

# 140th Sailing Season

## RQYS OPENING DAY

### 2024 RQYS Opening Day Sail Past Instructions

1. The Opening Day Sail Past will take place with vessels passing the Saluting Dais which will be located on a floating pontoon on the first finger of the Bill Kirby Jetty (directly opposite to the Squadrons' fuel pontoon).
2. The Sail Past Course will start at the entrance to Manly Harbour
3. Please depart the Harbour before joining the procession. Proceed down the main channel to the Saluting Dais and disperse appropriately. When travelling down the channel allow a suitable distance between each vessel.
4. RQYS RIB will be at the entrance to the Harbour to marshal vessels prior to the start of the Sail Past.
5. Please observe all directions from Squadron assistance vessels - Radio Contact will be through Channel 72.
6. The Flag Officers (Commodore & Vice Commodore) will lead the procession, followed by Squadron start boat Vic Frizzell and Squadron vessel's Goodwill and Myora. The last vessel of the Sail Past will be the Rear Commodore's vessel.
7. No start time will be given for individual vessels. It is the Skipper's responsibility to join the Sail Past procession in an orderly manner and to keep the flow of vessels running smoothly. Vessels will be required to display an Identification Number Board, provided by the Squadron.
8. Number boards must be returned to Reception following the Sail Past or during the day.
9. **PLEASE NOTE:** If your number is not returned, a \$20 fee will be charged to your account.
10. Skippers are requested to dress ship in accordance with the notes on Dressing of Ships below.



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### Dressing of Ships & Salute

**Dressing Ship:** This consists of stringing the International Code Flags (no other flags are considered acceptable) from the bow to the masthead, (and second masthead if there are two masts) and then to the stern railings.

An accepted order of flying the flags is:

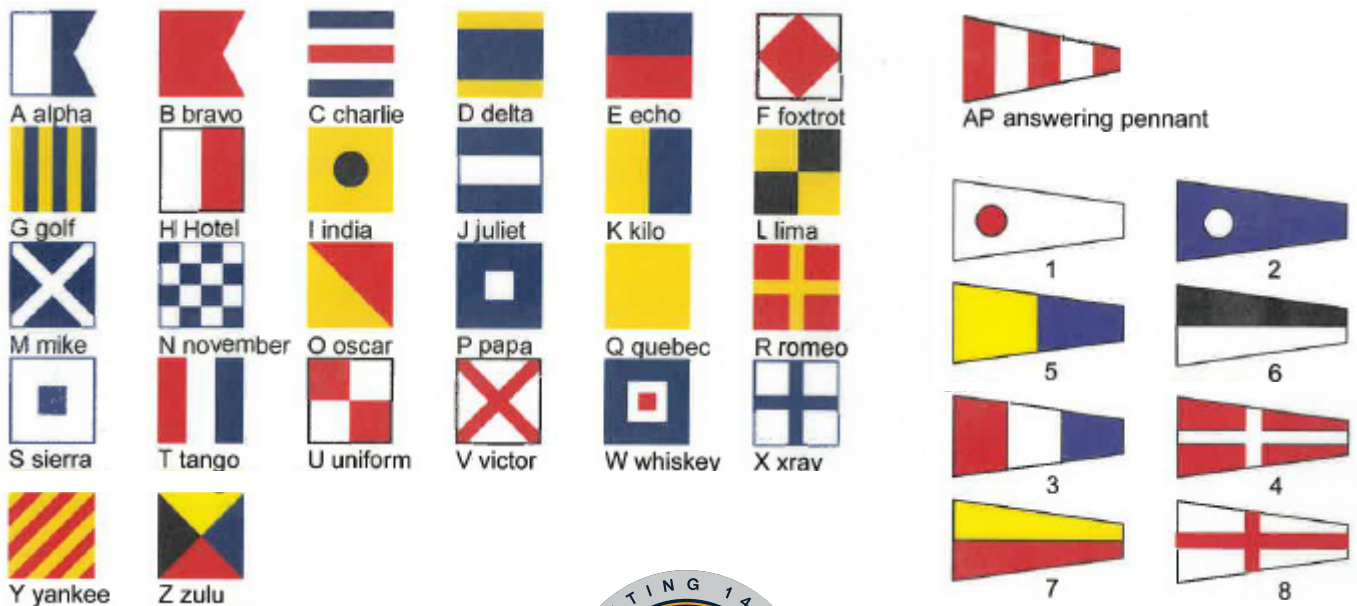
(p denotes numeral), E, Q, p3, G, p8, Z, p4, W, p6, P, p1, I, T Y, B, X, 1st, H, 3rd, D, F, 2nd, U, A, O, M, R, p2, J, p0, N, p9, K, p7, V, p5, L, C, S.

The Ensign is flown in the aft part of the ship and 'most prominently displayed'. It is usually flown from its own staff at the stern.

The Squadron Burgee should be flown at the main masthead. The Burgee can be flown together with flags from other clubs but should be flown in seniority order - in Queensland the Squadron Burgee would be above all other yacht clubs.

On powerboats with no mast, the Burgee may be flown from a staff on the bow rail or over the wheelhouse.

**The Salute:** Salutes are made by 'dipping' the ENSIGN, that is lowering it slowly to a position about one-third from the lower end of the hoist. The Ensign should not be lowered so far that it cannot fly. The ship making the Salute keeps her Ensign at the 'dip' until the Commodore returns her Salute then the ship making the salute re-hoists her ensign. Burgees should never be dipped when saluting.





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### Sailing Past Course

