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THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE CHESAPEAKE BAY STOPOVER- Baltimore and Annapolis

ORGANIZER: Ocean Race Chesapeake

BALTIMORE STOPOVER

DATES:

Sometime between Sunday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 18th
until Thursday, May 4

**ARRIVAL
TIMES:**

Check websites www.volvoceanrace.org, and www.oceanracechesapeake.org,
Or tune your radio to 1430AM WNAV

LOCATION:

Baltimore's Inner Harbor at the arrival pontoon USS CONSTELLATION dock
Amphitheatre. The public and press are welcome to watch the arrivals

**SHORE SIDE
VIEWING:**

No visible location for viewing from the shore

**ON-WATER
VIEWING:**

The finish line will be at Baltimore Light just northwest of the Chesapeake Bay
Bridge east of Gibson Island. Spectator craft should monitor VHF Channel 17 for
race updates starting when the lead boat passes Thomas Point and end after the
last boat has finished. See attached Finish details.

HAUL OUT:

After the arrivals all the boats will go to the Port Covington Marine Center,
321 Cromwell Street (see attached directions) for repairs. The public is welcome
to visit the Marina from ??? to ????

**RETURN TO THE
HARBOR FOR
THE WATERFRONT
FESTIVAL**

Volvo 70's return to the Inner Harbor as the centerpiece of the
Baltimore Waterfront Festival from Thursday, April 27 through
Thursday May 4. See attached Festival Fact Sheet
Free and open to the public, the Baltimore Waterfront Festival is held
outdoors in tents. The event is handicapped accessible. The festival takes place
rain or shine.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Visiting Ships

In honor of the race, several ships dock at the Inner Harbor and some are open for public tours; hosted by Sail Baltimore, guests include *Stad Amsterdam*, *Pride of Baltimore II*, *Virginia*, *Thomas Jefferson*, *Majestic Star*, *Gazella* and *Schooner Sultana*.

Racing Teams Headquarters and Fleet Pier

Thursday, April 27 – noon, Thursday, May 4 Festival-goers enjoy a remarkable, up-close look at the teams (please note: the fleet will be in-port racing on Saturday, April 29 and not available for viewing/tours) Also on Rash Field, team exhibits and interactive product displays

Volvo Extreme 40's Races

2:00PM April 28, 30, May 1, 2, and 3 - Inner Harbor

The Volvo Extreme 40 is the new generation of mid size sports catamarans providing exciting inshore sailing. Visit www.volvoceanrace.org

Salute to the Syndicates

Friday, April 28, 5pm, Inner Harbor Amphitheater

Dragon Boat Races

Watch the elegant Dragon Boats compete in the Inner Harbor Saturday April 29 at noon.

In Port Race

Saturday, April 29 – 10:00am – 6:00pm

North of Love Point, west of the Chester River within a 3 nautical mile Radius. Start will be at 1:00 p.m. on April 29, weather permitting. The exclusion zone will depend on the course. The Inport Race Prize Giving will take place immediately after the boats finish on the West Shore Stage. This event is free and open to the public.

Rotary Regatta

Sunday, April 30 9:00, Port Covington

Farewell: Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Sail To

ANNAPOLIS: Thursday, May 4, 11am-12pm, Inner Harbor

The public is invited to say good bye to the fleet as it makes its way to Annapolis

Education Day: the winning class of Ocean Race Adventure enjoys their VIP day and overnight stay aboard the *Constellation*, Friday April 28

Interscholastic and Intercollegiate Forum: high school and college sailors interact with the crews, hosted by Gary Jobson, April 30, 2pm, World Trade Center

Leg Prize Giving: Sunday, April 30, 7:30pm at the Hippodrome with headliner John Legend (please note: This event is sold out)

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ANNAPOLIS STOPOVER OF THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE – 2005-2006

HIGHLIGHTS:

Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival

This Festival opens at 3:00pm on Thursday, May 4 on City Dock where dozens of historic crafts will welcome the fleet. The festival will remain open until 9:00pm on the 4th, 10:00am to 9:00pm, May 5 and 6 and 9:00am to 5:00pm, May 7. See attached fact sheet

Arrival and Welcoming Ceremony

Welcome the Fleet to Annapolis at 4:30pm at City Dock, Ericsson Stage. This event is free and open to the public. National Sailing Legend Gary Jobson will be the master of ceremonies as Annapolis welcomes the Volvo racing teams

Ports Optimists Regatta Warm Up

10:00am, Friday, May 5, Annapolis Yacht Club

Gary Jobson Cup

This regatta will bring together interscholastic sailors during the Festival on May 6, Annapolis City Dock

Annapolis Salutes the Volvo Ocean Race

On Friday, May 5th, 2006, on the joint properties of the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) and the Severn Sailing School (SSA) the crews of the Volvo Ocean Race will be welcomed by thousands of sailors at what *Sailing* magazine has dubbed the "*Best Sailors Party in History!*" after the 1998 Race. The Crew Party, from 5:00-11:00pm, offers great music, food and beverages for purchase. Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance and \$35.00 onsite.
www.eastportyc.org.

Education Day at the MMHF

Friday, May 5, 10-3pm, highlights the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and NOAA

Skippers Forum

Saturday, May 6, 10-11am, Ericsson Stage, hosted by Gary Jobson
Meet the Skippers who will discuss tactics and logistics for the remainder of the race.

Down and Dirty Boat Building

Saturday, May 6, 12-7pm Watch boat builders start with simple plywood and create a vessel that actually floats!

Pirate Dog Contest

Sunday, May 7, 12pm Watermark Cruises presents this contest with prizes for best dressed, and scariest pirate canine!

Leg 6 Start and Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday, May 7 10am the fleet departs Annapolis for the Start of Leg 6
The start will be north of Thomas Point Light at 1:00 p.m. on May 7. The Volvo 70s will go north, round a buoy at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, then race back south though the starting line again which will then be a gate. There will be a 5 mile zone 2/3 mile wide for spectator craft.

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