



MCYS "SAIL PAST" OPENING DAY (on water) -POWER BOATS AND YACHTS

What is a sail past?

It is believed that the tradition of a Sail Past began at the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes in England nearly 200 years ago. The actual "review of the fleet" is steeped in more than 600 years of Royal Navy tradition and history and was introduced in yacht clubs as a continuation of the naval habit of having Admirals or Royalty review the fleet on special occasions.

Protocol demanded that a flagship be anchored with the Admiral 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.

For those vessels with **bunting flags please display** to make each vessel as colorful as possible.

10am - 10.30am

MCYS flotilla to muster at muster point (as shown on attached map)

10.30am

Lead boat (**Safety Beach Coast Guard**) to enter marina with flotilla falling behind in single file a signal will be given on channel 72 by the lead boat, yachts are to be under motor only, at no more than 3 knots.

If the Coast guard cannot attend due to an emergency, the lead boat will be "**Etoile**" signaling start on channel 72. Vice-Commodore Gareth Davies will be aboard "Etoile".

10.45am - (approx)

The Lead boat will pass at a safe distance past the end of "M" row followed by the MCYS flotilla. On passing the MCYS Commodore the skipper and crew of each vessel should salute the Commodore.

It is fitting that on Opening Day, when a large number of our fleet are on show to many distinguished guests and friends, we display **good seamanship and courtesy**.

After passing the Commodore, vessels will make their way back to their berths and meet at Martha's Table at 12noon for the official opening festivities of MCYS sailing season.

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