

SWIFTSURE RACERS' EVENTS SCHEDULE - draft

Thursday, May 24, 2018

- 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 25, 2018

- 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
- From noon to 4 PM, Captain Jack Sparrow will entertain dockside with Scarlett
- 2:00 to 3:00 PM (location TBA) Technical training - "The Start Line" by Mike Turner (World Sailing International Judge)
- At 3:30 PM the Awards for 2017 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 during the evening (TBA)

Saturday, May 26, 2018

- 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
- Swiftsure hosts will broadcast live at Clover Point explaining the race start procedures and tactics
- 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 26 and Sunday, May 27, 2018

- 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 27 and Monday, May 28, 2018

- Best viewing of finishing yachts is from the breakwater at Ogden Point – the Finish Line
- The time limit for completing all races is at 6:00 AM on Monday, May 28