

SWIFTSURE RACERS' EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 25, 2017

- Swiftsure Centre on Ship Point 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.
- 1900 - 2100 a hosted racers social will be held aboard Ocean Magic II from Prince of Whales Whale Watching

Friday, May 26, 2017

- Swiftsure Centre on Ship Point 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 26th
- From noon to 4 PM, Captain Jack Sparrow will entertain dockside with Scarlett
- At 3:30 PM the Awards for 2016 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 Celebration at the Distrikt opens at 6:30 PM with the Consenting Adults band playing to 9:45 PM, a Silent Auction which will close at 9 PM and Spinnakers beer will be hosted during the early part of the Celebration

Saturday, May 27, 2017

- Central Saanich Lions Club will serve 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 and 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 442 Squadron Cormorant SAR helicopter in cooperation with the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Marine Search And Rescue volunteers
- 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 27th
- 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 27 and Sunday, May 28, 2017

- The [Swiftsure Race Tracker](#) will show live data of competitors positions
- 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 28 and Monday, May 29, 2017

- 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 29