

# Swiftsure Public Events Schedule

## **Thursday, May 22, 2014 – Swiftsure Centre**

- Swiftsure Centre at Ship Point in the Victoria Inner Harbour will be open from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM for skippers check in and race package pick up.
- The lounge in Swiftsure Centre opens at 2:00 PM, with “The Midnights” playing from 8:00 to 11:00 PM.
- Food outlets will be open at Ship Point starting Thursday afternoon.

## **Friday, May 23, 2014 – Swiftsure Centre**

- Swiftsure Centre will again be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for skippers check in and race package pick up.
- New this year is the Lekwungen First Nations Cultural Centre, in a tent at Ship Point, open Friday and Saturday. Representatives from the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations will share their culture.
- Special appearance by Pirate Captain Jack Sparrow on the docks from noon to 4:00 PM.
- There will be a Night Market at Ship Point running from noon until late in the evening with crafts and food for sale.
- The lounge in Swiftsure Centre opens at 2:00 PM with the band “Younger Than Yesterday” playing from 8:00 to 11:00 PM.
- Swiftsure Centre will hold a Silent Auction from 3 to 9 PM for valuable items.
- At 3:30 PM the Skippers’ Meeting for the Swiftsure Inshore Classic will commence at Swiftsure Centre. It will include forecasted weather, tidal currents, safety, and Sailing Instructions briefings.
- At 4:00 PM, Club 9ONE9 in the Strathcona Hotel on Douglas Street will host the Skippers’ Meeting for the Three Long Courses. The meeting will begin with Trophy presentations to 2013 winners followed by the official Skippers’ Meeting and will include forecasted weather, tidal currents, safety, and Sailing Instructions briefings.

## **Saturday, May 24, 2014 – Clover Point**

- Racers begin leaving the Victoria inner harbour at about 7:00 AM.
- Prior to the start of the race Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations Elders will bless the racing fleet from Clover Point. This promises to be an exciting new addition to the Clover Point starting event.
- The Central Saanich Lions Club will provide a Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8:00 AM at Clover Point
- Race start sequences commence at 08:51 AM. The first race (The Swiftsure Lightship Classic) starts at 09:00 AM with four subsequent starts to follow every 10 minutes.
- The last start will be the Inshore Classic planned for 9:40 AM, and it will be routed between the Ogden Point Breakwater and Brotchie Ledge for spectators’ viewing pleasure.
- The Starting Line will be from a tall crane (about 125’ tall) located at Clover Point to the Royal Canadian Navy’s HMCS Nanaimo, which will be at anchor.

- After the race starts the Royal Canadian Air Force will conduct a search and rescue and safety demonstration over the water in front of Clover Point using a Cormorant SAR helicopter.
- The start of the race will be streamed live on the Swiftsure website, and two Swiftsure hosts will be broadcasting live at Clover Point explaining the race start procedures and tactics.
- The “Swiftsure Inshore Classic” will finish in Cadboro Bay near the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, and celebrate the day’s racing with a barbecue Silent Auction and wind-up party starting at 4:00 PM. Awards for the 2014 race winners will be presented,

**Saturday, May 24 – Swiftsure Centre**

- Swiftsure Centre is open on Saturday for race tracking of competitors in the Three Long Courses.
- Swiftsure Centre will also be the venue for a local band extravaganza being jointly hosted by the Victoria Kinsmen Club and the Young Entrepreneurs Society of Victoria. This will run all day until 11:00 pm in Swiftsure Centre.
- The Night Market will be open from 10:00 AM.
- From 10:00 PM until the race is over the inspection dock at Ship Point will be open for safety inspections of finishing yachts.

**Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26 – Ogden Point**

- The Swiftsure Finish Line is best viewed from the breakwater at Ogden Point.
- The time limit for completing all of the long course races is 6:00 AM on Monday, May 26.