



# OPENING DAY 2024

## SAIL PAST

### Instructions

**Prize for best dressed yacht will be awarded again this year.**

Yachts are to assemble clear of the Port Melbourne Channel and Southeast of RMYS G mark (yellow special purpose). At about 1045hrs for an 1100 start.

At the commencement of the manoeuvre the "THORSEN" will make one sound signal and hoist a red or green flag.

Yachts are then asked to line up behind the Rear Commodore Sailing's yacht, "FASTER FORWARD" and follow between RMYS G and "THORSEN" in a direction towards "ARM CUAUHEMOC" (tall Ship) turning to sail along the length of the ship no closer than 75m. Turning again towards "SCIMITAR" with our Commodore, and official party, on board.

Yachts should note the different directions of sailing along the tall ship depending on the direction of the wind. A red flag on "THORSEN" designating turns to Port in a northerly wind and a green flag turns to Starboard in a Southerly wind

As they pass the Official vessel, yachts should dip their colours and salute the Commodore with three cheers.

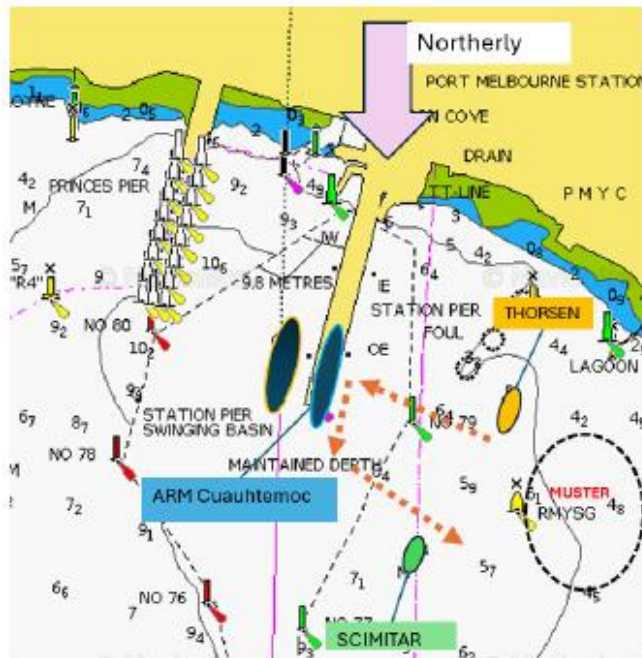
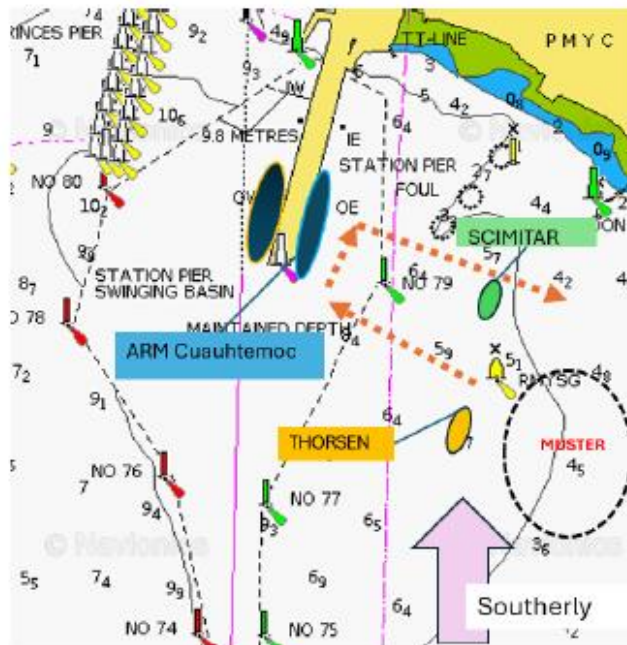
Skippers are reminded that this is **not** a race, but an orderly yachting manoeuvre. Skippers will have to regulate the speed of their yachts by controlling their sails to keep line astern. Once you are in line, endeavour to keep your position, as other yachts will be following you.

The Sailing Committee is not asking Skippers to form up in yacht registration number order, but if this can be achieved it is a great feature.

You will have plenty of time to assemble to SAIL PAST so please do not push in if you are late, please join the end of the line.

**NOTE ON FLAG ETTIQUETTE:** The Club Burgee should be worn on the main-mast head or at the starboard lower crosstree. It should not be dipped.

An ensign or the flag of the State of Victoria may be worn on a staff or from the backstay or other appropriate point at the stern. This should be dipped when passing the official vessel to give the salute.



Rear Commodore Sailing's Yacht – ***“FASTER FORWARD”***



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