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## THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE AT THE BALTIMORE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL – 2006

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### Festival Fact Sheet

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- DATES:** Thursday, April 27-Sunday, April 30, 2006
- TIMES:** Thursday, 12-9pm; Friday, 12-9pm;  
Saturday, 12-9pm; Sunday, 12-7pm
- LOCATION:** Inner Harbor
- ADMISSION:** 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.
- COMPONENTS:**
- Main Stage Bay Cabaret**  
Live daily concerts in a variety of genres, ending with a nightly headliner; a delicious variety of food and beverages with Maryland flair, plus official race souvenirs available for purchase.
- Chesapeake Adventures**  
Dozens of colorful exhibits celebrate life and culture on the waterfront. Entertaining and interactive, these tents and hands-on projects highlight those who work and play on the bay, while promoting educational and environmental awareness.
- Street Theater**  
Street performers, theatrical troupes, dancers, musicians, storytellers, griots, puppeteers, magicians and special guests entertain festival-goers of all ages – but especially kids- at multiple locations along the Inner Harbor promenade.
- Chesapeake Kitchen**  
Cooking demonstrations by Maryland seafood restaurants and celebrity chefs; also, home of the Annual Oyster Shuck-Off and Slurp-Off between the teams, cook-offs and contests.
- On-Water Activities**  
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*, *Majestic Star*, *Gazella* and *Schooner Sultana*. Also, enjoy Dragon Boat Races, the Volvo Extreme 40s and Discovery Sailing.
- Racing Teams Headquarters and Fleet Pier**  
Festival-goers enjoy a remarkable, up-close look at the teams (please note:  
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the fleet will be in-port racing on Saturday, April 29 and not available for viewing/tours) and the Volvo 40s. Also on Rash Field, team tents, trailers, festival offices and corporate product displays for festival-goers to enjoy.

### **Baltimore Welcomes The Volvo Ocean Race**

Downtown restaurants, bars and attractions celebrate the race by offering discounts, promotions and specials.

*Special thanks to Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.*

### **Baltimore Waterfront Festival – Kids Days**

Middle school students from across the Baltimore region take field trips to see the teams; May 1-3.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Oyster Shuck & Slurp Off:** Thursday, April 27, 12pm, Chesapeake Kitchen  
*Special thanks to McCormick & Schmick's*

**Festival Happy Hour with MIX 106.5:** Thursday, April 27, 5-8pm,  
Bay Cabaret. *Special thanks to the Downtown Sailing Center*

**Celebrity Crab Picking Contest:** Friday, April 28, 12pm, Chesapeake Kitchen  
*Special thanks to Phillips Seafood*

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

**Salute to the Syndicates:** Friday, April 28, 5pm, Inner Harbor Amphitheater

**International Federation of Competitive Eating:** ([www.ifoce.com](http://www.ifoce.com))  
Phillips Crab Cake Eating Contest: Saturday, April 29, 12pm, Bay Cabaret

**Festival Happy Hour with MAGIC 95.9:** Saturday, April 29, 5-8pm, Bay Cabaret

**In-Port Race and Prize Giving:** Saturday, April 29, prize-giving at 6pm at the Bay Cabaret

**Jazz Brunch:** Sunday, April 30, 12-4pm, Bay Cabaret

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

**Ultimate Crab Soup Cook-Off:** Sunday, April 30, 3-5pm, Chesapeake Kitchen

**Leg Prize Giving:** Sunday, April 30, 7:30pm at the Hippodrome with headliner John Legend (please note: ticketed event, SOLD OUT)

**Farewell: Blessing of the Fleet and Parade of Sail:** Thursday, May 4, 11am-12pm

## **MEDIA CONTACT:**

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