

# SAIL PAST

## Sunday June 5, 2016

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As all previous participants know, this is an outstanding club event of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club. The following is the program for the day. **Please read and bring with you for reference.**

**THE SAIL PAST MARSHALL: David Rourke .**

### **THE PROGRAM**

12:30 hrs: Skippers' meeting in the Riverfront Clubhouse – to receive instructions and review procedures.

14:00 hrs: Review of the fleet by Commodore, Bruce Harper

The Commodore's yacht, "Tight Squeeze", will be moored on the front wall by the clubhouse. The fleet will sail by in review and Commodore Bruce Harper will take the salute on station.

### **DRESSING YACHTS**

Notwithstanding, Reed's Nautical Almanac statement on Flag Etiquette that "...vessels only dress in harbour...", it has been a tradition of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club to dress ship for the entire sail past review. It is intended to continue with this tradition and all members are encouraged to Dress Ship for the Sail Past.

In North America the following sequence of flags is prescribed by the New York Yacht Club for Dressing Ship (from stem to masthead to transom):

AB2, UJ1, KE3, GH6, IV5, FL4, DM7, PO 3rd repeater, RN 1st repeater STO (Zero), CX9, WQ8, ZY 2nd repeater.

Failing the above format, use any colorful bunting, race pennant, or the like.

Also, note that the Canadian ensign may be flown from the masthead when a Ship is Dressed. Otherwise, the ensign should be flown in the after part of the vessel.

The NOLSC burgee, officer's flag, and owner's private signal may be flown from the Starboard Yard-arm (in order reading top to bottom.)

### **RENDEZVOUS AND START LINE**

Yachts to assemble in classes in close proximity to the middle of the river mouth off of Queen's Park (the gazebo).

### **RENDEZVOUS ORDER**

The Fleet will be led by Vice-Commodore Fleet, John Thompson, aboard the yacht 'Cheers' or designate, followed by Vice-Commodores of House and of Operations, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Members then Past Commodores.

Fleet should proceed in line, keeping station about **TWO BOAT LENGTHS APART**. Engines will be used to maintain station. Minimum speed is to be three knots to prevent yachts from overlapping each other.

Fleets will be dispatched using VHF CHANNEL 68 by the Sail Past Marshall David Rourke on the following signals from motor vessel "Karma".

13:50: Warning Sound

13:55: Preparatory Sound and VHF Hail

14:00: Start Sound for the Vice Commodore, Fleet and Officers and Board to follow.

Fleets will follow their Fleet Leaders as instructed by the Sail Past Marshall David Rourke. Signals for the fleet will be:

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|----|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Blue Flag Leader               | Sharks         |
| 2. | Black Flag Leader              | Up to 30'      |
| 3. | Orange Flag Leader             | 30' and over   |
| 4. | Yellow/Blue Stripe Flag Leader | Power Cruisers |

Each division will follow immediately and go between "Karma" and the Junior Sailing Area forming a line ahead in order arranged by the fleet leaders.

### **SAILPAST AND SALUTE**

All participants should sail past the stern of yacht "Tight Squeeze", remaining at an interval of **two-boat lengths** open water and saluting in the following manner:

- A) Yachts wearing an ensign will dip same;
- B) Others will luff jib

The salute shall commence one boat length before "Tight Squeeze", and will continue for one boat length beyond. Where possible, the Skipper, crew and guests should face the saluting base, standing at attention. **ONLY THE COMMODORE WILL SALUTE BY HAND.** (The dip of a yacht's ensign or luff of a jib is the salute from the saluting vessel.)

### **DISPERSAL**

Having cleared the saluting area, each participant should proceed towards the club, keeping clear of the saluting and sail past areas until the review is completed.

### **DRESS**

All yachtsmen are expected to wear suitable dress for the Sail Past (Blue blazers, whites and club ties).

### **RECEPTION**

Following the Sail Past members are requested to return to their slips and then assemble in the Club House for **Wine & Cheese Reception..**