

# ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA OPENING DAY

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Sailing Instructions



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

Yachts are to assemble clear of the Williamstown Channel in an area East Southeast of No.19A Channel Pile at about 1045hrs for an 1100 start.

Radio Communications will be given on VHF 69. Vessels are asked to take care when crossing the channel to ensure that there is no interference to commercial shipping.

***The intention is that OTB sailors proceed first in the sail past.***

At approximately 1050 the Commodore will make an announcement on VHF 69 opening the season while hoisting the Commodore's Burgee on the Official Vessel, **SCIMITAR R9**.

The **THORSEN R2** will then make **one** sound signal and unfurl the Club burgee indicating the start of the OTB sail past.



Dinghies should follow in line behind the Club RIB **PC James Shields** helmed by the OTB Club Captain, passing between **THORSEN R2** and a yellow buoy, around a laid orange buoy then passing astern of the Official vessel, **SCIMITAR R9** with our Commodore, and official party, on board. Sailors should salute the Commodore with three cheers.



At approximately 1100 the **THORSEN R2** will make **two** sound signals and hoist an Orange Flag indicating the start of the keelboat sail past.

Yachts are then asked to line up behind the Rear Commodore Sailing's yacht, **FASTER FORWARD R6155** and follow between a yellow buoy and **THORSEN R2**.

Yachts are to follow line astern around a laid orange buoy then pass astern of Official vessel, **SCIMITAR R9** with our Commodore, and official party, on board.

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 ETIQUETTE:** 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.



**Opening Day Sail Past**

**Yellow = Start Mark**

**Green = THORSEN**

**Orange = Turning Mark**

**Red = Scimitar**

**Course Diagram - above**

**Rear Commodore Sailing - Lead vessel below**

