



2012 Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race

Start Dates: June 28 – July 12, 2012

OBJECTIVE

To provide a premier world-class ocean race that will encourage the participation of qualified ocean racers.

ORGANIZERS

The Vic-Maui 2012 is an international yacht race organized jointly by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Lahaina Yacht Club.

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the current International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 Boats will be penalized for violations of the rules up to and including disqualification from the race. This modifies rule 64.1(a). A framework designed to provide a guideline for the protest committee in determining penalties will be contained in the Sailing Instructions. This modifies rule 44.
- 1.3 One hour after a boat's start the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea shall replace Part 2 of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions will be distributed by June 15, 2012 to all boats that have been accepted.

2. ISAF SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 2.1 Each boat shall meet the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2010-2011 with the amendments contained in Appendix A to this Notice of Race. This is a Category 1 race. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.2 Boats must schedule their Vic-Maui Checklist (Appendix B) consultation no later than April 28, 2012. Those who fail to present their boat on the scheduled date and time and at the agreed place may be assessed a late fee of \$500 USD.
- 2.3 Each boat must submit a completed and signed Vic-Maui Checklist (Appendix B) no later than June 2, 2012.
- 2.4 A representative of the Race Committee will consult with each skipper on their Vic-Maui Checklist (Appendix B) at their homeports where practical. Upon application and with the receipt of a \$500 USD late fee, the June 2, 2012 deadline for filing the Vic-Maui Checklist (Appendix B) may be extended by the Race Committee.

3. HANDICAP SYSTEMS, DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

- 3.1 The Vic Maui Handicap System will be based on measurement, VPP performance data, design factor allowances and a historical Vic Maui weather matrix. In the case of boats which do not have well documented performance data, the Race Committee may require additional design information to be supplied and the boat will be responsible for additional costs, if any, associated with measurement and generation of its VPP performance data. Not later than April 28, 2012 boats must report any changes to information previously supplied, or changes contemplated that could affect the boat's time allowance. Furthermore, no changes may be made to a boat that were not reported to the race committee by April 28, 2012. It is the sole responsibility of each boat to ensure that all information provided for the purpose of producing its Vic-Maui handicap is complete and correct.
- 3.2 Time allowances for the race will be computed for each boat prior to the start. A list of these allowances will be supplied by the Race Committee to each entrant no later than May 26, 2012. A boat which believes there is an error with its time allowance or another boat's time allowance may file a written request for review not later than June 2, 2012. Review requests must be submitted on a form provided by the race committee. Final time allowances will be provided to each boat by June 15, 2012
- 3.3 There will be two divisions, Racing and Cruising.
 - 3.3.1 The Racing Division will have at least two Classes, Fully Crewed and Double-handed.
 - 3.3.2 Cruising Division boats will only be eligible to compete for Cruising Division trophies and prizes.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 ALL BOATS:

4.1.1 Shall be mono-hulls

4.1.2 Which meet the requirements of the Special Regulations Appendix K shall be permitted to use movable and variable ballast as defined in Equipment Rules of sailing C.6.3(e)(iii) and (iv). This alters rule 51.

4.1.3 Are permitted to use stored energy to adjust movable and variable ballast, moveable hull appendages, except rudders, and may not use stored energy to move standing rigging, running rigging, and spars. This replaces rule 52.

4.1.4 Are permitted to stack sails. This alters rule 51.

4.1.5 Shall be capable, in the opinion of the Race Committee, of finishing prior to 2355 July 26, 2012.

4.1.6 Shall provide any updated PHRF certificates before April 28, 2012.

4.1.7 Shall provide proof of not less than \$1,000,000 CAN or US coverage in liability insurance.

4.1.8 Shall be sailed by a minimum of four crew, except that boats in the Double-handed Class in the Racing Division shall have two crew.

4.1.9 In the Double-handed Class and the Cruising Division shall be permitted the use of self steering devices and auto helms.

4.1.10 In the Cruising Division will be permitted to use their engines as specified in an amendment to the Notice of Race which will be published by June 1, 2011. Boats will be required to submit a log of engine usage. This changes rule 42.

4.2 ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY

4.2.1 Final acceptance of each entry application will be subject to race committee consideration and approval. Special consideration may be given in support of training vessels representing recognized training organizations to encourage their participation.

4.3 TRANSPONDERS

4.3.1 The Race Committee may install a transponder on each boat. The transponder will transmit the boat's position at regular intervals to a receiver. The receiver will record the boat's position and use the information to prepare the plot of the boat's position. The plot can be accessed through the Vic-Maui website. The website will display the positions as of the last signal received from the boat's

transponder.

- 4.3.2 No boat may tamper with or alter the installation of the transponder. Each boat shall be responsible for the cost of any mishap which may result in the loss or damage of the transponder and may be required to post a security deposit.
- 4.3.3 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.

5. ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 The Entry Deadline is February 2, 2012.
- 5.2 The entry fee is:
 - a) \$1200 USD for boats 40 feet L.O.A. and under
 - b) \$1400 USD for boats over 40 feet L.O.A. and under 50 feet L.O.A.
 - c) \$1600 USD for boats 50 feet L.O.A and over
- 5.3 The entry fee may be doubled for late entries.
- 5.4 No refund of entry fees will be made.

6. START - PLACE AND DATE

- 6.1 Boats must be in their assigned moorage in Victoria 48 hours prior to their scheduled race start.
- 6.2 The race will start off Victoria in the vicinity of Brotchie Ledge.
- 6.3 The starts will take place between June 28 and July 12 inclusive.
- 6.4 Skippers will be notified of their preliminary start dates and times no later than May 26, 2012.

7. COURSE AND TIME LIMIT

- 7.1 The course shall be from the starting line, leaving the Duntze Rock Lighted Whistle Buoy (48° 24.9'N, 124° 45.0'W) and Tatoosh Island to port, the Island of Maui to port and crossing a finish line off the west coast of Maui.
- 7.2 For handicap purposes the course shall be 2308 nautical miles.
- 7.3 The time limit shall be 2355 HST on Thursday, July 26, 2012.

8. ENTRY TIME LINE

- 8.1 February 2, 2012 Deadline for entries to provide:
- a) completed registration form and entry fee.
 - b) valid PHRF Certificate.
 - c) other currently existing measurement data with projected changes if known.
 - d) confirmation of membership in a recognized yacht club, national authority or organization affiliated with the national authority.
 - e) receipt of description of the skipper and crew members' previous offshore experience, focusing on both sailing and navigational experience.
- 8.2 April 28, 2012 Final date for:
- a) scheduling consultation on the Vic-Maui Checklist (Appendix B).
 - b) receipt of amended PHRF certificate, changes to boat measurement, rig or sails.
 - c) receipt of additional measurement or performance information requested.
- 8.3 May 26, 2012 Final date for:
- a) assignment of preliminary individual time allowances.
 - b) circulating preliminary class division breaks and start dates.
- 8.4 June 2, 2012 Final date for:
- a) receipt of signed Vic-Maui Checklist (Appendix B).
 - b) acceptance or rejection of entries by the Race Committee
 - c) receipt of requests for review of preliminary time allowances.
- 8.5 June 15, 2012 Final date for:
- a) circulating Sailing Instructions.
 - b) assignment of final time allowances.
 - c) circulating final start dates and times.
 - d) assignment of final class breaks.

9. RACE COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 Each boat shall record its position and weather data including wind speed and direction and barometric pressure as of 1800 HST each day. The position and weather data shall be reported to the communications vessel during Roll Call each day. Roll Call shall be at 1900 HST. Boats failing to report their positions may be assessed a time penalty by the Race Committee without a hearing. A position report is not required on the day a boat starts.
- 9.2.1 Without limiting the application of rule 41, the transmission or receipt of any communication for the direct or indirect benefit of an individual boat is prohibited. This includes information and or advice from routers or meteorologists obtained while racing.
- 9.2.2 Competitors may receive regularly scheduled weather broadcasts, weather fax transmissions, imagery from satellites and raw encoded weather data such as GRIB files. Competitors may use

any means to retrieve data from the internet, providing that the data so retrieved is readily available from public or open-to-the-public commercial data service providers and has not been in any way prepared or customized for the use of a specific competitor. The use of commercial data service providers to obtain internet weather data is permitted providing that the market value of such services to any competitor shall not exceed \$500 USD.

- 9.2.3 Any communication, including e-mail, is permitted in order to comply with the NOR and Sailing Instructions and for personal messages not related to enhancing a boat's performance in the race.

10. RACE ENTRY CONTACT

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