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Attention Sailors:

The latest Vic-Maui developments:

Vic-Maui Website. Plenty of useful and interesting info on the new [Vic-Maui website](#). Please check back regularly for current news and updates. Also lots of great photos and videos (to come) from previous races.

Race Entry Package. The Race Entry Package is now available. Any skippers/owners who would like to receive the package can request one by [signing up on the Vic-Maui website](#). While the official entry deadline is January 31, 2010, we are glad to receive applications earlier than the deadline. All applications received by October 31, 2009 will be entered in the early bird draw (prize details TBA)

Vic-Maui Information Night At Anacortes Yacht Club. A reminder for the Vic-Maui Information Night on Friday, September 18, 2009. 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.

Waikiki Offshore Series. Vic-Maui boats that want to extend their trade winds sailing adventure may want to consider sailing from Lahaina to Honolulu to participate in the [Waikiki Offshore Series](#), the successor to the famed Kenwood Cup. Dates are July 22 to July 26, 2009.

Shackles & Cotterpins welcomes your feedback, comments and suggestions. You can contact us at 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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