



**COMMODORE: JIM GOULD**  
**FLAGSHIP: YEBO**



WEEKEND PROGRAMME AND SAILPAST INSTRUCTIONS

**2024 OPENING DAY**  
**MAY 10 & 11**



# OPENING DAY DINNER AND DANCE

Join the fun before Opening Day!

Enjoy a 3-course dinner and dance to a live performance  
from Dr. Strangelove!

**FRIDAY, MAY 10 6:00PM**

**\$135 PER PERSON + TAXES & FEES**

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## HISTORY OF SAILPAST

by David S. Williams,

a long-time Member, athlete and Olympian, who sadly passed away earlier this year



1927 First Sailpast at the New Clubhouse

On May 11, 2024 Commodore Gould will review the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club fleet during Sailpast on Opening Day. This traditional “review of the fleet” has been a feature of the Club since its inception in 1903. But where did this tradition come from?

One of the earliest references to Sailpast is in Homer’s famous Greek poem, The Iliad. “After two years of preparation, the Greek fleet of more than 1,000 ships and an army of 100,000 men, assembled at the port of Aulis, in northeastern Greece, for a Sail Past of Troy.”

It is believed that from this ceremony came the famous saying: ‘Helen of Troy had the face that launched 1,000 ships.’

Traditionally, when warriors met their lord, they offered some demonstration of fealty; shaking spears, circling, or at the least, passing respectfully before him (or her) in full battle dress. Similarly, naval tradition decrees that when ships meet their superior at sea, they are expected to render the standard act of (marine) fealty; dipping their flag and waiting for the response from the saluted vessel.

When tall ships were common sailing vessels, they would indicate they were no threat to whomever they were approaching, by letting their topsails fly loosely. With their topsails loose, it would be very difficult to manoeuvre and therefore made the ship vulnerable and of no threat. This is reflected today in the release of the jib on yachts not large enough to carry an ensign. As well, these ships could also fire all their cannons at once. Again, this was to show they were no threat as it would take a long time to reload all their cannons.

The actual “review of the fleet” was introduced as a continuation of the naval practice of having Admirals 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 also saluting with the ship’s company 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. RVYC’s tradition is almost identical, except that the salute is received by the Commodore instead of the Admiral.

In naval circles, this ceremony has included Royalty, Heads of State, and Admirals, all inspecting fleets or entire Navies. For yacht clubs the Sailpast tradition began at one of the first established yacht clubs, ‘The Yacht Club’ which was formed at Cowes in 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 the Royal Yacht Squadron and certain social graces were added to the traditional naval practices, including a “review of the fleet”.

This ceremony spread to other yacht clubs and now every year, the practice and history of Sailpast is performed by thousands of yacht clubs around the world. For Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Sailpast embodies our motto “Built on Tradition; Embracing the Future”.



## SATURDAY, MAY 11 OPENING DAY EVENTS

**0930 HRS**

WEATHER DECISION: GO OR NO GO  
(CHANNEL 69)

**1130 HRS**

SAILPAST COMMENCES WITH THE FIRING OF  
THE COMMODORE'S CANNON

**1400 HRS**

KIDSFEST IN HASTINGS MILL PARK

**1430 HRS**

COMMODORE'S RECEIVING LINE FOLLOWED  
BY THE GARDEN PARTY ON THE FRONT LAWN

**1700 HRS**

SUNSET CEREMONY

## FLAGS

All Members' vessels should fly the Canadian Ensign and RVYC burgee as outlined in "Flag Etiquette" in the Yearbook (page 223 in the 2024 edition). Vessels with signal flags are requested to "dress ship" after anchoring or docking at Jericho Station.



## COMMODORE'S & JUDGES' VESSEL

The Commodore's Flagship is *Yebo*.  
The Judges and photographer will be on  
*Blue Peter* and *Capri*.

### DRESS OF THE DAY

Men: White trousers, navy blue blazer with black buttons and RVYC crest on left breast, white dress shirt with black tie and white trouser socks and shoes.

Women: White slacks or skirt, navy blue blazer with black buttons and RVYC crest on left breast, white blouse. Navy blue ribbon tie or Club scarf, Club white tam or beret or Club hat with crest, and Club pin are optional.

While neat sailing attire on board is permitted, determination of Seamanship awards is based in large part on yachts displaying the best 'Dress of the Day' as outlined above.

If you do not have a Club Uniform, you are also welcome to dress in smart boating attire.

### PARKING

Members are requested to park underground or off the property. The open parking lot will be used by VIP guests, and parking in this area will be limited.  
Thank you for your cooperation.



# Sailpast 2024 Muster Stations

## Pre- and Post- SALUTE MOVEMENTS

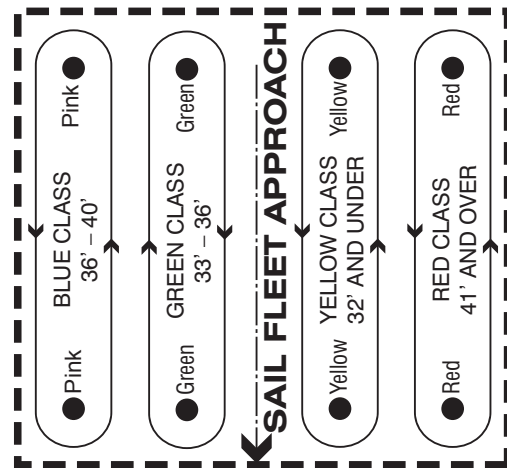
**GROUP VICTOR AND SAIL FLEETS**  
 Group Victor and Green Class will circulate clockwise (marks to starboard). One Design, Junior Fleet, Yellow, Blue and Red Classes will circulate counter clockwise (marks to port).

Each fleet will alter course from the south bound side of its loop, or gybe or otherwise maneuver to proceed to the orange gate marks, pass between them and continue on to salute the Commodore. Hold course thru the second set of orange gate marks and disperse.

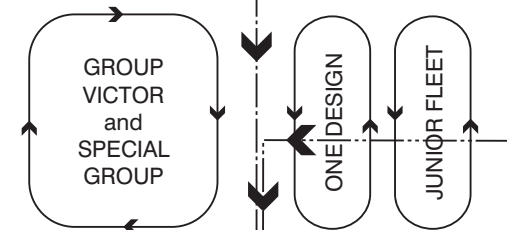
**POWER FLEETS**  
 Approach speed to salute is 5kts over the bottom. Transit False Creek near its centre line. Pass between the markers at the entrance to False Creek approximately at mid-point. Turn to a course of  $\pm 250^\circ M$ , pass north of the Kits Barge Buoy and continue until the pair of orange marks north of the Commodore's vessel are nearing abeam. Turn to port, pass between the orange gate marks and continue on to salute the Commodore. Hold course until thru the second set of orange gate marks and disperse to the east.

**COMMUNICATION**  
 All skippers to monitor Channel 73.  
 Necessary communication only, please!  
 Jericho Dock staff to monitor Channel 66A.

TIDES AT POINT ATKINSON			
Saturday, May 11, 2024.			
High Tide	07:00	4.11m	(15.09 ft)
Low Tide	02:52	3.56m	(9.7 ft)
High Tide	22:26	4.69m	(10.82 ft)
Low Tide	14:36	0.44m	(4.9 ft)



**AREA 'S'**



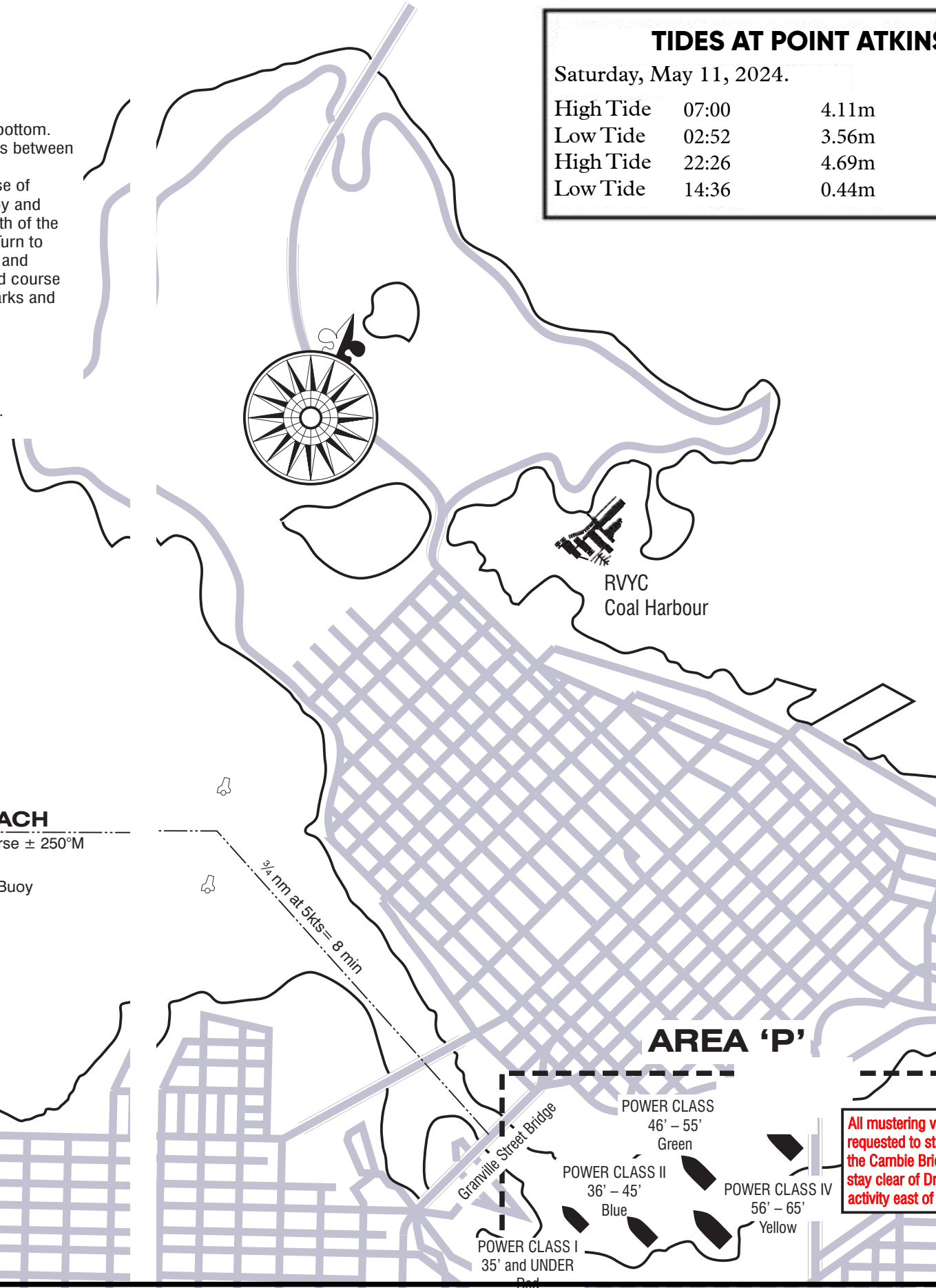
**POWER FLEET APPROACH**  
 1 1/2 nm at 5kts = 18 min Compass course  $\pm 250^\circ M$   
 Kitsilano Barge Buoy

East Wind Dispersal

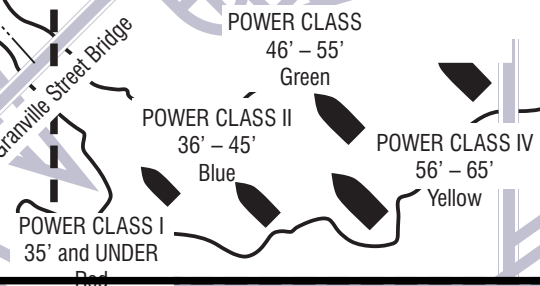
West Wind Dispersal

Anchoring Here

RVYC Jericho



**AREA 'P'**



All mustering vessels are requested to stay west of the Cambie Bridge and to stay clear of Dragon Boat activity east of the bridge

## SALUTING INSTRUCTIONS

Skippers will organise crew when about ½ mile from the Flagship. Traditionally, ladies stand nearest the bow and are ranked from shortest to tallest working aft. Gentlemen stand aft of the ladies, ranked down from tallest to shortest.

All vessels will approach from the north to salute. The Skipper will call “Ship’s Company, Attention” when about 100’ from *Blue Peter* and *Capri*. The crew will come to attention and this stance will be held until after passing the Flagship.

**The Salute:** Each vessel shall pass approximately 20 feet astern the Flagship. As it begins to cross the Flagship’s transom, the Skipper only salutes, provided they are wearing the appropriate Club headwear. The Canadian Ensign is lowered (in the case of small dinghies, the headsail is let fly). The salute is held while the Flagship’s Ensign is lowered, the Commodore returns the salute and the Flagship’s Ensign is raised again. At this point, the Skipper concludes the hand salute and the Ensign is raised. The Skipper then commands, “Ship’s Company, Stand Easy”.

After saluting, vessels moored at Jericho may return to their slips. All other vessels may proceed to anchorage well clear of the Flagship.

### KIDSFEST AT HASTINGS MILL PARK

1400-1600 HRS

Boatloads of fun with hands-on activities during the afternoon festivities!

- Face Painters
- Bouncy Castle
- Vancouver Seal Rescue

and more!

## SAILPAST INSTRUCTIONS

### OFFICIAL VESSELS:

**COMMODORE:** Jim Gould, Yebo

**OFFICERS OF THE DAY AFLOAT:** Lynn & Harold Gordon in a 31’ Chris Craft  
Commander *American Beauty*

**JUDGES’ VESSELS:** *Blue Peter* and *Capri*

**PATROL CHIEF:** Whaler 7 (aluminium utility boat)

### HEAVY WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN

At 0930 hrs on Saturday, May 11, the Officer of the Day Afloat will determine whether Sailpast will proceed. In the event of unfavourable conditions, flag AP (a pennant with red and white vertical stripes) will be displayed on the flagpoles at Jericho and Coal Harbour, accompanied by two sound signals, to notify participants that Sailpast will not take place. Opening Day activities at Jericho Clubhouse will proceed as scheduled. In addition, the Officer of the Day Afloat will announce on VHF Channel 69 the status of the Sailpast as GO or NO GO. All skippers are encouraged to monitor their VHF radios during this time.

### GROUP VICTOR & SPECIAL GROUP

1100 HRS Rendezvous ½ mile north of the Flagship and west of the approach line.

1130 HRS Vice Commodore Leigh Stratton (Vessel: *PrimeTime II*) sails between the north pair of orange marks, salutes, continues through the south pair of yellow marks and departs.

#### GROUP VICTOR

SUNDOWN  
DOUG DAY

SEAZED  
PETER POWERS

PHANTOM  
TED CHAPMAN

KILO LANI  
DOUG CULLEN

MERLIN V  
ROBIN SHELDON

#### SPECIAL GROUP

HMCSTV Goldcrest (RCN),  
Canadian Coast Guard, Vancouver  
City Police, Vancouver Fire &  
Rescue, Port Metro Vancouver,  
Steveston Lifeboat, visiting  
Commodores’ vessels, visiting  
Yacht Club vessels, RVYC Past  
Commodores’ vessels, followed by  
RVYC Flag Officers’ vessels.

## **SAILING VESSEL ORDERS**

1100 HRS Rendezvous in areas designated on Muster Stations Plan (page 6 & 7). All vessels to form up line astern behind respective Class leaders. Class lead vessels are identified by coloured pennants and last vessels by coloured flags.

Be prepared to use engine as necessary.

There will be four courses set, with marks corresponding to the diagram of Area 'S' on page 6. The marks for each course will be approximately one mile apart, on north/south axes, defining courses with two reaching legs. Lead vessels of each class shall be responsible for following the last vessel in the preceding class. All sailboats are to pass between the orange marks first, come to attention before passing the Judges, salute the Commodore, pass between the two orange marks and disperse. Disperse to the west, unless returning directly to Jericho Marina, in which case, dispersal to the east is acceptable.

Classes, led by the Captain Fleet, will sail past in the order listed below. Please follow Patrol Vessel Instructions during approach to the Flagship.

LEAD VESSEL – NUVOLARI  
CAPTAIN FLEET – FRED STEARMAN

### **JUNIOR FLEET**

Lead Vessel – Jr. Commodore Raquel Macklin  
Last Vessel – Bishop Jenkins

### **ONE DESIGN**

Lead Vessel – Nuvolari - Fred Stearman  
Last Vessel – New Sweden - Reigh North

### **CLASS I (UNDER 32') – YELLOW**

Lead Vessel – Capri 22 (yellow pennant)  
Last Vessel – Sam I Am (Ranger 28)(yellow flag) - John Hilton

### **CLASS II (33' TO 35') – GREEN**

Wally World (green pennant) - Alex Adams  
Last Vessel – *La Niña* (green flag) - Jim Heinmiller

### **CLASS III (36' TO 40') – BLUE**

Lead Vessel – *Dominatrix* (blue pennant) - Richard Stewart  
Last Vessel – *Volante* (blue flag) - Erik Loftson

### **CLASS IV (41' AND OVER) – RED**

Lead Vessel – *Ultraman III* (red pennant) - Jason Saunderson  
Last Vessel – *Strum* (red flag) - Randy Vogel

## **POWER VESSEL ORDERS**

1130 HRS Rendezvous in areas designated on Muster Stations Plan (page 6 & 7).

Vessels gathering in False Creek must exercise extreme caution. Please keep a careful watch for dragon boats, other rowers, and for all small craft. (see page 10 for False Creek Basin safety brief)

All vessels to form up line astern behind respective Class leaders at a safe interval of approximately 1½ boat lengths. Lead vessels are identified by coloured pennants and last vessels by coloured flags. Classes will follow the Staff Captain in the order indicated below. Please do not lag behind or overtake.

The last leg of the approach to the Saluting Area is at latitude N49° 17.03'. The axis of the Saluting Area is coincident with the west wall of the Jericho Breakwater, at longitude W123° 11.30'. The Flagship will be located a short distance south of the designated latitude and a very short distance east or west of the longitude. The Judges' vessel will be a short distance north of the Flagship.

There will be a pair of orange marks to the north, and yellow marks to the south of the Judges' vessel and the Flagship. All power boats are to pass between the orange marks, come to attention before passing the Judges, salute the Commodore, pass between the two orange marks, and disperse to the east, unless anchoring in the designated area west of the Breakwater.

LEAD VESSEL – GOON SQUAD  
STAFF CAPTAIN – LIZ REID

**CLASS I (UNDER 35') – RED**

Lead Vessel – *Goon Squad* (red pennant) 31' Tiara – Liz & Mike Reid  
Last Vessel – *Tangent IV* (red flag) 31' Pursuit – Pete Smyth

**CLASS II (36' TO 45') – BLUE**

Lead Vessel – *Blind Date* (blue pennant) 45' Meridian 411 – Russell Moldowan & Linda Dunlop  
Last Vessel – *Tsonoqua* (blue flag) 42' Cooper – Sandra & Michael Shepard

**CLASS III (46' TO 55') – GREEN**

Lead Vessel – *Commocean* (green pennant) 48' Ocean Yacht Supersport – Travis & Melanie Endersby  
Last Vessel – *Dragonfly IV* (green flag) 48' San Juan – David Campbell & Tammy Preast

**CLASS IV (56' AND OVER) – YELLOW**

Lead Vessel – *Bella Vida* (yellow pennant) 61' Tollycraft – Malcolm & Alison Hammond  
Last Vessel – *Nova Spirit* (yellow flag) 150 Trinity – Jim Pattison – Captain Doug Murdoch

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DISPERSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Immediately after the Officers of the Day give the final salute, *Yebo* will proceed to Jericho Station. The marina is closed to all vessels except those moored at Jericho, until such time as Group Victor has moored and a blue flag is hoisted at the NE corner of the Jericho Breakwater. Please keep the harbour entrance clear for Group Victor to manoeuvre. Anchoring east of the Breakwater is recommended.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE**

Shuttle Service to and from the Junior Dinghy Dock (at the east end of South Walk) is available from the end of Sailpast until 1800 hrs (6pm), on a first come, first served basis. Please be patient, disembark your vessel early, and use VHF Channel 66a to hail JERICHO SHUTTLE.



# CANADA DAY CRUISE

## June 29, 30 & July 1

Scott Point

Celebrating Canada's 157th Birthday!

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- Chili Bake-Off
  - Wine Draw
  - Pancake Breakfast
  - Dogshow
  - Belly Flop Contest
  - Bocce
  - Road Hockey
  - Kids' Games
  - Movie Night

Registration cut-off is Friday, June 14  
Sign up at the reception or at [royalvan.com](http://royalvan.com)

**EVENT OUTLINE AND EXPECTATIONS OF SEAMANSHIP**

1. RVYC Opening Day ceremonies do not take precedent over the safe operation of each vessel. It is expected that all participants will demonstrate adequate seamanship and obey the standard maritime right-of-way rules.
2. False Creek can be an exceptionally busy waterway and hosts many different user groups. Please be aware of your surroundings when proceeding in and out of the basin, and be prepared to manoeuvre accordingly.
3. An RVYC safety boat will be on standby in the False Creek Basin. If any emergency assistance is required (such as a man overboard, etc.), please hail ‘RVYC Safety 1’ on VHF 69.

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURE**

1. Immediately notify the Officer of the Day Afloat and RVYC Safety Boat of the emergency using VHF 69. Be clear in explaining the nature of the emergency, including injuries, damage, and equipment failure.
2. The Officer of the Day Afloat will make the decision to call Coast Guard or emergency services where necessary and call the RVYC Front Desk staff to ensure that the appropriate authorities are contacted. However, if the situation is such that you can transport the injured party to land, please call 911 to arrange medical assistance.  
  
If the situation is life-threatening, time is critical, and transportation to land is not available, please call the Canadian Coast Guard Search and Rescue 1-800-567-5111. They coordinate sea and land services.
3. Any victims in need of an ambulance will be moved to shore by either the private vessel or RVYC Safety Boat. If being transferred at the RVYC marina, the Front Desk will ensure that a person meets the ambulance at the entrance to the club and directs them to the marina. The Kitsilano public boat ramp, or CCG Stn Kitsilano may be utilized if required depending on the area of incident and severity.
4. Any victims brought ashore are to be seen by emergency services staff before being released. If required, the Front Desk will direct emergency services vehicles to the correct place in the marina.
5. The General Manager, Executive Assistant and Officer of the Day Afloat should be contacted as soon as is practicable after the necessary communications have been made to the Officers of the Day, Front Desk staff, and emergency services.

Vancouver Emergency Services  
(Ambulance, Police, Fire):  
Phone: 911

Canadian Coast Guard  
Radio Contact:  
VHF Ch. 16  
Cellphone \*16

Sea and Land Coordination  
for Emergencies:  
1.800.567.5111

RVYC Jericho Marina  
Phone: 604.224.1033

RVYC Front Desk  
Phone: 604.224.1344

Executive Assistant Josh Powdrell  
Phone: 604.224.1344  
Mobile: 604.788.6098  
VHF: Ch. 69

**ANCHORING AFTER SAILPAST**

After saluting, vessels moored at Jericho Marina may return to their slips. All other vessels may proceed to anchorage well clear of the Flagship.

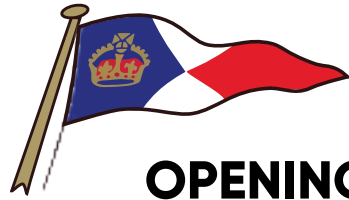
Please note: The west side of the Jericho breakwater has become smaller due to swimming restrictions and sunken boats.

Members are requested to anchor their vessels east of the Breakwater, ensuring that the entrance to Jericho Marina is kept clear for Group Victor vessels to manoeuvre. The Dinner Dock is only to be used for Group Victor vessels.

Anchoring east of the Breakwater will also decrease commute time via shuttle to and from the Garden Party.

Please call Channel 72 for a shuttle ashore.

If you are not familiar with the area, please refer to your charts for underwater anomalies.



# **RVYC**

## **OPENING DAY SAILPAST**

### **FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE OF OPENING DAY**

Vice Commodore Leigh Stratton

### **PROTOCOL OFFICER**

Don Vick

### **DEPUTY PROTOCOL OFFICER**

Nicholas Palmer

### **OFFICER OF THE DAY ASHORE/ DUTY OFFICER ASHORE**

Jr. Commodore Raquel Macklin

### **OFFICERS OF THE DAY AFLOAT**

Harold & Lynn Gordon

### **MASTER GUNNER**

Matthew Richardson

### **KIDSFEST ACTIVITIES**

Jr. Commodore Raquel Macklin

Jr. Executive Committee

and team

### **2024 COMMODORE**

Jim Gould

### **SEAMANSHIP JUDGES**

Rachel Bryant

Bishop Jenkins

Natasha Macklin

### **OPENING DAY COMMITTEE**

Vice Commodore Leigh Stratton

Don Vick

Nicholas Palmer

### **GENERAL MANAGER**

Jeff Merrin

### **DIRECTOR OF SAILING**

Aubrey Mayer

Special thanks to all of the hardworking and caring staff at RVYC

