



## **Shackles & Cotterpins**

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Attention Sailors:

Some important updates to the NOR are now posted on the Vic-Maui website:

Amendment #1. Items relating to entry requirements and race communication are covered in [Amendment #1 To The Notice Of Race](#), dated May 19, 2009.

Appendix B. The entry checklist for yachts and skippers is in [Appendix B To The Notice Of Race](#), dated May 19, 2009.

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The Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race, first contested in 1968, is the pinnacle of Pacific Northwest ocean racing. Vic-Maui runs every second year, starting in June or July off Victoria, British Columbia and finishing near Lahaina, Maui, a distance of approximately 2308 nautical miles.

Vic-Maui challenges navigators to demonstrate their weather routing and navigational skills. Success depends on the navigator's skill in predicting where the Pacific High pressure zone and trade winds will be, nearly a week into the future. The adventure includes sailing around the Pacific High and surfing downwind in the trades. The days pass quickly with the fleet surrounded by dolphins and albatross, spectacular sunrises, sunsets and brilliant starlit nights. Teamwork gets the boats to the finish line near Lahaina, where each arriving boat is greeted with an outstanding Hawaiian welcoming party. Family and friends meet the racers to celebrate the accomplishment with hugs, leis and mai-tais. Many crew stay to spend more time enjoying Maui with their families before heading home.

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