

Welcome to the 2019 Season!



Welcome to the new season. Your hard working, volunteer executive board have planned some different events for this year. These include, club races for both large boats and small, club cruises, sailing education events and the ever popular, pot luck barbecues. Watch the website, club bulletin boards at the harbor, your email and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up on the coming events.

Fair Winds, Commodore Nancy

Club Race—A Sonnet



By Neil Kinnear, Skipper of Stardust (left)

Cumulonimbus hang high in the sky
Driving steep sided-waves to crash on the shore.
Gulls swoop and dive with their garrulous cries
Ignored by the skippers preparing for war.

"Cast off the lines; haul the halyards up tight",
The skipper calls out, his hands on the wheel.
"Ease the jib til it luffs, then trim it right.
Catch the breeze in the main. Feel the boat heel."

"Beat close-hauled to windward, rounding to port.
Run free to the gybe mark. Turn for the line.
Let fly the spinnaker, pull the guy short.
Hold course for the finish, we're doing just fine."

Through spray and white water, sail close by the pin.
Cross the line first and we'll count it a win.

New Paddlers Division



Vice Commodore, Robert Smith has been busy building a rack in the club compound. Once completed members will be able to securely store kayaks, paddle boards and canoes throughout the season allowing easy access to the harbor. No more lugging your boat on and off the roof of the car! Paddlers will need to join this program and provide their own locking system. Those who are not senior club members already will be required to pay a small registration fee. Paddlers are welcome to attend all club events. Let your friends know.

The History of the Sail Past



The tradition of the Sail Past began at the first Yacht Club which was formed at Cowes, England nearly 200 years ago. The membership at Cowes was primarily aristocratic and many were familiar with naval practice and tradition. Cowes Yacht Club subsequently changed its name to Royal Yacht Squadron and certain social graces were added to the traditional naval practices. The actual "review of the fleet" was introduced as a continuation of the naval habit of having Admirals (and/or Royalty) review the fleet on special occasions. Protocol demanded that a flagship be anchored with the Admiral and staff on the quarterdeck to receive and return the salute. Vessels sailed past, dipping their colours in salute, and with their captain, if hatted (which he or she, should be), saluting and the ship's crew standing at attention. The fleet passing in review would be led by the Vice-Admiral and the final vessel in the line would carry the Rear-Admiral.

The Yacht Club tradition is almost identical, except that the salute is received by the Commodore instead of the Admiral. Tradition dictates that all Club members participate in the Sail Past, on their own or on another member's yacht. Good manners require that a member unable to participate will send his/her regrets to the Commodore. Participating boats fly their flag officer's burgee or club burgee plus the Canadian ensign.

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