

## OPENING DAY SAIL PAST INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Commodore would appreciate the attendance of all members at the Blessing of the Fleet and Opening Ceremony, prior to the Sailpast.
2. The 2010 Opening Day Sailpast will take place with vessels passing the Saluting Dais which will be located in front of the Clubhouse, facing the main channel.
3. The Sailpast Course will be entirely within the Manly Boat Harbour. Vessels will leave their berths in an orderly manner, assemble in the eastern channel, proceed past the entrance, past Norfolk Point for public viewing and celebrity guest commentary, down the main channel to the Saluting Dais and back to their berths.
4. Please observe all schedules, Squadron Marshalls and Sailing Instructions carefully.
5. No start time will be given for individual vessels. It is the Skipper's responsibility to join the Sailpast procession in an orderly manner. Vessels will be required to display an Identification Number Board, provided by the Squadron on the day. These will be issued to skippers at the main gate between 0800 hours and 1000 hours.
6. Number boards must be returned to the Marine Sports Office following the Sailpast or during the course of the day.
7. A chart will be provided on the day showing the course details and the location of the Saluting Dais.
8. Skippers are requested to dress ship in accordance with the notes on Dressing of Ships below.

## 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.

In general, the order, reading from the bow, should be:

(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 ship (the Squadron) being saluted starts to re-hoist hers, then the ship making the salute re-hoists hers. Burgees should never be dipped when saluting.