

Flag Etiquette during the Opening Day Sail Past including How to Dress Ship

Flag etiquette requires formal established procedures to be observed. This includes how you dress your vessel and how to salute senior members of your club.

Dressing Ship

It is in order for a ship to proceed to sea fully dressed. The National Flag or the 'Red Ensign' should be flown from the ensign staff at the stern of the vessel. Only those who have an Admiralty Warrant may fly a 'Blue Ensign'.

The vessel should be dressed with the international code of letters and numerals in the prescribed order as per the enclosed diagram. The Club burgee is flown from the masthead or starboard spreaders, flag officers flags should also be flown from the starboard spreaders. All other flags are not considered dressing flags with the exception of large vessels that may fly house or state flags.

Salutes

Flag etiquette dictates that the Ensign should be dipped by Club members to warships of all nations and to your Club Flag Officers.

All vessels should 'dip' their ensign and name their vessel when passing the Commodore, with the salutation of "Three cheers for the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia". The saluting vessel may respond in a suitable manner.

