8.5 Boats shall check their email “sent messages” and ensure that each Roll Call report has been sent. Boats unable to complete their Roll Call on any given day may meet the Roll Call requirements by alternative methods such as text or phone call to Race Committee duty officers, or contacting Communication Vessel for relay.
- 8.6 Boats failing to complete Roll Call by 1230 HST may be penalized.
- 8.7 Boats shall give their ETA at the finishing line in HST during their last Roll Call report.
- 8.8 Boats are required to successfully complete a two-way email test with Race Committee prior to the Start. Test instructions will be issued in a Notice to Competitors.
- 8.9 A Communication Vessel will be designated to assist with relay and emergency communications. (See page 9 - Communications Directory).
- 8.10 Each boat shall stand a daily communications listening watch, commencing on the day of her start and continuing until her “25 mile from finish” check-in, from 1200-1300 HST on VHF Channel 16 and either Satphone voice or SSB on HF 4149 kHz USB.
- 8.11 All boats shall monitor VHF channel 16 when operating within 200 nm of the Hawaiian Islands.

## **9. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9.1 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.



- 9.2 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 page 10 - Communications Directory.
- 9.3 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](mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org).

## **10. MEDICAL ADVICE**

- 10.1 In the event of a medical situation or emergency at any time during the race, advice is available by contacting the race medical officer.

Dr. Cheryl Holmes, +1-250-212-9450, 24 hours

Dr. Holmes is an emergency physician with professional experience providing remote medical advice via radio and telephone. Boats may seek medical advice from physicians other than Dr. Holmes, but in any case shall inform the Race Committee.

## **11. MEANS OF PROPULSION**

- 11.1 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 to the Race Committee at the next Roll Call.
- 11.2 Boats are allowed to use their engines when rendering assistance. Sailing Instruction 11.1 shall apply.

## **12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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 the Pioneer Inn at 658 Wharf Street, Lahaina within 3 hours of the finish of the protesting boat. Protest forms will be available on the Official Notice Board and at the Vic-Maui race desk.





- 12.3 A schedule of hearings for protests, including protests initiated by the Race Committee, and requests for redress will be posted no later than 1300 HST, Friday, July 29, 2016 on the Official Notice Board and at the Vic-Maui race desk at the Pioneer Inn at 658 Wharf Street, Lahaina. Hearings will be held at the Lahaina Yacht Club, 835 Front Street, Lahaina, commencing no later than 1400 HST, Friday, July 29, 2016.

### **13. PENALTIES**

- 13.1 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. This modifies rule 64.1.
- 13.2 The Organizing Authority has created a framework of time penalties designed to provide a guideline for the Protest Committee in determining penalties. This modifies rule 44.
- 13.3 All time penalties shall be added to a boat's elapsed time.

### **14. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

- 14.1 Boats failing to comply with NOR 1.4.10, which prohibits the dumping of anything other than organic trash from food waste, may be protested.
- 14.2 Boats are encouraged to develop an environmental plan to guide management of on-board waste and discharges, and to lessen the boat's impact on the environment. Boats may submit their plan to the Race Committee for comment. A prize will be awarded to the boat that submits the most compelling plan.

### **15. OUTSIDE HELP**

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 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.





## **16. TRANSPONDERS**

- 16.1 The Race Committee will install a transponder on each boat to transmit the boat's position. The fleet position information can be accessed through the Vic-Maui or YB Tracking websites.
- 16.2 No boat may tamper with or alter the installation of the transponder. Each boat shall be responsible for the cost of any loss of or damage to the transponder.
- 16.3 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.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 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 2014-2015*, as modified by the notice of race and its appendices.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible at [racecommittee@vicmaui.org](mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org) or +1-604-880-1648. Boats may also contact the Communication Vessel or Coast Guard requesting that notification of such retirement be relayed to the Race Committee.
- 17.3 Boats shall also notify the Race Committee as soon as possible upon arrival at the first destination following retirement at [racecommittee@vicmaui.org](mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org) or +1-604-880-1648. The owner or skipper then must report the circumstances in writing by email to the Race Committee no later than July 30, 2016.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing* Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.



## COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORY

(check <http://www.vicmaui.org/official-notice-board> for updates)

Race Committee	Distribution List, includes RC duty officers	<a href="mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org">racecommittee@vicmaui.org</a>
Race Committee Duty Officer – Primary	Rich Ballantyne	+1-604-880-1648 <a href="mailto:rballant@telus.net">rballant@telus.net</a>
Race Committee Duty Officer - Alternate	Guy Walters	+1-604-838-0065 <a href="mailto:gwalters@telus.net">gwalters@telus.net</a>
Race Committee at Start (SI 5)	Race Committee	VHF Channel 72 +1-604-880-1648
Race Committee at Finish (SI 7)	Race Committee	VHF Channels 16, 72 +1-808-298-7741 <a href="mailto:racecommittee@vicmaui.org">racecommittee@vicmaui.org</a>
Communications Vessel (SI 8.9)	Red Sheilla Callsign: CFN5335 MMSI: 316013506	+8707-7640-6706 <a href="mailto:cv@vicmaui.org">cv@vicmaui.org</a> , <a href="mailto:CFN5335@sailmail.com">CFN5335@sailmail.com</a> VHF DSC & Channels 16 HF DSC & 4149 kHz USB
Medical Officer (SI 10)	Dr. Cheryl Holmes	+1-250-212-9450 <a href="mailto:medical@vicmaui.org">medical@vicmaui.org</a>
Canadian Coast Guard Radio	Victoria	VHF DSC & Channel 16; 24 hrs
Canadian Coast Guard Radio	Prince Rupert	VHF DSC & Channel 16; 24 hrs MF-HF 2054, 2182, 4125 kHz; 24 hrs
Canadian Coast Guard	JRCC Victoria	+1-250-413-8933 <a href="mailto:jrccvictoria@sarnet.dnd.ca">jrccvictoria@sarnet.dnd.ca</a>
US Coast Guard Radio	Various coastal stations	VHF DSC & Channel 16; 24 hrs
US Coast Guard Radio	Pt. Reyes, CA (NMC)	HF 4125, 6215, 8291, 12290 kHz; 24 hrs
US Coast Guard Radio	Honolulu, HI (NMO)	HF 4125; 0600-1800Z HF 6215, 8291; 24 hrs HF 12290; 1800-0600Z
US Coast Guard	RCC Seattle	+1-206-220-7001
US Coast Guard	RCC Alameda, Pacific SAR Coordinator	+1-510-437-3701
US Coast Guard	RCC Honolulu	+1-808-535-3333

Competitors are urged to ensure that their onboard email systems are configured to receive email from all of the email addresses listed above.