

Planning Guide  
Version 3 – May 7, 2023

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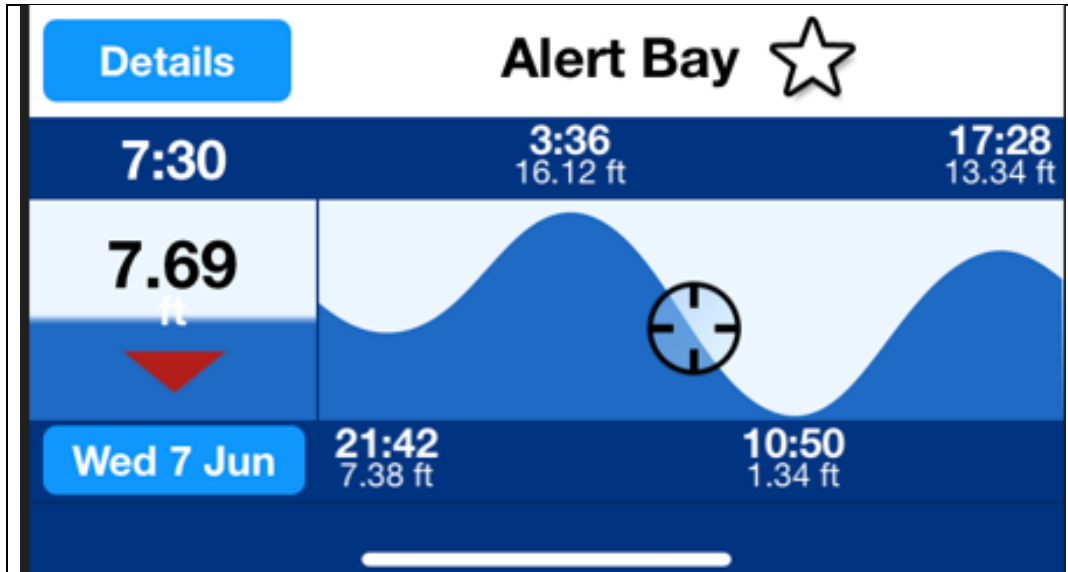
The image features a vertical column of logos on the left side, including ORC Canada, Northern Water, BC Sailing, Ucluelet, Port Hardy, Discovery Harbour, Blaist, Switek, Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce, Courtyard, Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue, and British Columbia. The right side of the image is a promotional graphic for the Van Isle 360° International Yacht Race, featuring a map of Vancouver Island, a sailboat, and the text '14 day Race around VANCOUVER ISLAND', 'VAN ISLE 360° INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE SINCE 1999', 'June 3-17 2023', and 'Visit us at VANISLE360.COM'.

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below, boats should be out of the Telegraph Cove Harbour no later than 0730hrs on Wednesday June 7.



- 3) Availability of moorage and accommodations. The availability of moorage in some of the smaller ports is a challenge as the high tourist season approaches with the opening of the sport fishing season, usually occurring around Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup> in 2023.

### **Important dates, deadlines and items that need your attention**

September 2022-December 2022

- The Notice of Race is posted
- Applications for Entry are available on the website
- Applications are reviewed by the Organising Authority (OA) for skipper and watch captain experience, completion of qualifying races, ORC GPH rating/PHRF-NW and vessel stability. If a skipper or watch captain does not have the necessary qualifying races completed, it may be possible to complete the races in the spring of the year of the race. Other offshore races not listed as a qualifying race may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. Include the information in your application for entry.
- If a skipper or watch captain does not have the necessary experience, they must outline their plan to obtain the experience in the application for entry.
- Here are the links to the local qualifying races
  - [Cascadian Convoy](#)
  - [Pacific North West Offshore](#)
  - [Patos Island Race](#)
  - [Southern Straits](#)
  - [Swiftsure](#)
  - [Vic Maui](#)
- The application fee and LOA fee must be submitted with the application.
- A digital picture of the yacht must be e-mailed to [vanisle360.com@gmail.com](mailto:vanisle360.com@gmail.com)



- The picture must clearly show the hull and sail numbers of the boat. The purpose of the picture is to provide search and rescue authorities with a visual of the yacht if required.

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Skippers will be notified of their acceptance into the race.
- Cheques or money orders will be cashed upon notification of acceptance.
- A list of accepted competitors will be published on the race website

Crew Qualification and Suitability

- The Van Isle 360 is not a race for novice sailors. You, your crew and your boat shall be well prepared for large and confused seas, severe weather, and strong winds opposing significant tidal streams. Do not underestimate the importance of harmonious crew dynamics in challenging conditions.
- At least two crew members on each leg of the race must have a valid World Sailing (ISAF) Offshore Personal Survival (Safety at Sea) certificate. For clarity, this is the course that is two days in length and includes an in-pool session.
  - Click on this [link to be taken to the ISAF site.](#)
  - Click on this [link to be taken to the BC Sailing course](#)
  - Click on this [link to be taken to the US Sailing site](#)
  - MED A-3, now SDV-BS is not accepted because it does not have course content specific to managing incidents on sailing vessels, and it does not have an in water practical portion to the course.
- At least one person on each leg must hold a valid basic first aid certificate or be a medical professional.
- It is highly recommended that several crew members have the necessary restricted radio operator license and are proficient in the use of a VHF radio, especially in rough weather in confined spaces.

Boat Suitability

- The Van Isle 360 is a Category 2 Offshore Special Regulations Race. Follow this link for the [Category 2 Offshore Special Regulations](#) . Amendments to the Special Regulations are published in the Notice of Race as Appendix "A". Note the requirement for completion and display of the Category 2 Inspection Card, Appendix F in the document.
- Rating/Speed – All monohulls must be rated at a minimum ORC GPH of 690 or faster. This equates to a PHRF-NW rating of approximately 135. All multihulls must rate PHRF-NW 135 or faster.

Notable changes for 2023

- 1) The big change for the race is we can no longer stop overnight at the Mowi Fish Farm located in Chancellor Channel. The reason for this is that the federal government is not renewing the licences for fish farms to operate in the Discovery Islands area. We are very thankful to the BC



Salmon Farmers Association and Mowi for allowing us to tie up for the past 20 years, and to have a delicious salmon BBQ in the middle of Johnstone Strait

- 2) The new finish and start lines will be moved approximately 6 nautical miles west of Tye Point on Hardwicke Island to Kelsey Bay located in the town of Sayward. More details available under the Sayward/Port Neville section in this document
- 3) Contact the Port of Nanaimo Main Wharfinger Office for moorage confirmation arrangements, please see NOR 10.1

**Summary of Key Dates and Requirements.**

Wednesday, Nov 30, 2022		Initial deadline for applications, receipt of application and LOA fees, boat picture, ORC or PHRF certificates
Thursday, December 1, 2022		LOA Fees increase by 10% for late Applications
Wednesday March 1, 2023		Voluntary withdrawal deadline for 50% refund
Monday, May 15, 2023		Final ORC/PHRF NW ratings review by Organising Authority
Wednesday May 30 – Thursday May 31	To be confirmed with Safety Officer	Early inspections for early arriving boats – Confirm with Keith Enhagen <a href="mailto:vanisle360technical@gmail.com">vanisle360technical@gmail.com</a>
Friday, June 2, 2023	1530 hrs	Skippers Meeting – Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
Friday, June 2, 2023	1630 hrs	Roadies Meeting – Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
Friday, June 2, 2023	1730 – 1900 hrs	Welcoming Reception (W.E. Mills Pier)
<b>Saturday, Jun 3, 2023</b>		<b>RACE START 1020hrs</b>
Saturday, Jun 17, 2023		Awards Ceremony (time & location TBA)

**To Do List – stuff that has tripped people up in the past**

Task	Date required	Contact
Book Vehicle access to WE Mills Pier if required for June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Come, First Served	250-324-8886
Book food order at Save-On Foods Port Hardy	Prior to June 5	Cheryl_Wright@saveonfoods.com
Book Winter Harbour Moorage	Now	See Planning Guide
Confirm/Book Moorage with Nanaimo Harbour Master	Prior to arrival in Nanaimo	(250) 754-5053
Crew with Approved Safety At Sea Certificate	Prior to arrival in Nanaimo	Should be complete now. Advise if not
Crew with First Aid Certificates	Prior to arrival in Nanaimo	N/A
EPIRB Battery Expiry - must be valid for race dates Other Expiry dates – Safety Tethers, Flares, PFD Inflation units etc., etc.	May 21 2023	N/A
Figure out how crew will be changed out - transportation requirements to and from Port Hardy		<b>Crews are on their own to sort</b>





MMSI number posted at VHF Radio Station	May 29 2023	See email to skippers 04/28/23
MMSI number programmed into VHF Radio	May 29 2023	See email to skippers 04/28/23
Moorage in the Inner Harbour Victoria - if required	Sooner than later	See Planning Guide
CYC Seattle "Van Isle 360 Information Evening"	March 24, 2023 1800hrs	Complete
ORC Certificate finalized	May 15 2023	ORC Canada or US Sailing
Order group meals for various ports	May 15	<a href="#">Protected: Payments - Van Isle 360 - International Yacht Race</a>
OSR Category 2 Inspection card (Appendix F) complete sent to vanisle360.technical@gmail.com	May 21	Safety Officer
Road Crew (Roadies) Meeting	1600	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
Sailing Instructions available on Van Isle 360 website	May 25 2023	vanisle360.com
<b>Skipper Meeting</b>	<b>June 2 2023 @ 1500 hrs</b>	<b>Courtyard by Marriott Hotel</b>
Three Blasts of the Air Horn means awards are starting	Various Ports	See Planning Guide
Transponders deposit - credit card required	Check in June 2	Race Committee
VHF Channels for communications – navigator	May 1 2023	NA
Voluntary withdrawal 50% refund	March 1 2023	250-324-8886
Canada Customs Clearance if required <b>Official Notice Board - <a href="#">Notice Board - Van Isle 360 - International Yacht Race</a></b>	Prior to arrival in Nanaimo <a href="#">Notice Board - Van Isle 360 - International Yacht Race</a>	See Planning Guide

### **Information on each port of call, subject to change at any time**

At the time of writing, the Canadian hospitality industry is struggling to fill positions as the return from the pandemic inches along. Services on Vancouver Island have been particularly challenged. The withdrawal of Greyhound Bus Lines from Canada has left a huge void in transportation options for rural communities, specifically Vancouver Island. Presently, there is NO daily bus service to Port Hardy. Many restaurants have closed or have limited hours of operation due to staffing shortages.

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the Island is the unpredictability of service by BC ferries. We face ferry cancellations due to lack of crew with little notice that can disrupt the best planning. Consider plans carefully as just in time arrivals/departures are fraught with disappointment.

Please manage trash and recyclables responsibly. We are working closely with each port to ensure facilities for recycling and trash will be available. Please refrain from using disposable plastic water bottles. It is recommended that crews have refillable personal water bottles. Potable water is available in every port except Port Neville.



## Canada Customs Information for non-resident vessels

The following two locations are the most popular locations for clearing customs upon entering Canada.  
Bedwell Harbour – South Pender Island - [Link to Canada Customs Bedwell Harbour](#)  
Nanaimo – Dock E [Link to Canada Customs Nanaimo](#)

## Nanaimo Welcome Reception & Send Off

We are pleased to welcome the  
[Courtyard by Marriott Nanaimo](#)  
as the host hotel for the race start and finish.  
Special Rates provided in links under “Accommodations”.

**Date: Friday, June 2**

**Moorage:** The boats will moor at the W.E. Mills Landing & Marina in downtown Nanaimo. Please call the Harbour Marina at (250) 754-5053, Email: [marina@npa.ca](mailto:marina@npa.ca), to confirm your date of arrival, and arrange moorage if you are planning on staying after the June 17 finish. Please see NOR 10.1

Complimentary moorage is provided courtesy of the Port of Nanaimo for up to two nights prior to the race start. The marina is located adjacent to the tall condominium tower located on Promenade Drive. Moorage is provided on “R”, “S” and “T” docks. Rafting will be necessary. Power is available, but we recommend that you bring a 15amp splitter, to share power with your neighbour. The 15-amp splitter is a must have in every port with power.

The docks will be open to the public during daylight hours and are usually very busy with folks checking out the fleet.

**Fuel:** Fuel is available at the Petro-Canada Fuel Dock, located just adjacent to the W.E. Mills Pier, is open, according to the website, from 0700 to 1900. Only place we know of where you see all 4 cardinal buoys.

**Washrooms and Facilities:** Showers and washrooms are located near the Harbour Masters Building. You may obtain a pass card for a \$20.00 refundable deposit, showers take loonies (1\$ Canadian Coins). Access to showers and washrooms is with a pass-card only. Portable toilets will be installed on the W.E. Mills Pier for the period June 1 to the morning of June 3.

**Accommodations:** The newly built Courtyard by Marriott Nanaimo is the new sponsor for the race with great rates and brand-new facilities.

[Follow this link to book rooms before the start \(June 1, 2\) of the race](#)



[Follow this link to book rooms on June 17 and after the race](#)

**The Skippers Meeting and Roadies Meeting will take place at the Courtyard by Marriott Nanaimo.**

100 Gordon Street, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada, V9R 5J4

Tel: [+1 250-824-2705](tel:+12508242705)

**Motor Home Parking:** Here is a link to [Parking Lots In Nanaimo](#) . Parking, while shopping at the Port Place Mall is acceptable, but, if you overstay your welcome, they will ticket or tow you.

**Shopping, Liquor Store, groceries etc.:** Thrifty Foods is located at the Port Place Mall, opposite Promenade Drive, as is the BC Liquor Store where you will be able to purchase the beers from our sponsor [Longwood Brewries](#).

**Vehicle Access to the W.E. Mills Pier:** Road Crew vehicle access to the pier is one of the greatest challenges we face at the start of the race. The pier does not support convenient loading and off-loading of gear. We ask skippers to please ensure that boats are delivered to Nanaimo with the gear required for the first leg on board.

If you will require access to the pier to unload equipment and supplies, please contact the Race Office at +1 (250) 324-8886 to arrange a time slot to enter. Time slots are only 30 minutes in length. Only two vehicles may access the pier in any given time. If you do not arrange a time for access, you may not be able to gain entry. We have 40 entries and 30 time slots. Think BC Ferries delay and cancellations, if you miss your ferry or are delayed, we cannot accommodate you.

The roundabout at the head of the pier is owned and operated by the condominiums that tower over the pier. We have permission to use the roundabout at their leisure. The condominiums are senior oriented, and we must ensure that access along Promenade Drive is kept clear for fire trucks and ambulance services. **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK OR OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC** as you will be towed. Access to the roundabout is at the end of Promenade Drive and is controlled by a lift gate.

A Van Isle 360 volunteer or Nanaimo Port Authority employee will be present to ensure that vehicles with time slot appointments may access to the roundabout at the specified time. Vehicles awaiting access to the roundabout must not double park or stand on Promenade Drive as it must be kept clear for emergency services. If you miss or are late for your allotted time, we will do our best to fit you in, but you may not be able to gain access.

Unfortunately, there are no wheelbarrows available to assist in moving gear. Once off-loaded or on-loaded, vehicles must be moved immediately to allow space for others to off-load. Drivers of the vehicles must remain with the vehicle and move it when asked by race volunteers. Any vehicles left unattended may be towed. Thank you for your cooperation.





**Safety Inspections:** June 2, Safety Inspections must be completed before proceeding to final check in for Sailing Instructions, transponders and skippers' packages. Please have all safety gear stowed onboard your vessel prior to inspection, this means all crew gear.

Volunteers will be checking for compliance to Canadian Coast Guard/US Coast Guard minimum equipment requirements as well as the safety requirements outlined in the Notice of Race. Please see NOR 3.12. [Canadian Small Craft safety requirements may be found by following this link.](#) For the [US Safe Boating Guide follow this link](#)

Please note that boats may be able to have their inspections completed earlier in the week. If you'll be arriving before June 2<sup>nd</sup> and would be ready for an early inspection, please contact our Safety Officer, Keith Enhagen.

**The Safety Officer for the race is Keith Enhagen.**

**Keith can be reached at the following e-mail; [vanisle360technical@gmail.com](mailto:vanisle360technical@gmail.com)**

**Check In:** June 2 – 1000 to 1500 hrs. The mobile Race Committee Headquarters is in the white building on the north side of the ramp. After completing their safety inspection, skippers will be able to pick up, Yellow Brick transponders, meal tickets and other event information. Deposits of \$1,000.00 will be taken for the Yellow Brick Transponders at this time.

**Skippers Meeting:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, – 1500 hrs. – Courtyard Hotel by Marriott Nanaimo. Due to space limitations, this meeting is restricted to Skippers. Address for hotel, 100 Gordon Street, Nanaimo.

**Welcome Reception:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, – 1730 hrs to 19:00 hrs. An informal welcome reception will be held on the Visiting Vessels Pier adjacent to the moorage. The Port of Nanaimo, Marriott Hotels , Longwood Brewery and Race Committee welcomes you to Nanaimo. Skippers will be introduced and presented with their Van Isle 360 Battle Flag. On your application you were given an opportunity to say something about your entry and crew, Jeff will be adlibbing in the absence of a script. This reception is open to crews, road crews and friends and family. Identification, in the form of wrist bands will be required, and will be included in the skipper's package. There is a limited number of wrist bands available (BC Liquor Laws).

## Map of the W. E. Mills Pier Area



Moorage  
W. E. Mills Pier  
Opening Reception

Race Headquarters  
Roundabout  
Pier Access

Lift Gate Access to Pier  
for Vehicles

Harbour Office,  
Showers & Washrooms

Port Place Mall

Marriott Hotel  
Skippers Meeting  
(Ready March 2023)



## Leg 1 Nanaimo to Comox (Finish in the vicinity of Chrome Island)

**Date:** Saturday, June 3

**Distance:** 38 nautical miles

**Start: 09:30 hrs:** The Race Committee will be on station on the W. E. Mills Pier in Nanaimo Harbour. The start (as per the S.I.'s) is in the harbour between the W. E. Mills pier/Roundabout and the Satellite reef marker. Excellent viewing, way better than Sidney – Hobart!

**Finish:** The finish will be described in the Sailing Instructions and will be in the general area of a transit line between Chrome Island near the southwest point of Denman Island and the Vancouver Island shore. There should be excellent viewing for boats finishing during the day. We expect most boats to be parking during darkness. Please note that the BC Ferry that operates between Vancouver Island and Denman Island has been changed to a cable ferry.

**YOU MUST NOT CROSS THE FERRY PATH IF THE RED LIGHTS ARE DISPLAYED AT EITHER FERRY TERMINAL.**

Please follow this link for more on the [Denman Cable Ferry Information](#)

**Moorage:** Moorage has been pre-arranged and paid for at the Comox government dock. Upon arrival in Comox, boats will call into the harbour master on **channel 66A** and may be met and directed to slips. Please follow their instructions as moorage is very tight. Power is available. <http://comoxharbour.com/>





**Fuel:** Follow [this link](#) to the GAS N GO Fuel Dock information

**Facilities:** Washrooms and showers are located at the top of the ramp by the harbour office. Showers take Loonies. **Washroom Access Code Ladies 0360/Mens 3600**

**Parking:** Overnight parking will be available in the Marina parking lot for motor homes, in the designated area only.

**Accommodations:** [Please follow this link for accommodations in Courtney and Comox.](#)

**Awards Presentation:** As we expect the boats to finish late on Saturday evening, there will be no awards. Awards will be presented in Campbell River along with the Campbell River results. Note that the results for the first leg will be posted on-line on the Van Isle Website once available.

## Leg 2 Comox to Campbell River - Fishing Dock Finish

**Date:** Sunday, June 4

**Distance:** 28.20 nautical miles

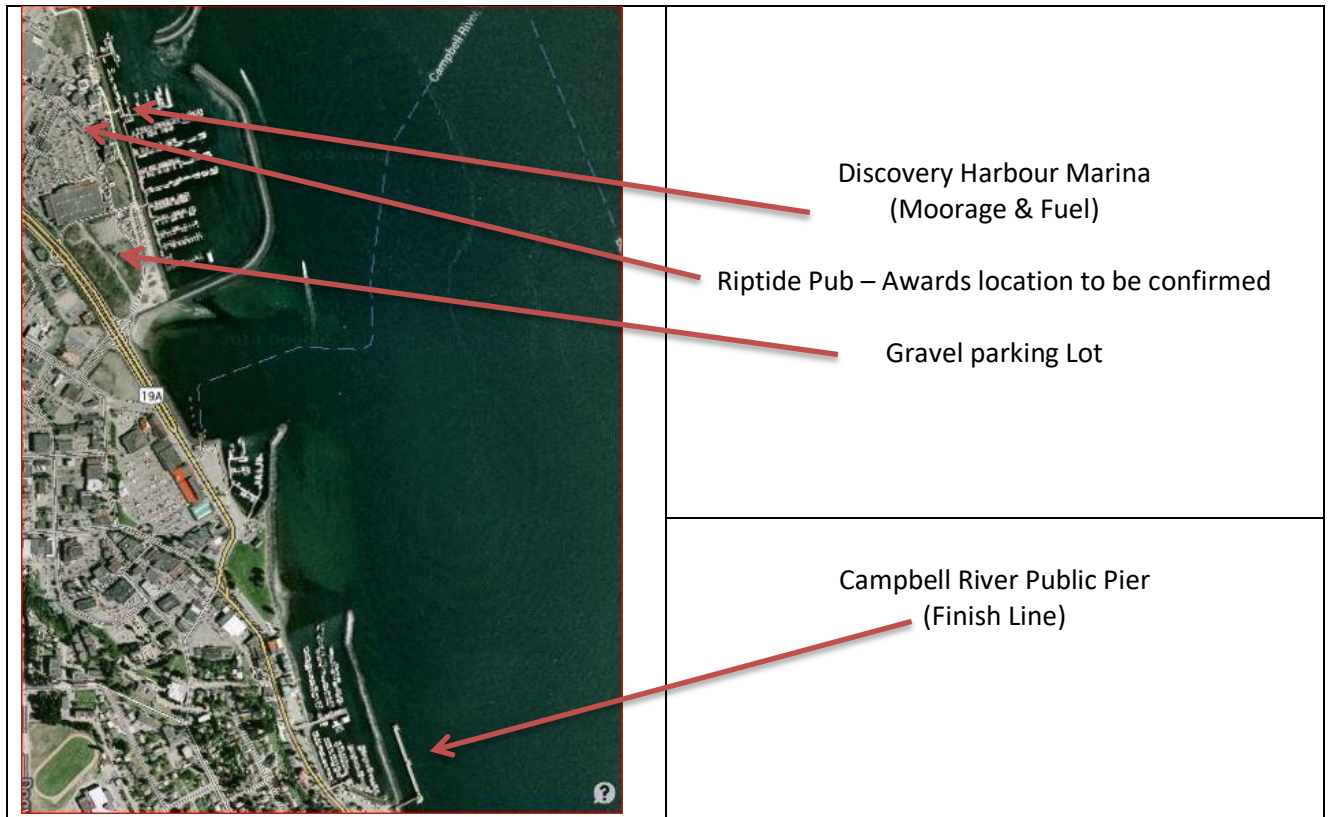
**Start:** 0900 hrs. The start is on the east side of the Comox Sand Bar. Make certain you leave lots of time to motor out to the start. Watch your depth over the Comox Bar.

**Special Notes:** This leg is where the tidal direction meets on the inside of Vancouver Island. The tidal stream entering the Strait of Georgia around the Southern end of Vancouver Island meets the corresponding tide that flows around the Northern end of the island. The tide floods south, north of Middledenatch Island and floods north, south of Middledenatch Island.

**Finish:** The finish will be off Campbell River's famous fishing pier in Discovery Channel. Besides the excellent viewing, there is an awesome ice cream shop right on the pier. The spectators can almost touch the top of the mast of the boats short tacking the Vancouver Island shore.

**Moorage/Fuel:** Moorage is provided courtesy of the [Discovery Harbour Marina](#), the last marina heading north in Discovery Channel, located behind the large breakwater with the fuel dock. Boats will need to raft up to other vessels as directed. Upon finishing contact the marina on vhf channel **66a** for instructions.





**Washrooms and Facilities:** All amenities are at the head of the dock, showers and washrooms. You will be required to provide a deposit for an access key. A shopping mall is directly in front of the marina with groceries and [Ocean Pacific Marine](#) is a full-service yard and chandlery located just north of the Riptide Pub.

**Parking:** Parking is available in the large gravel parking lot immediately south of the marina and the shopping centre.

**Accommodations:** The Coast Hotel in Campbell River should be offering VI360 rates, not confirmed yet. For other accommodations please follow this link [Campbell River Tourism](#)

**Awards Presentation:** The awards presentation will be in or near the Rip Tide Pub with dinner available at the pub. Three blasts of the air horn will announce that the presentations will begin in approximately 15 minutes. Timing of awards always depends on when boats finish.

**Special Note:** Road Crews may have a lay day on June 6<sup>th</sup> as the boats will be anchored out in Port Neville for the evening of June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't arranged for provisions in Port Hardy, now is the time, don't delay. **Email the Port Hardy Save-On Foods grocery store at [Cheryl\\_Wright@saveonfoods.com](mailto:Cheryl_Wright@saveonfoods.com) to place your orders.**

## Leg 3 Deepwater Bay to Kelsey Bay Wharf NEW INFORMATION\*\*\*

**Date:** Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

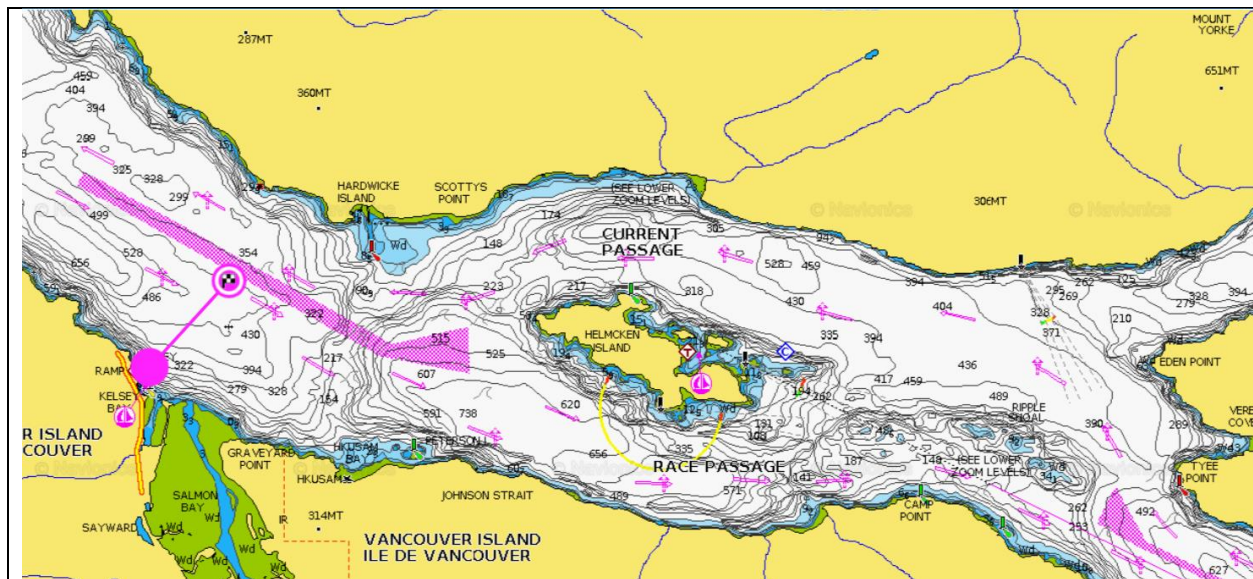
**Distance:** 30.4 nautical miles

**Start:** 09:00 hrs.

**Special Notes:** You will need to be up early to catch slack water around 0606 hrs in Seymour Narrows. The starting area is in Deepwater Bay 10 miles north of Campbell River. The committee boat will be on station in Deepwater Bay on Quadra Island.

Seymour Narrows is the main shipping channel for all traffic heading to or coming from the Alaska. The currents through Seymour Narrows are some of the strongest in the world at times reaching 16 knots. Expect to meet and travel with significant amounts of commercial traffic at slack water. Over the next several days you will need to be very wary of Alaskan Cruise Ships, Ocean Tugs with long tows, log booms, sports and commercial fisherman. A good time to review Rule 9 in the Collision Regulations.

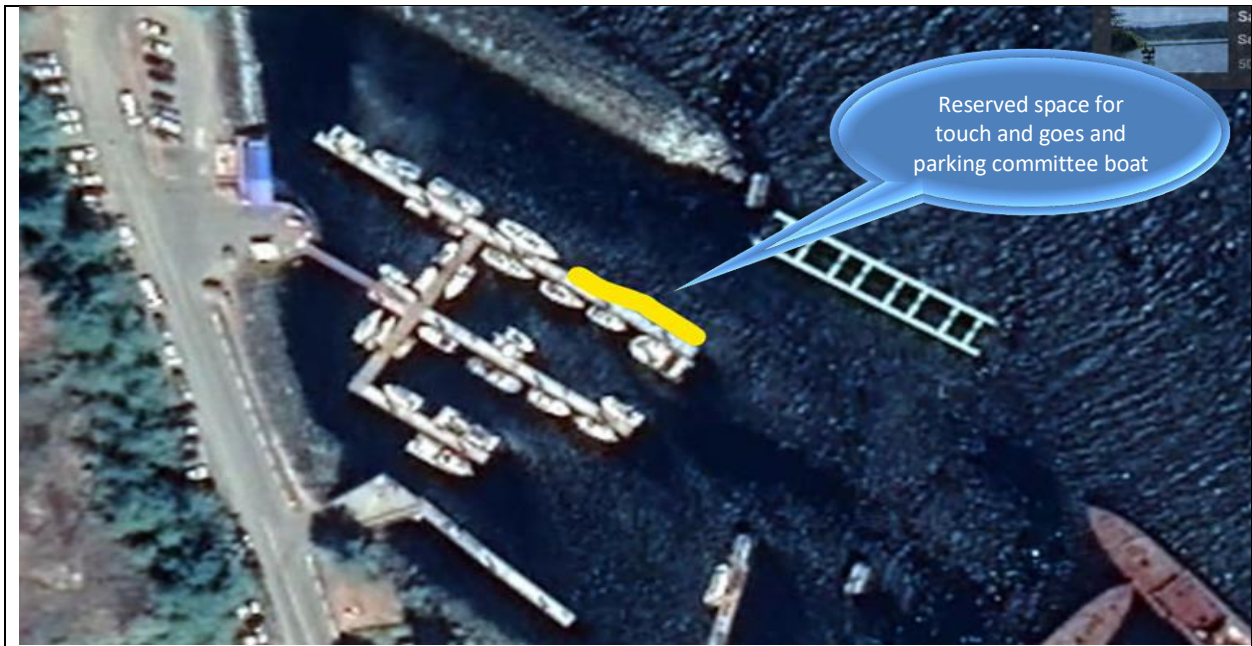
**Finish:** The finish will be between the wharf at Kelsey Bay and a transit point to be determined in the Sailing instructions, as illustrated in the diagram below.



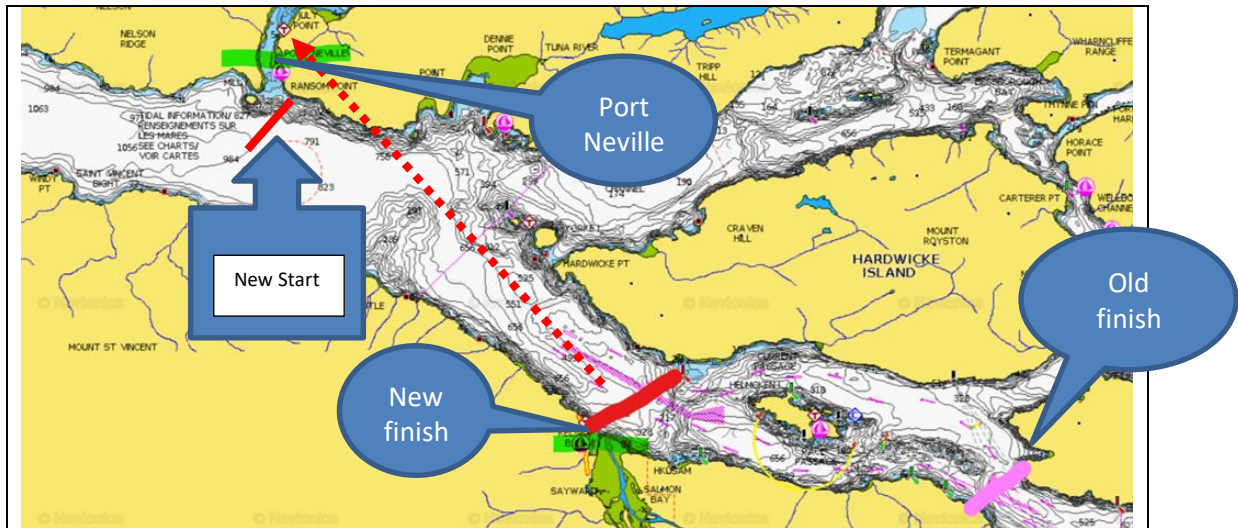
**Moorage:** The fleet will be self sufficient and anchor out in the vicinity of Port Neville. Skippers will choose where they wish to anchor. Now may be a good time for some of the sleds to become good buddies with the larger racer cruisers and see if they can raft up for the night.

**Kelsey Bay/Sayward/Port Neville—** **The image below shows the dock space reserved in Sayward for touch and go's ONLY** If after finishing, a boat wishes to enter the harbour and drop off/pick up anything, this is the purpose of this dock. While it will be first come first serve, please be cognisant of any other boats that may wish access as well. The minimum depth alongside the dock is estimated to be 10 feet on a 0 tide, so all boats will be able to access the dock if required. We plan to moor the Race Committee vessel in this location overnight once all boats have finished and had touch and go access if required.





The chart below shows the position of the old finish line, Kelsey Bay Wharf, the new finish line, direction/distance (7.5 nautical miles) from the Kelsey Bay Wharf to Port Neville, and new start for Leg 4.



### Leg 4 – Kelsey Bay Wharf to Telegraph Cove

**Date:** Tuesday June 6

**Course:** Kelsey Bay to Telegraph Cove

**Distance:** 29.4 nautical miles



**Start:** 0900 hrs: The start is off the Ransom Point. The change is due to adverse tide returning to Kelsey Bay on the morning of the 6th. This leg takes you past Robson Bight, the famous killer whale rubbing beach. The size and shape of the pebbles attract the whales to this beach.

**Finish:** The finish is between the entrance to Telegraph Cove and Lewis Point. The Race Committee will be on station at Ella Point. There is excellent spectator viewing and fantastic photo opportunities.

**Moorage:** Moorage will be on both sides of the cove, and is primarily based on

- 1) forecasted depths – boats with deep drafts will park towards the entrance to the cove where it is deepest.
- 2) Beam – the cove’s docks have been setup for smaller sport fishing boats, so parking is tight.
- 3) Length – In some instances you may be shoe-horned into spots. Have long mid ship lines ready to go so that volunteers on the docks can assist in guiding you in.

Boats will be assigned a spot with assistance from Jeff & Sylvia. VHF Channel will be confirmed. **Note that you may not be able to enter the harbour immediately after finishing as we will be parking boats based on length, beam and draft. Please do not enter the harbour until we call you. In most instances you will be backing in as the room to maneuver is very limited. We thank you for your patience in advance.**

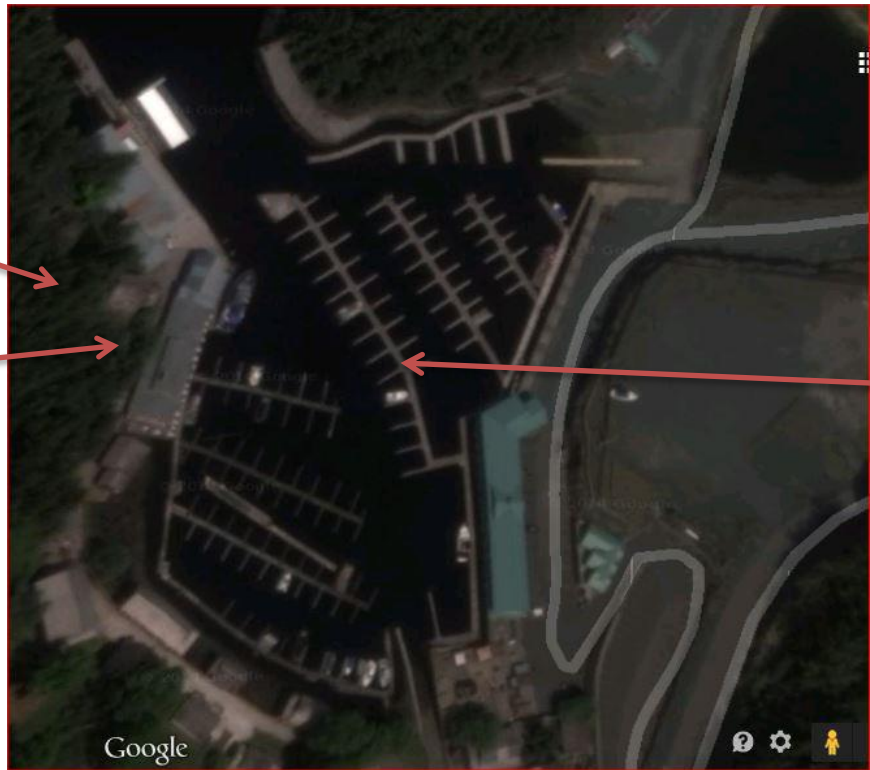
**Facilities:** Cabins, showers, laundry are all close at hand. A new motel is now open above the old cabins, so there should be lots of accommodation. There is also the Old Saltery Pub, Killer Whale Café and Sally’s Food Bar should be open. There is a general store with limited supplies.

**Awards Reception:** With the change in location of the start line at Ransom Point, and the resulting reduction of 12 nautical miles of sailing as compared to starting at the fish farm, we are optimistic we can produce the awards for the Telegraph Cove leg and also for the Kelsey Bay leg.

If the fleet finishes by 1900 hours, awards will be on the Boardwalk near the “the Bones Project” (whale museum). Three blasts of the air horn will announce that the awards presentation will begin in approximately 15 minutes. If boats are still on the racecourse beyond 2000 hours, awards will be held in Port Hardy. Results will be posted once all racers have finished or been accounted for.

Awards will be “in the vicinity of” the Whale Museum

Pub/Restaurant



Moorage on both sides of the harbour 😊

**Special Notes:** If you haven’t arranged for provisions in Port Hardy, it is most likely too late. The shelves at the Save-On Foods in Port Hardy may be limited.

### Leg 5 – Telegraph Cove to Port Hardy

**Date:** Wednesday, June 7  
**Distance:** 28.7 nm

**Start:** EARLY – Check the Sailing Instructions, the start will be in the same area as the previous finish.  
**EARLY Departure from docks due to tides – latest 0730**

**Special Note:** Hopefully the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be on hand in full red Serge to welcome every boat and deal with any indiscretions that have not made it to the protest room yet.

**Finish:** The finish is in Hardy Bay off the Government dock in downtown Port Hardy. The race Sprinter Van will be on station on the Government Dock. With the onshore breeze in the afternoon, this is a great place for viewing panic spinnaker takedowns.

**Moorage:** The T-Floats are located at the bottom of Granville Street. After finishing off the Government Dock, call on 66A for moorage instructions. If the wind is up like it was in 2017, the fleet will be directed

to the inner basin where boats will raft with the fishing fleet. Very Limited 30amp power is available on the T-Floats, so please bring a splitter and share power.



**Facilities:** Fuel is available at [The Quarterdeck Marina](#), located adjacent to the Fisherman’s Floats. Washrooms are available at the Port Hardy Chamber of Commerce. The Port Hardy Airport is approximately a 10-minute drive located south of town. Follow this link for [Flights to and from Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria are available.](#)

**Accommodations:** Follow this [link to information on accommodations in Port Hardy,](#)

**Awards Reception:** Awards and lunch will be held at the Port Hardy Community Centre located at 7400 Columbia beginning at 1100 hours. We will be judging children’s art and enjoying a traditional First Nations welcome and dance by local school children. Order tickets [Protected: Payments - Van Isle 360 - International Yacht Race](#) Veggie burgers are available.

**Other Notes:** Stock up on provisions here. The Winter Harbour General Store has lots of beer and rum, and limited canned/boxed foods. However, the next stop for provisioning for fresh supplies will be Ucluelet. As this is customarily the crew change port from inside crew to outside crew, it can be a busy stop. Enjoy and prepare for traversing Nahwitti Bar into the open Pacific Ocean.

## Leg 6 – Port Hardy to Winter Harbour

**Date:** Friday June 9

**Distance:** 69.40 nautical miles

**Start:** 0900 hrs. The start line is the same as the previous finish line.

**Special Notes:** This is the first offshore leg and takes sailors around the top of the Vancouver Island, past Cape Scott to the open Pacific. The Nahwitti bar has a reputation for being one of the nastiest bits of water on the west coast when wind opposes tide. It lived up to its reputation in 2015.



**Finish:** The race committee will be on station at the Kains Island lighthouse (Quatsino Light station) and the finish will be a transit from the lighthouse to Robson Rock. This is the preferred entrance to Forward Inlet from the North.

**Transiting from the finish into Winter Harbour:** The run in from the lighthouse to Winter Harbour is about 5 nautical miles. As this is a very busy sport fishing area, there maybe many boats fishing in the environs of the lighthouse and many miles offshore. If you finish at night, and the moon is not out, it is a very dark ride in, until you see the flashing green port hand light at Greenwood Point at the entrance to the Harbour. Ensure you have a route planned out that clearly avoids the shoals around Robson Rock and South Danger Rock. Hall Bank extends well out into the Forward Inlet and keep well clear at Hazard Point and Greenwood point as the shore comes up quickly, and there are relatively large boulders lining the shoreline, especially on a low tide. If there is a fishery opening, commercial fishing vessels may be lying at anchor through out the inlet.

<p><b>Moorage:</b> The fleet is usually scattered throughout the harbour, as some accommodations also have moorage with the house/cabin. Skippers will need to secure their own moorage.</p>	<p><b>Government Dock,</b> administered by Qualicum Rivers Fishing Resort 1-800-960- 2646 Free wi-fi if moored here</p>
	<p><b>Winter Harbour Marina &amp; RV</b> 250-493-0233</p>
	<p><b>The Outpost</b> 250-969-2433</p>

**Facilities:** Fuel is available at the [Outpost](#), for boats and for vehicles. The full-time population here is less than 20 people, however the summer population grows dramatically as this is one of the hot spots for offshore salmon, lingcod and halibut fishing. There is limited shore power, very limited showers and toilets. Boats should plan on being relatively self-sufficient here. “The Pub” is located on the deck at the Outpost.



**Accommodations:** Winter Harbour has many small rentals and rooms available. [Follow this link for accommodations and campsites.](#)

**Food:** There are no restaurants/takeout in town, closest is the Scarlet Ibis in Holberg via logging road, about a 30-45 minute drive. Great food and awesome beer by our beer sponsor, Longwood Brewery. Follow this link to the [Scarlet Ibis](#) Vancouver Islands most remote pub.

**Awards BBQ & Reception:** June 10 - The awards presentation will take place with the exact location T.B.D. The folks of Winter Harbour and North Sails have organized a BBQ, with proceeds going to local improvements in town. **The cost of the BBQ is 30.00 and will include a beer! Please bring the exact change if possible. More details to come.**

**Special Notes:** For the Roadies, driving to Winter Harbour from Port Hardy is 76 km (47.5 miles) at an average speed of 40 km/hr (25 mph) via a gravel logging road, through Holberg. The logging roads are active Monday to Friday until 1700 hrs. A convoy for the shore crews will be organized at the junction of Winter Harbour Road and Highway 19 to the Scarlet Ibis, a pub in Holberg, and the convoy will leave the pub after lunch on June 9. Come and enjoy a great lunch with your fellow roadies. This logging road is sometimes active on weekends. If you encounter a logging truck, it will most likely be a double wide, like the one below.



The trucks will take up the entire width of the road, cannot maneuver and have the right of way. Be prepared to YIELD and BACK UP FAST. Carry good spare tires. The record number of flat tires on one vehicle is 4, all of them. One should be prepared for the unexpected.

Do not even think about doing this road without proper tires and tire changing kit. We highly recommend that at least a month prior to the race that the vehicles that will be transiting the road have their wheels removed and re-tightened to ensure that lug nuts are not rusted or otherwise fused to the wheel studs to ensure easy removal is required.





## Leg 7 – Winter Harbour to Ucluelet (YOU – CLUE – LET) “The Mark Livingstone Leg”

This leg is dedicated to the memory of Mark Livingstone who was instrumental in ensuring the safety of the fleet through his work with MCTS (Tofino Coast Guard Radio, now Prince Rupert Coast Guard Radio) and the Ucluelet RCMSAR Unit 38. In your race package will be a short note on the RCMSAR unit in Ucluelet and a request for a donation to support their volunteer operations.

**Date:** Sunday June 11

**Distance:** 138.10 nautical miles

**Start:** 0900 hrs. The start is across the previous finish line at the lighthouse. This is the longest leg of the race. Leave lots of time to transit to the start line.

**Finish:** The race committee will be on station at the Amphitrite Point Lighthouse. The finish will be from the light keeper house, just above the light to the Red whistle buoy Y42. Good spectator viewing is available in front of the lighthouse. Some boats may finish in the early evening of 9<sup>th</sup>, though most will be finishing through the night and the following day. The entrance to Ucluelet can be challenging especially at night.

Volunteers from RCMSAR 38 Ucluelet may be on hand at the finish to provide safety escorts to those who need it. This will be weather dependent.

Boats have until 1200 hrs on Tuesday June 13 to finish this leg.

**Moorage:** Moorage is provided in the municipal marina “boat basin” near downtown, courtesy of the District of Ucluelet. Boats drawing more than ten feet will be required to tie up at the outer float in the same area, the local name for this dock is “The Japanese dock or floats”. Contact the Harbour Master on 66a for moorage instructions.

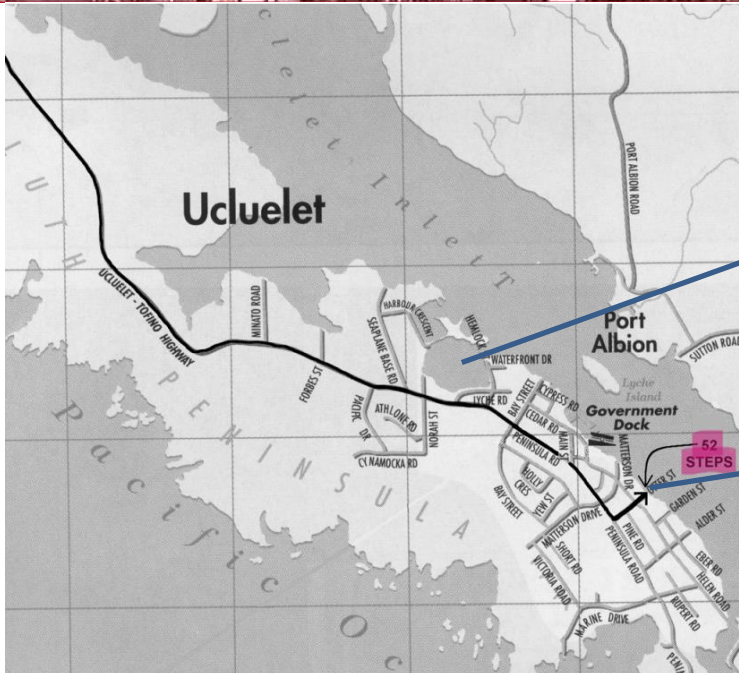
If the Japanese Docks are full, deep draft boats may be directed to the 52 Steps Dock to assure deep moorage. Unfortunately, there are no services on the 52 Steps Dock.



Waters Edge Resort

Moorage 10-foot draft + (Japanese Dock)  
All other drafts

Harbour Office  
Washroom Code TBD



Inner Basin, main moorage

52 Steps Dock  
Location, foot of Otter Street

**Accommodations:** [The Waters Edge Resort](#), directly across from the boat basin is a long-time sponsor of the race, can't wait for that hot tub on the deck! [More accommodations and services can be found by following this link.](#)



**Facilities:** Shore power, water, fuel, showers, laundry, shopping all available and close by. **Ucluelet Washroom Code is 512.** The local grocery store is the CO-OP. There is so much to see and do here, or just up the road at Pacific Rim National Park.

**Special Notes:** Historically, and a great tradition for the race has been participation of the local school children who have come down to the docks for tours of the various boats beginning around 1300hrs. Unfortunately with the fleet potentially being dispersed throughout Ucluelet Harbour we will not continue with this tradition.

**Welcome Reception & dinner:** A BBQ dinner and awards presentation organized by the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce at the New Community Hall on Tuesday June 13 beginning at 1600 hrs for pre-dinner beverages. Tickets may be ordered at [Protected: Payments - Van Isle 360 - International Yacht Race](#)

## Leg 8 –Ucluelet to Victoria

**Date:** Wednesday June 14

**Distance:** 97 nautical miles

**Start:** 1000 hrs. The start line is in the vicinity of finish line. Excellent spectator viewing is available at Amphitrite Point, the start is directly in front of the lighthouse. The school children will be on hand to help count down the start, hence the reason for the later start. RCMSAR 38 and a Navy vessel will be on station as the pin at the end of the start line.

**Finish:** The finish will be at Clover Point. The race committee will be on station in the Sprinter on the point. There is excellent spectator viewing from the parking lot at the point.

**Finish time:** Boats have until 1600 hrs on June 15 to finish.

**Moorage:** Complimentary moorage is provided at Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Moorage may also be available at the causeway floats in front of the Parliament Buildings downtown Victoria by the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority at the going rate at the skipper's expense. If you decide to park at the causeway floats, be sure to make a reservation using this link [Reservation & Moorage Booking - GVHA](#)

**Parking:** Motor homes may not park overnight in the parking lot of Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Here is a link to [Parking in Victoria](#).



RVYC Clubhouse  
Car Parking

**Use of Royal Victoria Yacht Club Facilities:** We are privileged to use all the facilities at the Yacht Club. The restaurant and bar accept all major credit cards, cash and chits if you are member or have reciprocal privileges. Please dress accordingly.

**Awards Presentation and Dinner:** An awards presentation and dinner beginning at 1530, dinner at 1700, will take place at Royal Victoria Yacht Club (3475 Ripon Rd. Victoria, BC) on June 15, tickets are available [Protected: Payments - Van Isle 360 - International Yacht Race](#)

## Leg 9 –Victoria to Nanaimo

**Date:** Friday June 16

**Distance:** 60.40 nautical miles

**Start:** TBD. The race committee will be on station at Clover Point, same location as the previous finish.

**Finish:** The finish will be off the Visiting Vessels Pier in Nanaimo Harbour, the same starting line that the fleet departed on June 10th. Excellent spectator viewing from the Pier.

**Finish Time:** Boats have until 1400 on June 17 to finish this leg.

**Moorage:** Moorage will again be provided by the Nanaimo Port Authority. Please contact the Harbour Master upon your arrival on vhf channel 67. As noted previously, if you intend to stay overnight, please arrange this with the marina office prior to the start of the race.



**Final Awards:** After 14 full days of racing, we know most folks are ready to head home. Having said that, it is wonderful that so many choose to stay and salute the winners in each division. Saturday, June 17 at 1100hrs **OR** 1 hour after the last boat arrives at the dock if boats are still on the race course. Three sounds of the air horn will announce that awards will begin in 15 minutes. Awards will take place in the general vicinity of the Mobile Race Headquarters in the Round About at the head of the W.E. Mills Pier where it all began a short 342 hours before.

Please return the Yellow Brick Transponder to a member of the Race Committee before heading home.