



# Annual Sailpast

Sunday, April 30, 2023

**The Annual Sailpast is the official opening of the Club season**, and one of the most formal activities of the Sailing Club year. It is an occasion for members to show the high regard and respect in which they hold the Club and its officers and all boat owners are strongly encouraged to participate. The Sailpast can, however, be one of the more confusing of the Club's activities, **so please read and heed the following directions.**

## Timing:

As SISC is hosting the Canadian IOM Regatta this year, which will take place on the same weekend as our Opening Day, our Club Sailpast will follow the IOM awards ceremony on F-Dock, and a sailpast salute to our Commodore by the IOM fleet of radio controlled sailboats.

**12:30** – IOM F-Dock sailpast to salute to our Commodore. **SISC members are welcome to walk to F-Dock to attend.** Following this event, Club boats may leave the docks for the Club Sailpast. Club boats leaving the docks prior to the finish of IOM ceremonies, while the small boats are still in the water, must proceed slowly, leave no wake and keep clear of F-Dock.

**13:00** – Club boats should all **depart the marina** and begin to form a line in the harbour.

**13:20** – Club boats should **monitor Channel 72** on VHF to confirm the starting time and sailpast order. A roll call of the Past Commodores and flag officers will be made.

**13:30** – Planned start of the Club Sailpast.

**15:00** – Procession of Commodore and flag officers from the docks to the clubhouse. Sailpast crews and other Club members are asked to wait to enter the clubhouse until the procession arrives, when the champagne toasts and **High Tea** will commence at approximately 15:30..

## Sailpast Procedure:

- **Commodore Roy Marlatt** will be aboard the 22' Falmouth cutter sailboat **Coconutz**, anchored near the outer starting buoy, in line with mid-F Dock.
- The Club boats will **form a line astern of the Fleet Captain Racing** on 30' Nonesuch sailboat **Spree**, who will organize and lead proceedings.
- Please continue to **monitor Channel 72** on your VHF during the Sailpast for instructions.
- **For the salute:** as each boat passes the Commodore on *Coconutz*, the national flag should be lowered to the 1/3 hoist position if on a halyard, or if the flag is on a staff it should be held against the staff so it ceases to fly. The Commodore will respond by lowering his flag. When the Commodore raises his flag again, that is the time to raise (or release) yours and sail away to a safe area out of the way of other boats in the Sailpast., and return to the docks.
- **For the Opening Day ceremonies:** After returning to their slips, crews should assemble onshore along the procession route or on the clubhouse deck in time to greet the Commodore as he is piped up to the Club.

## Sailpast Line Order:

- Fleet Captain Racing: Paul Fajet on *Spree*.
- Immediate Past Commodore, other Past Commodores, Vice Commodore and other flag officers who are in attendance.
- Rest of Sailpast fleet.

## Sailpast Course:

If there is sufficient **wind from the south** to sail, FCR's vessel *Spree* will sail a close-hauled starboard tack course, passing to the north of *Coconutz*, or if there is **wind from the north**, the line will pass to the south of *Coconutz*. If there is **insufficient wind**, the FCR's *Spree* will motor past the stern of *Coconutz*, leaving *Coconutz* to starboard. **Others will immediately follow** the FCR's course.