



2014 Vic-Maui Information Bulletin 2A

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LAHAINA & FINISH INFORMATION

Preliminary Information:

This Information Bulletin provides preliminary information to boats, crews, family and friends who are making plans for the 2014 Vic-Maui finish in Lahaina. Updated information will be published when available, through the website at www.vicmaui.org/lahaina-maui, the Shackles and Cotterpins email newsletter (subscribe at www.vicmaui.org/subscribe), and by updates to Information Bulletin 2.

Lahaina-Maui Accommodations, Provisioning and Logistics:

The Lahaina area has a wide range of general supplies and services, including all routine provisions. The Vic-Maui fleet supports the local community by doing as much of our collective business as possible with local suppliers in the Lahaina area.

The International Airport on Maui is across the island at Kahului, about a 45 minute drive away. Kahului is a major regional center and has a range of general and marine supplies and services.

Rental cars are available on either side of the island. Most Vic-Maui teams arrange accommodations in the Lahaina-Kaanapali-Napili vicinity.

Hotels may offer group rates to Vic-Maui competitors, families and friends. To date, the Sheraton Maui has confirmed a group rate.



We recommend that, before making reservations, you check the Lahaina-Maui section of the Vic-Maui website at www.vicmaui.org/lahaina-maui for the most up-to-date information.

Lahaina Harbor and Roadstead:

Lahaina has a small vessel harbor enclosed by a rock breakwater, and an extensive roadstead with many private fixed moorings and areas that are open for anchoring. The small vessel harbor and loading dock are very actively used by commercial, tour and pleasure boat operators. During Lahaina's historic time as a major whaling port, hundreds of vessels would be anchored in the roadstead. See www.lahainaharbor.com for more information. Vic-Maui makes arrangements for slips, moorings and anchorage – boats should not make advance arrangements with Lahaina Harbor.

Before the Boat Arrives:

The Lahaina Yacht Club has a waterfront restaurant and bar facility and warmly welcomes Vic-Maui guests. While family and friends are enjoying a vacation and waiting for their team to arrive, they can check in with the Vic-Maui desk at the Lahaina Yacht Club and request a temporary guest card. They may also want to attend the Waiting Wahini luncheon that is held in Lahaina. And, they can assist the local Greeting Party Volunteers with preparations for their team's Greeting Party.

Vic-Maui boats carry satellite transponders which produce position reports on the Vic-Maui website, allowing Vic-Maui, family and friends to guesstimate their likely arrival time. At an estimated three hours before reaching the finish line, boats contact Vic-Maui to advise that their arrival is imminent. Family and friends who have pre-registered their contact information are notified so that they can watch the boat finish from Kaanapali and attend the Greeting Party at Lahaina Harbour.

After the Boat Finishes:

After a boat crosses the finish line off Kaanapali, a local vessel usually comes alongside and transfers a Vic-Maui representative to the boat. The Vic-Maui representative provides local knowledge to the skipper on the 6 nautical mile trip under motor from the finish line to Lahaina Harbor. The trip usually takes about one hour.

Greeting Parties:

Each arriving boat gets a special welcome in the Hawaiian tradition with a 'Greeting Party', regardless of the time of day or night. Greeting Parties are organized by volunteers, and help from each boat's supporters is appreciated. Greeting Parties are normally done at or near the Lahaina Harbor loading dock. Actual arrangements will depend on the number of boats finishing at the same time and the amount of other traffic at the loading dock. Ferries have priority at the dock at all times.

After the Greeting Party:

After the greeting party, the vessel may move to a slip, mooring or anchorage, to be determined by the Harbormaster and/or Vic-Maui representative. There is government paperwork for slips or moorings and a fee for use of a slip.

Lahaina Harbor Slips:

Shallower draft boats may be assigned a slip for 24 hours, after which they may move to a mooring or to anchor. Boats with drafts greater than nine feet may not be able to clear the sandy bottom of the channel entrance to the Lahaina Harbor. Slips are limited and boats may be rafted. Shore power (new 30A receptacles) may available on a limited basis.

Lahaina Roadstead Moorings & Anchorage:

The Lahaina Yacht Club maintains several fixed moorings in the Lahaina Roadstead, and makes arrangements to borrow additional fixed moorings. Vic-Maui assigns use of these moorings and deep draft boats will have first priority. Boats may find all slips and moorings occupied, and may anchor in the roadstead. Boats anchoring will require sufficient ground tackle to hold in up to sixty feet of water with a sandy bottom and some coral. A current flows through the roadstead, and the roadstead is exposed to wind and swell in some conditions.

Boats on moorings or anchored may not be left unattended (Hawaii DLNR requirement); skippers must provide the name and cell phone number of a person who can move the yacht if needed. This person must be available at all times.

Roadstead Shuttle Service:

There will be a boat shuttle service between Lahaina Harbor and boats moored or anchored in the Lahaina Roadstead. A local boat operator will be providing this service.

US Arrival Requirements:

Arrival formalities for all boats and crews are normally completed with US Customs & Border Protection agents in Lahaina. Compliance with these requirements is taken seriously.

Awards Banquet:

Vic-Maui organizes an Awards Banquet for all the Vic-Maui teams, including their families and friends. The 2014 Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 in the Lahaina area. Advance tickets are essential for this ever-popular event. Vic-Maui teams are encouraged to arrange their air travel and return delivery schedules so that everyone can participate in the Awards Banquet.

Re-provisioning for Return Deliveries:

Boats may use the Lahaina Harbor loading dock to take on fuel and water and to load or unload gear and provisions. The local rules for using the loading dock are "first come, first served", "active loading/unloading only" and "time limit 30 minutes"; rules are enforced by the Harbormaster. Ferries have priority on the west and north sides of the loading dock. Diesel is available on the south side, gas is available on the north. The fuel pumps are "card access" only, and fuel is available by making an appointment and payment arrangements with a Vic-Maui representative; cash is the only accepted form of payment. Cars that are actively loading/unloading can stop in a loading zone on the street side of the dock. Street parking with a two hour time limit is available nearby.

Freight Services:

Some Vic-Maui teams ship equipment (sails, boat equipment, spares, etc.) between their home location and Maui, in either direction.

- Air freight forwarders can arrange shipments by air between home locations and Maui; air freight allows shorter lead times but at a higher cost.
- Honolulu Freight offers service by container ship between Seattle and the port of Kahului on Maui. See the information sheet at <http://www.vicmaui.org/lahaina-maui>. Container shipping requires longer lead times but may result in a lower cost.
- You can usually arrange with your shipper for shipments to be held for pickup/delivery at the airport/seaport in Kahului.
- For a local Lahaina shipment address, we recommend making arrangements with a local business with shipping/receiving capabilities – contact Vic-Maui’s Jeff Kaiser at Volcano Craters at 808-357-2999.
- No shipments will be accepted at the Lahaina Yacht Club.