



Notice to Competitors No. 3

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Review of Provisional Time Allowances

Notice to Competitors No. 1 provided the provisional time allowances for all boats and provided direction on where to find the provisional 2012 Vic-Maui Handicap Certificates on the race website www.vicmaui.org. Notice of Race section 3.2, as extended for three days by Amendment No. 3, provided for competitors to submit written requests for reviews of provisional time allowances until June 5, 2012.

Requests for review in the form of comments and questions were received by the Technical Committee and can be summarized:

1. Differences between Vic-Maui and PHRF time allowances.
2. Differences between published and reported displacements for Kinetic, Turicum and Family Affair.
3. Differences in preliminary time allowances for Bravo Zulu and Anne Bonny, the two Beneteau First 40.7's.
4. Measurements reported for Double Take, Bravo Zulu, Family Affair.

Query 1 - Differences between Vic-Maui and PHRF time allowances

In February 2012, a Frequently Asked Questions document with respect to calculation of time allowances was publicized through Shackles and Cotterpins and posted on the race website under Info for Racers - Resources. This FAQ can be accessed directly at <http://www.vicmaui.org/pdfs/FAQ%20-%20VMHS.pdf>. It is strongly encouraged that competitors read this document and review the summary table and provisional certificates for each boat; these are posted on the website under Info for Racers - Race Documents.

To briefly recap the information in the Vic-Maui handicap system FAQ:

- like many other offshore distance races, the Vic-Maui handicap system is based on a velocity prediction program. Vic Maui relies on the US Sailing's ORR model. (for more information see www.offshorerace.org)
- a key goal of the race is to minimize the time and expense to owners of obtaining additional measurements and formal certificates
- local volunteer handicappers use measurements, VPP data, a Vic-Maui weather matrix and Vic-Maui factors to develop a Vic-Maui time allowance for each boat.

For better or worse, the Vic-Maui time allowance looks like a PHRF rating. In reality, the Vic-Maui time allowance is not related at all to the PHRF rating, which uses a completely different approach and is based primarily on sailing inshore windward/leeward courses with legs of equal length, in wind conditions specific to that PHRF region. PHRF certificates are only used by Vic-Maui as a supplemental source of measurement information, and are not used in any way for calculation of Vic-Maui time allowances.

Query 2 - Differences in published and reported displacements for Kinetic, Turicum and Family Affair

Some boats have displacements reported on their provisional Handicap certificates that are different (heavier) than the information published by manufacturers. In these cases, the competitors provided displacement information on their race entry forms and this information was used in the production of the Vic-Maui time allowance. These boats have all been formally measured in the past and the owners of these vessels are obliged to report the correct measurements. Per section 3.1 of the Notice of Race, each boat is responsible for ensuring that all information submitted for producing the Vic Maui handicap is complete and correct.

Some boats have inquired whether they could re-measure and re-submit their displacements. The Technical Committee notes that per section 3.1 of the Notice of Race, all boats were required to report any changes to measurement information not later than April 28, 2012. Notwithstanding this, the handicappers would be pleased to review additional information on boats' displacements if boats have been or are measured in accordance with recognized rating measurement practices, and if the information is submitted by June 11, 2012. A review of submissions may result in revisions to Vic-Maui provisional time allowances.

Query 3 - Difference in time allowance between the Beneteau First 40.7's

The difference in time allowance between Bravo Zulu and Anne Bonny was determined as a result of the sail measurement information provided by the competitors, and its resulting impact on the VPP. Bravo Zulu has reported slightly larger main and headsail dimensions, a longer spinnaker pole, and will be carrying larger asymmetrical spinnakers. That said, the handicappers will review the available data and this review may result in revisions to Vic-Maui provisional time allowances.

Query 4 - Measurements reported for Double Take, Bravo Zulu, Family Affair

The queries related to specific measurements will be reviewed by the handicappers. The information used for the Vic-Maui Handicap Certificate was the information provided on each boat's Race Entry Form. Any reported discrepancies with certificates or data entry errors will be reviewed and may result in revisions to Vic-Maui provisional time allowances.

In closing, we are committed to the principal of ensuring a fair competition. The Technical Committee anticipates concluding the review process and publishing final Vic-Maui Handicap Certificates and time allowances by June 15, in accordance with section 3.2 of the Notice of Race.

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