



## Shackles and Cotterpins January 2006

### Six Months and Counting

Happy 2006! It's January and that means we are quickly approaching the early bird deadline for boats to register for the Vic-Maui. Get them in before February 1<sup>st</sup>!

To date there have been over 60 requests for race entry packages – a record number for the race. Of those inquiries, the Vic-Maui Committee is anticipating approximately 25 boats to enter in this year's race including a strong possibility of four boats in a double-handed division.

Among the boats who have registered are *Night Runner* (Perry 42), *Red Heather* (Olson 40), *Turicum* (C&C 44), *Future Primitive* (J 37) and *Kinetic* (Beneteau First 47.7 DK). Check out the **Boats and Crew** section of the website for further information on boats.

The first **Notice to Competitors** has now been posted on the website and circulated to all potential entrants. Check [www.vicmaui.org](http://www.vicmaui.org) for this and other technical race information.

### Party Planning

In addition to race organizing, party planning is in full swing for both send-off and arrival festivities. With this year's race coinciding with July 1<sup>st</sup> – there is an impressive line-up of parties and events to get everyone in the mood for sailing and sun.

Starting June 30<sup>th</sup>, a Sponsor/Spectator Boat and Skippers BBQ will be held at Royal Vic. This special dinner acknowledges the many organizations and volunteers who make this event possible.

Of course, Vic-Maui wouldn't be a race without a dock party! This infamous Hawaiian Shirt Dock Party is for participants, spectator boat skippers, sponsors and their guests. This year, we'll have even more dock space for socializing, listening to another great band and enjoying the Canada Day fireworks!

## **Useful Information**

Skippers who would like to explore the possibility of using Dockwise Transport to return their boats from Maui should contact Donna Blum

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## **Sponsors**

The Vic-Maui Committee would like to thank their sponsors for their support of this race. A list of the sponsors appears below. Sponsors of the race who would like to promote goods and services related to the race will have the opportunity to include this information in a new section *Shameless Promotions* which will be available in the coming weeks. Goods and services may be listed and advertised once the sponsor has completed their profile and on-line background information.

### **VicMaui Sponsors:**

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