



Information Bulletin 2

SPECTATOR BOAT PRE-REGISTRATION

Vic-Maui spectator boats come to Victoria, moor alongside the racing fleet, take your family and friends out to see the race starts (which are outside the harbour and are not easily viewed from onshore), and often shadow the race boats up the race course towards Race Passage, before turning around and heading back into Victoria. It's fun for everyone and makes for a great send-off for the fleet.

Spectator boats are arranged and organized as follows:

- **Each race boat invites their own spectator boat(s).** You have one or more of your friends bring their boats to enjoy Victoria and the start, and to carry your spectators.
- These boats are given official spectator boat status by the committee and moor immediately alongside the race fleet at the Causeway Floats. This allows your family and friends to be right there with you during your final preparations, and to help out, too.
- Moorage for these spectator boats is reserved through the committee at a preferred rate.
- Special Vic-Maui battle flags will be provided as a recognition item for the spectator boats. At the dock in Victoria, race boats and spectator boats proudly fly their battle flags.
- Benefits:
 - There is a direct relationship between each race boat and its spectator boat(s).
 - You have control over there being enough space for all spectators for your race boat.
 - The combined Vic-Maui race and spectator fleet is doubled at the Victoria waterfront in the days before the starts.
- If a race boat does not have their own spectator boat(s) available for Victoria, please ask the committee to help arrange one. And, if that doesn't work, a commercial spectator boat could be arranged (at a cost) with one of the whale-watching tour boat operators.



Important notes:

- Spectator boat pre-registration is free until May 31, 2016. (There is still a cost for the moorage).
- Pre-registration requests are subject to Vic-Maui committee review and approval. One spectator boat per race boat will be accepted; additional spectator boats may be accepted if space permits.
- Pre-registration will allow the committee to provide spectator boats with official recognition, reserved moorage and preferred moorage rates.

Next steps:

- Figure out who you are going to invite to be your spectator boat(s) in Victoria, and approach them.
- Forward this information bulletin to your spectator boat(s), and ask them to pre-register for free using the online system at: www.vicmaui.org/spectator-boat-pre-registration
- The deadline for free pre-registration is May 31, 2016.