



NORTHERN YACHT CLUB

CANADA DAY SAILPAST - BLESSING OF THE FLEET



1. INSTRUCTIONS

It is believed that the tradition of a Sail Past began at the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes in England nearly 200 years ago. The actual "review of the fleet" is steeped in more than 600 years of Royal Navy tradition and history and was introduced in yacht clubs as a continuation of the naval habit of having Admirals or Royalty review the fleet on special occasions. In our case, we will not have a salute, but showcase to the public.

2. SCHEDULE – Saturday, July 1st 2017

1000 Depart NYC.
 1030 Blessing of the Fleet by Rev Ritchie Robinson.
 TBD Return to NYC following the route indicated in Addendum "A".
 1200 BBQ hosted by NYC Jr. Sailing program and cake provided by NYC.

3. PARTICIPANTS

All yachts are welcome to participate.

4. DRESS SHIP

Skippers are **encouraged** to "dress" their yacht for this occasion.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Sail Past communications will be done on VHF channel 68.

6. ASSEMBLY

6.1 Yachts will depart NYC and head to the marshalling area at old Rollies' Wharf via the described route in Addendum "A". "Avatar" (Commodore), will take lead, all other Yachts in a seamanlike manner find a position behind another boat, 50-foot separation between yachts.

6.2 The blessing of the fleet will start at 1030.

6.3 A Marine Atlantic Vessel has a scheduled departure time of 1145.

7. EXECUTION

7.1 Skippers are reminded that this is not a race, but a yachting manoeuvre. Skippers will have to regulate the speed of their yachts by controlling their engines to keep the 50-foot separation between yachts. Once you are in line, endeavour to keep your position, as other yachts will be following you.

7.2 The procession will travel towards Indian Beach, and enter the marshalling area located near old Rollies' Wharf, this is the area for the Blessing of the Fleet. After the blessing, feel free to honk your horns, wave your arms or any other method of celebrating you may have thought of. The procession along the North Sydney waterfront will then commence, you will head back towards NYC at your own leisure and are more than welcome to come to NYC for the BBQ.

8. FLAG ETIQUETTE

8.1 Canadian Flag Positions

Sailing Boat Stern staff or at the peak of a gaff rigged main or $\frac{2}{3}$ up the back of a Marconi rigged main or $\frac{2}{3}$ up the back stay

Power Boat Stern staff

8.2 Club Burgee Positions

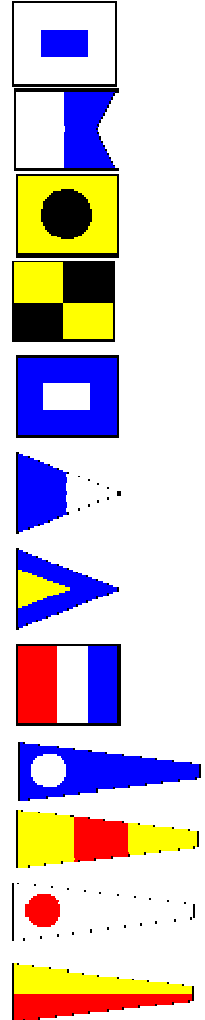
Sail Boat At the mast head or from below the starboard spreader

Power Boat Bow Staff

9. CONTACT - Any questions contact Dean Baldwin at bow_man20@hotmail.com or 902.561.2005

10. BONUS Sail Past

Any skipper / crew wishing to extend their day; intentions are to conduct a Sail Past of the Sydney side. Yachts will depart NYC after the BBQ, approximately 1330. Transit to Sydney Harbour, past Dobson Yacht Club, then across the harbour to the Sydney waterfront and then take up a finger pier downtown. Some will stay for supper, some will even stay overnight. Yours to decide.



Addendum "A"

