



Shackles & Cotterpins

The Vic-Maui Newsletter

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Attention Sailors:

We're well into the swing of regular Vic-Maui 2010 news and announcements to you with Shackles & Cotterpins. Lots to talk about below. We welcome your comments and feedback. You can reach us at shackles.editor@vicmaui.org.

Vic-Maui Information Night

A reminder: Northwest area sailors will have a chance to hear a presentation on the race from Vic-Maui Committee Chairman and experienced offshore racer David Sutcliffe. David is an exciting speaker and will present on the upcoming race, his experience in past editions and talk about the race's future. Exciting stuff for all sailors, especially offshore racing fans! The schedule is as follows:

- Tacoma Wednesday, May 27 at the [Tacoma Yacht Club](#)
- Seattle Thursday, May 28 at the [Seattle Yacht Club](#)

The start time for both presentations is 7:00 pm. Please follow the link to each of the clubs for location and directions.

Thanks to everyone who attended our presentations at Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and Portland Yacht Club

Vic-Maui Poster. Look for our new Vic-Maui poster to appear soon at yacht clubs and other locations near you. Created by graphic designer extraordinaire Sally White, the poster nicely captures our motto of Challenge – Adventure - Teamwork!

Vic-Maui Qualifying Race. Vic-Maui is pleased to announce that selected overnight distance races will be designated as qualifying races under a new program dubbed "Vic-Maui Qualifying Race". Potential Vic-Maui crew members are encouraged to participate in one or more of the qualifying races as part of their personal preparation for the pinnacle of Pacific Northwest ocean racing, the Vic-Maui race. Individual crew

experience with overnight racing is important to skippers when selecting crew, and combined crew experience with overnight racing is important to the race committee when considering Vic-Maui entries. Boats planning to enter the Vic-Maui race will still be required to meet all Vic-Maui entry requirements as outlined in the official Notice of Race.

Vic-Maui and each qualifying race will actively support each other's promotional activities, and the qualifying races will be authorized to display our new Vic-Maui Qualifying Race logo:



We are also pleased to announce the first Vic-Maui Qualifying Races the [Save On Foods Van Isle 360 International Yacht Race](#) and the [Swiftsure International Yacht Race](#). Thank you to the organizers of the Van Isle 360 and Swiftsure for their leadership with this new program.

Appendix A To NOR. [Appendix A](#) incorporating a number of equipment and safety requirements.

Volunteers Needed. We are seeking volunteers to help with the Vic-Maui website. We are looking for people interested in and able to assist in any of the following areas:

- Web programmers (PHP, Java, HTML)
- Database (MySQL)
- Graphic design
- Basic web publishing and writing
- Website Coordinator

If you or anyone you know are interested in assisting, please contact Erik Loptson at (604) 374-5544 or eloptson@shaw.ca.

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The Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race, first contested in 1968, is the pinnacle of Pacific Northwest ocean racing. Vic-Maui runs every second year, starting in June or July off Victoria, British Columbia and finishing near Lahaina, Maui, a distance of approximately 2308 nautical miles.

Vic-Maui challenges navigators to demonstrate their weather routing and navigational skills. Success depends on the navigator's skill in predicting where the Pacific High pressure zone and trade winds will be, nearly a week into the future. The adventure includes sailing around the Pacific High and surfing downwind in the trades. The days pass quickly with the fleet surrounded by dolphins and albatross, spectacular sunrises, sunsets and brilliant starlit nights. Teamwork gets the boats to the finish line near Lahaina, where each arriving boat is greeted with an outstanding Hawaiian welcoming party. Family and friends meet the racers to celebrate the accomplishment with hugs, leis and mai-tais. Many crew stay to spend more time enjoying Maui with their families before heading home.

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