

EAGLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB – SAILPAST 2015



Dear Members,

You are cordially invited to attend the annual EHYC Sailpast on Saturday May 9th, 2015. Often referred to as "Opening Day", it marks the official start of the boating season and serves as an excuse to spruce up your vessel and invite friends and relatives to participate in a pleasant day on the water. Please join us, whether you have a boat or not, to revel in the ceremony, camaraderie, food and drink.

Those members able to offer rides on their boat and those seeking a ride are encouraged to contact the EHYC office for possible matches. Sailpast is usually one of the best attended events of the year and this year's luncheon promises to be the best ever.

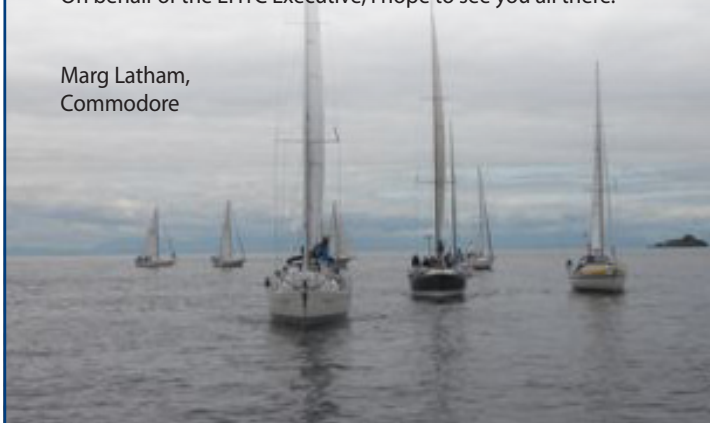
If your EHYC Burgee is looking a little tattered, this is the perfect opportunity to replace it. The club's clothing committee will also have their latest wares on display.

We will have the new yearbook available for pick up at this time. As most of you know, it contains all the Regulations and By-Laws of the Club as well as a roster of all the members (not to mention a lot of other useful information).

I encourage you to monitor VHF channel 68 during the Sailpast.

On behalf of the EHYC Executive, I hope to see you all there.

Marg Latham,
Commodore



SUGGESTED ITINERARY:

10:30 am: Coffee and Muffins

Pick up your 2015 yearbook, new burgee, purchase new 2015 clothing

11:55 am: Assemble on your boat for imminent departure

12 noon: Cannon is fired – signal to clear the harbour

Commodore anchors her flagship

PROTOCOL:

Recommended Dress of the Day: The traditional attire for this event is Club blazer or blue jacket, white trousers, skirt or slacks. That said, I would like to emphasize the Year Book statement that "it is more important for members to attend than be deterred by a requirement of formal dress". I will be in a navy jacket with slacks the closest to white I own. Some members show off some very nice formal attire and look great, others are there enjoying the day in their usual jeans and sweat shirts (take a look at the Yearbook photos if you have any doubts). Remember Eagle Harbour is the friendliest little yacht club in the West, not the most formal.

Sailboats gather upwind of Commodore's position (*Aqua Libra*) and form up line astern of the Fleet Captain (*Grey Erik*) who is followed by the Vice Commodore (*Pegasus VI*), the Rear Commodore (*Balaena*) and then the rest of the Fleet in descending order of size.

Powerboats will meet off Eagle Island and form up astern of the Staff Captain (*Bohemian*) in descending order of size.

Junior members will assemble in dinghies off the breakwater, and form up behind the Junior Commodore, Junior Fleet and Junior Vice.

The Fleet Captain is the first vessel to salute the Commodore, followed by the Vice Commodore and the Rear Commodore, then by the other sailing vessels, the powerboats and finally the Junior Club, whose Commodore will salute the Commodore and then take up station in the lee of the Commodore's flagship and receive salutes from the Juniors.

Sailing routine is – lower ensign and hold, skipper salutes, Commodore returns salute, vessel raises ensign and ship's company stand easy. Smaller sailboats may luff their jibs. After saluting, boats should keep clear of the rest of the Sailpast procession.

All vessels must remain out of the harbour until Sailpast is completed. The Commodore will raise anchor and return to the harbour followed by the EHYC fleet.

Vessels return to moorage, dress ship and prepare for the Commodore's reception in the Clubhouse.