



# OPENING DAY 2017

## SAIL PAST

### Instructions

Yachts are to assemble in an area adjacent to and East South East of No. 81 Port of Melbourne Channel Pile.

At the commencement of the manoeuvre the "*THORSEN*" will fire one gun and hoist a Blue Flag. Yachts are then asked to line up behind the Rear Commodore's yacht, "Kookaburra KA12", and follow between a yellow buoy and "*THORSEN*".

Yachts are to follow line astern around a laid orange buoy then pass astern of Official vessel, the "*Dream Catcher*" 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 a 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.

Skippers are encouraged to "dress" their yacht for this occasion. A prize will be awarded to the yacht judged to be the best dressed during the "Sail Past".

Following the "Sail Past", the 'Novice Skippers' Race will be started in the vicinity of the Orange Laid Buoy.

**NOTE:** The Club Burgee should be worn on the main-mast head or at the starboard lower cross-tree. 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.

