

## 2011 TELUS Van Isle 360° International Yacht Race Leg Descriptions & Schedule of Events (As of May 28 - 2011)

The following is basic information for each leg of the race including start and finish lines, moorage facilities and shore side activities. Please refer to host city links on the race website for more information on facilities available at each stop. This information is subject to change without notice.

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### Nanaimo Welcome Reception & Send Off

Date: June 3, 2011



**Moorage:** The boats will tie at the Cameron Island Marina in downtown Nanaimo. Complimentary moorage is provided courtesy of the Nanaimo Port Authority. The marina is located beside the Visiting Vessels Pier adjacent to the huge condo tower. Moorage is provided on "R", "S" and "T" docks. Rafting will be necessary.

The docks are open to the public during daylight hours.

**Accommodations:** The Coast Bastion Inn, a Gold Sponsor of the event, is located directly across from the moorage facility.

**Registration:** June 3 – 1300 to 2000 hrs. The Race Committee Headquarters will be located on the Visiting Vessels Pier.

**Skippers Meeting:** June 3, 2011 – 1500 hrs. – Coast Bastion Inn

**Boat Inspections:** June 3, 2011 – Random pre-race safety inspections will be conducted by the Nanaimo Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please have all safety gear stowed onboard prior to inspection.

**Welcome Reception:** June 3 – 1800 hrs to 2000 hrs. An informal 'welcome reception' will be held on the Visiting Vessels Pier adjacent to the moorage. The City of Nanaimo, Nanaimo Downtown Partnership, Port of Nanaimo and Nanaimo Tourism, welcome you to Nanaimo. Skippers will be introduced and presented their Nanaimo flag by TELUS and Van Isle 360. This reception is by invitation only.

**Vehicle Access:** No vehicles are permitted on the pier. Gear and equipment shall be off-loaded at the head of the dock. Once off-loaded vehicles must be moved to allow space for others to off-load.

**Nanaimo Floating Boat Show:** The Nanaimo Floating Boat Show is taking place concurrently with the TELUS Van Isle 360 and runs Friday June 3 to Sunday June 5. For more information please visit [www.vancouverislandboatshow.com](http://www.vancouverislandboatshow.com)

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### Leg 1

Date: June 4, 2011

Course: Nanaimo to French Creek

Distance: 22.10 nautical miles

**Pancake Breakfast:** A pancake breakfast will be available at the head of the dock organized by the Salvation Army.

**Sail Past:** An informal sail past and introduction of boats, will take place on the visiting vessels pier emceed by the Race Director. Boats are asked to participate by sailing close to the pier for an introduction to the spectators during pre-race warm-up.

**Start: 1030 hrs.** - The race committee will be on station on the Visiting Vessels Pier in Nanaimo harbour. The start is in the harbour between the pier and the satellite reef marker. Excellent spectator viewing from the Visiting Vessels Pier. [Click here](#) for a chart of the Nanaimo harbour.

**Finish Line French Creek:** The finish is near the southern most break-water in French Creek between the race committee motor home on shore and an inflatable marker. Please note the breakwater has been realigned and the entrance has been moved.

**Moorage:** is provided courtesy of the *French Creek Harbour Authority*. The race committee will assist with directing boats to their slips. Rafting up to fish boats will be required.

**Awards Presentation:** An informal awards presentation will be held as soon as the results are calculated.

**Facilities:** Amenities are available at the head of the dock. Provisions & groceries are available in Parksville. The Boar's Head Pub is also located at the head of the dock, however the restaurant is currently closed.

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## Leg 2

**Date: June 5, 2011**

**Course: French Creek to Comox**

**Distance: 28.55 nautical miles**

**Pancake Breakfast:** A pancake breakfast organized by the Parksville, Qualicum Shriners will be available on-site prior to the start.

**Start: 0900 hrs.** The start is off the French Creek Marina breakwater. There is excellent spectator viewing from the breakwater.

**Finish:** The finish is outside the Comox Harbour.

**Mount Gay Rum Dash:** The Mount Gay Rum Dash is a fun race designed to encourage boats to sail into the harbour for spectator viewing. The Mount Gay Rum Dash takes place immediately following the official finish of this leg. Boats will race into the harbour across a separate finish line. Mount Gay Rum will supply prizes for this event.

**Moorage:** Moorage has been arranged by the Comox Bay Marina who will attempt to tie up as many boats as possible. Some boats will be directed to other marinas in the immediate vicinity or to the Fisherman's Wharf or Fuel Dock. Boats will be escorted to their assigned slips by the Comox Valley Yacht Club. In most cases, moorage will be charged at a reduced rate with all proceeds being donated to local charity by Comox Bay Marina.

**Facilities:** The Comox Valley Yacht Club, marina showers/washrooms, pub and restaurant all burned down recently, along with another popular pub. There are currently no shower or washrooms facilities available at the head of the marina docks. Showers are available at the Fisherman's Wharf.

**Awards Presentation:** The awards presentation will take place in the gazebo in the waterfront park. Okanagan Springs will have beer tickets redeemable at the Black Fin Pub (the only pub in town after the fires).

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## Leg 3

**Date: June 6, 2011**

**Course: Comox to Campbell River**

**Distance: 28.20 nautical miles**

**Start: 0900 hrs.** The start is on the east side of the Comox Sand Bar.

**Special Notes:** This leg is where the tides meet. The tidal stream entering the Strait of Georgia around the SE of Vancouver Island meets the corresponding tide that flows around the NW end of the island between Cape Mudge and Cape Lazo. The tide floods south north of Middenatch Island and floods north, south of Middenatch Island. The tide will be against you at some point. Sail fast!

**Finish: Back to the Pier** - The finish will be off Campbell River's famous fishing pier in Discovery Channel. Excellent spectator viewing.

**Moorage:** Moorage will be provided at 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.

**Awards Presentation:** The awards presentation will be held at the head of the dock. Okanagan Spring Brewery will distribute beer tickets redeemable at the Rip Tide pub.

**Facilities:** All amenities are at the head of the dock.

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#### Leg 4

**Date: June 7, 2011**

**Course: Deepwater Bay to Hardwicke Island**

**Distance: 24.50 nautical miles**

**Start: 10:00 hrs.** 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 North. The currents through Seymour Narrows are some of the strongest in the world at times getting up to 16 knots.



**Finish:** The finish is off Eden Point in Chancellor Channel. The race committee boat will be on station.

**Moorage:** Moorage has been provided courtesy of Marine Harvest Canada at their salmon farm in Chancellor Channel near Hardwicke Island. Mind the anchor lines securing the pens.

**Facilities:** You need to be totally self-sufficient here. There are no facilities, washrooms or accommodations and no shore access. **Staff washrooms are off-limits.**

**Awards Reception/BBQ:** A tasty salmon bbq has been organized by the BC Salmon Farmers Association and Marine Harvest Canada. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested with proceeds going to the community of Sayward across the way.

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#### Leg 5

**Date: June 8, 2011**

**Course: Hardwicke Island to Telegraph Cove**

**Distance: 40.30 nautical miles**

**Start: 0900 hrs:** The start is in the vicinity of the previous finish line.

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

**Moorage:** Moorage is provided here courtesy of [Telegraph Cove Resort & Marina](#) and [Dockside 29](#). Moorage is very tight. Boats will be assigned a spot with assistance from Jim Borrowmen of Stubbs Island Whale Watching

**Facilities:** Cabins, showers, laundry are all close at hand. There is also the Old Saltery Pub & Restaurant, a confectionery and souvenir shop on the dock.



**Awards Reception:** Awards will be on the dock somewhere. A salmon bbq is available or try the Saltery Pub and Restaurant.

**Robson Bight:** 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.

For those interested in whales and whale bones there is a very cool whale interpretation center, nicknamed the "Bones Project" on the boardwalk. Cool whale skeletons and other weirdly wonderful bones and artifacts.

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### Leg 6

**Date:** June 9, 2011

**Course:** Telegraph Cove to Port Hardy

**Distance:** 28.10 nm

**Start:** 0930 hrs. The start will be in the same area as the previous finish.

**Special Note:** The first boat to cross the finish line will be met on the dock by a Kwakiult elder and a spokesperson on board will be asked to request permission to land, and that permission will be granted. This is an important part of First Nations protocol.

**Finish:** The finish is in Hardy Bay off the Government dock in downtown Port Hardy. The race motorhome will be on station on the Government Dock. Great place for viewing panic spinnaker takedowns.

**Moorage:** Moorage is provided at the "Summer Floats" adjacent to the Government Dock, at the foot of Granville St., courtesy of the District of Port Hardy. As the name implies, these docks are put out only in the summer and just in time for the TELUS Van Isle 360.

**Facilities:** Fuel is available however there is no shore power and water is at the head of the dock. Shower facilities are available at the Swimming Complex a short walk away.

**Awards Reception:** Awards are in Carrot Park at the head of the dock, preceded by a blessing of the fleet from 'Wata'. A bbq organized by the local Kinsmen will also be available in the park.

**Festivities:** The District of Port Hardy, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Kwakwaka'wakw first nations, welcome you to Port Hardy.

**Other Notes:** Stock up on provisions here. The next stop for provisioning is Ucluelet.

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### Leg 7

**Date:** June 10, 2011

**Course:** Port Hardy to Winter Harbour

**Distance:** 69.40 nautical miles

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

This is the first offshore leg and takes sailors around the top of the island, past Cape Scott to the Open Pacific. Skippers have a choice of crossing the Nahwitti Bar, at the entrance to Goletas Channel, or taking the longer outside route into Queen Charlotte Strait. Nahwitti bar has a reputation for being one of the nastiest bits of water on the coast.



**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. Kains Island is only accessible by boat.

**Finish Time:** Boats have until 1800 hrs on June 11 to finish this leg.

**Moorage:** Is available basically anywhere you can find it, at the going rate.

The first docks you come to are owned by The Outpost, please pay at the Store. There is also a government dock.

**Facilities:** The population here is less than 20 people. There is no Shore Power, very limited showers and toilets. Boats need to be totally self-sufficient here. Fuel, water, small grocery/liquor store, laundry and pay phones.

**Awards BBQ & Reception:** The awards presentation will take place near the old school house. The folks of Winter Harbour and Holberg have organized a BBQ. Proceeds will go to local charitable organizations.

**Special Notes:** Driving to Winter Harbour from Port Hardy is 76 km. via a gravel logging road, through Holberg. The logging roads are active Monday to Friday until 1800 hrs. It is recommended that you wait until after this time to drive in past Holberg. This logging road is sometimes active on weekends. Be prepared to YIELD and BACK UP FAST. Carry good spare tires.



## Leg 8

**Date:** June 12-15, 2011

**Course:** Winter Harbour to Ucluelet - The Mark Livingstone leg

**Distance:** 138.10 nautical miles

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) and the Ucluelet Coast Guard Auxiliary.



**Start: 0800 hrs.** The start is across the previous day's finish line. This is the longest leg of the race. Storm force winds are not uncommon in this area at any time of the year.

**Finish:** The race committee will be on station at the Amphitrite Point Lighthouse. The finish will be from the lighthouse to the Red whistle buoy Y42. Good spectator viewing. Some boats may finish in the early evening of 12th, though most will be finishing through the night and the entrance to Ucluelet can be challenging especially at night.

Coast Guard Auxiliary 38 will be on hand at the finish to provide safety escorts to those who need it. This will be weather dependent and all racers should exercise extreme caution in this area.

**Finish Time:** Boats have until 1200 hrs on June 14 to finish this leg.

**Moorage:** Moorage is provided in the municipal marina "boat basin" near the Canadian Princess downtown, courtesy of the District of Ucluelet. Boats drawing more than ten feet may be required to tie up at the outer float in the same area.

**Facilities:** Shore power, water, fuel, showers, laundry, shopping all available and close by.

**Welcome Reception & dinner:** A BBQ dinner and awards presentation has been organized at the Community Hall on Tuesday June 14 at 1800 hrs.

The local school kids will be coming down to the docks on Tuesday for tours of the various boats. This is a very cool scene that we encourage you to participate in.

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### Leg 9

**Date:** June 15- 17, 2011

**Course:** Ucluelet to Victoria

**Distance:** 97 nautical miles

**Start: 1000 hrs.** The start line is in the vicinity of the previous day's finish. Excellent spectator viewing from Amphitrite Point.

**Finish:** The finish will be inside the Ogden Point Breakwater in Victoria harbour. The race committee will be on station at the Westcan Terminal on [Pier A](#). There is excellent spectator viewing from the Breakwater.

**Finish time:** Boats have until 1800 hrs on June 16 to finish.

**Moorage:** Moorage is provided at the causeway floats in front of the Parliament Buildings downtown Victoria courtesy of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority.

**Awards Presentation:** An awards presentation will take place on the causeway on June 17 prior to departure for the next leg.

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### Leg 10

**Date:** June 17-19, 2011

**Course:** Victoria to Nanaimo

**Distance:** 60.40 nautical miles

**Start: 1500 hrs.** The race committee will be on station at the Ogden Point Breakwater and the start will be between the Ogden Point Breakwater and Brotchie Ledge. This leg starts in the afternoon to take advantage of the tide and to give boats the best opportunity of finishing in daylight hours on Saturday in Nanaimo.

With so many routes through the Gulf Islands to Nanaimo this night sailed leg will have most navigators pulling their hair out. Significant differences in the length of the various routes and tides through the many passes will prove challenging.

**Finish:** The finish will be off the Visiting Vessels Pier in Nanaimo Harbour. Excellent spectator viewing from the Pier

**Finish Time:** Boats have until 0800 on June 19 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.

**Final Awards Party: Sunday June 19 - 1100 hrs.** Pioneer Plaza beside the Bastion Fort in downtown Nanaimo. Details to be announced.

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