



## **Shackles & Cotterpins**

### *The Vic-Maui Newsletter*

June 15, 2009

Attention Sailors:

The latest Vic-Maui developments:

**Vic-Maui Website.** The new [Vic-Maui website](#) is now live! Please check back regularly for current info and updates. Also lots of great photos and videos (to come) from previous races.

**Vic-Maui Information Night At Anacortes Yacht Club.** Mark your calendars in advance for Friday, September 18, 2009 – we'll send out another reminder closer to the date. AYC cordially invites boat owners, skippers, crews and anyone interested in ocean racing 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!

Coordinates: Friday, September 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm at [Anacortes Yacht Club, 504 7th Street, Anacortes WA](#). There will be a talk of about 30 minutes followed by Q&A.

**Sponsorship.** Vic-Maui is pleased to welcome sponsors Azaris Studios, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority and Pacific Yachting. More information on these three great organizations on [the sponsors page of our website](#). If you have any ideas or suggestions about potential Vic-Maui sponsors, we'd like to hear from you. You can contact [sponsorship@vicmaui.org](mailto:sponsorship@vicmaui.org) .

Some important updates to the NOR are now posted on the Vic-Maui website:

**Amendment #1.** Items relating to entry requirements and race communication are covered in [Amendment #1 To The Notice Of Race](#), dated May 19, 2009.

**Appendix B.** The entry checklist for yachts and skippers is in [Appendix B To The Notice Of Race](#), dated May 19, 2009

On a housekeeping note, please consider adding the domain vicmaui.org to your email “whitelist” or “allow” list so that this newsletter doesn’t get inadvertently trapped as spam. That actually happened on your editor’s own personal email until we made sure to add vicmaui.org to our allow list.

*Shackles & Cotterpins* welcomes your feedback, comments and suggestions. You can contact us at [shackles.editor@vicmaui.org](mailto:shackles.editor@vicmaui.org) .

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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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