

SWIFTSURE EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 26, 2016

- Swiftsure Centre in the Victoria Inner Harbour will be open between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM for skippers to check in with the Race Committee and collect their race packages.
- The Swiftsure Lounge in Swiftsure Centre opens at 2:00 PM, with 'The Midnights' performing from 8:00 to 11:00 PM.

Friday, May 27, 2016

- Swiftsure Centre in the Victoria Inner Harbour will be open between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM for skippers to check in with the Race Committee and collect their race packages
- GVHA's Harbour Days Market, with about 28 stalls and food vendors, will be located on Ship Point in the Victoria Inner Harbour. Arts and crafts and other goodies will be available from noon on Friday, May 27th
- From noon to 4 PM, Captain Jack Sparrow will entertain dockside with Scarlett
- At 3:30 PM the Awards for 2015 winners will commence at the Distrikt at Strathcona Hotel
- At 4:30 PM the Skippers meeting will commence at the Distrikt in the Strathcona Hotel on Douglas Street, followed by a weather, tides and currents briefing. The latter will include technical briefings on expected wind conditions and any forecasts of heavy winds expected during the race
- The Swiftsure Lounge in Swiftsure Centre opens at 2:00 PM with a band playing from 8:00 to 11:00 PM
- A Silent Auction will take place throughout the late afternoon and will close at 9 PM

Saturday, May 28, 2016

- The day starts with Central Saanich Lions Club serving a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM at Clover Point, while racers begin leaving the inner harbour about 7:00 AM
- Songhees and Esquimalt elders will bless the Swiftsure fleet from Clover Point at 8 AM
- Race start sequences commence at 8:51 AM. The first race starts at 9:00 AM with four subsequent starts to follow every 10 minutes. Starting sequence may vary due to changes in weather, as described in the Sailing Instructions
- The Start Line will be located between a flag flying on Clover Point to a Royal Canadian Navy Kingston-class MCDV which will be at anchor
- After the last 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 broadcast live at Clover Point explaining the race start procedures and tactics
- GVHA's Harbour Days Market, with about 28 stalls and food vendors, will be located on Ship Point in the Victoria Inner Harbour. Arts and crafts and other goodies will be available all day and evening on Saturday, May 28th
- The Swiftsure Inshore Classic will finish in Cadboro Bay near Oak Bay and celebrate the day's racing with a barbecue, wind-up party and Silent Auction starting 4:00 PM.

Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29

- Swiftsure Centre is open from 10:00 AM on Saturday through the night to 6:00 PM on Sunday for race tracking
- Free computerized access to the Swiftsure Race Tracker, complete with an expert resource to explain the race and relative positions of competitors will be available to the public at the Swiftsure Centre.
- 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 29 and Monday, May 30

- Best viewing of finishing yachts is from the breakwater at Ogden Point – the Finish Line
- GVHA's Harbour Days Market, with about 28 stalls and food vendors, will be located on Ship Point in the Victoria Inner Harbour. Arts and crafts and other goodies will be available all day and evening
- The time limit for completing all races is at 6:00 AM on Monday, May 30