



2026 CONVOY CUP SAILPAST/ DYC Saturday, 29 August 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

VESSEL INSTRUCTIONS

VESSEL SPECIFICATIONS

- Minimum vessel length 20 feet; Minimum speed 5 knots.
- Sailing vessels must operate under power only.

REGISTRATION, BANNERS, NUMBERS AND FLAGS

Registration is currently taking place on ClubSpot provided in the DYC newsletter, the DYC website, and the CCF website. Flotilla and sequence number assignments and any additional registration will be available at the DYC clubhouse on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday August 26th, 27th and 28th 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Banners, numbers, flags and burgees will be assigned at the dates and times noted above.

BRIEFING

A briefing for all participating boat captains will be held at DYC clubhouse 9:30 a.m., 29 August. Safety, flotilla and sequence number assignments and assembly areas will be discussed at that briefing.

FORMATION

- Each vessel will be assigned to either Flotilla A or Flotilla B. Flotilla A will be led by the DYC Commodore on (Brittany's III) and Flotilla B will lead by the DYC Vice Commodore on (SeaCzar).

Each pleasure craft will receive a number to be displayed on the stern that will indicate the vessel's placement in the Flotilla. The Commodore and Vice Commodore will be responsible for leading their Flotillas to the Staging Point (SP) Cable Wharf/ Murphy's

- Flotillas will assemble in separate areas as assigned at the captains' meeting
- The speed for the actual Sailpast from the SP to HMCS Sackville is FOUR (4) Knots

Leading both Flotillas this year will be the CCGS Hare Bay (Sambro Stn) and also participating will be Halifax Fire and Rescue vessel Kjiptuk.

SOG.

- Vessels are to assemble at the designated Flotilla assembly points East of the Naval Dockyard by 10:30/10:45 hrs.
- Vessels are to follow the preceding boat, and pass HMCS Sackville, at 30 metres apart.
- Monitor the vessel behind and adjust speed downward slightly if it is not keeping up.
- To maintain the integrity of the formation all vessels should keep their relative positions and speed until south of Bishop's Landing, then disperse South of George's Island.
- Each Flotilla will depart from its assembly staging point in time to follow the preceding flotilla.
- Observe Controlled Access Zones around the Naval Dockyards and avoid the Halifax/Dartmouth Ferry route except to cross if it safe to do so.
- The Sail past route extends from the vicinity of Murphy's (Cable) Wharf past HMCS Sackville for the salute to veterans, then south of George's Island.

PROBLEMS

- If your vessel has trouble keeping up with the rest of the Flotilla, tell the Flotilla Leader on the assigned Frequency.
- If you have mechanical problems that affect your speed or ability to participate, you may be asked to drop out of the formation and signal the vessels behind to pass.

PROTOCOL

- When your vessel is directly astern of HMCS Sackville, the country flag should be dipped or gathered and the boat's horn sounded.
- Crews should salute the vets by standing to attention and removing their caps.
- Receiving the salute on behalf of the veterans on board the HMCS Sackville will be retired Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden

COMMUNICATIONS

- VHF radio communications should be kept to a minimum.
- All vessels are to monitor CH66A until south of Bishop's Landing.
- Backup communication will be by cell phone at 902 410-6669 (Sailpast Coordinator Tony Mountenay).

BANNERS, NUMBERS & FLAGS INSTRUCTIONS

- Your Convoy ship name banner should be attached to your rail on the starboard side and the country flag flown midships or on the stern. The convoy number is to be affixed to the stern so the following boat can see it. The Convoy Cup flag may be flown anywhere. Banners and flags must be displayed to be scored for a trophy.
- After the Sailpast, when each boat's banner, flag and number are returned, two tickets to a BBQ will be given to all participant boats. The BBQ will be held at DYC between 4 pm and 6 pm. Extra tickets will be available for sale at the club.

AWARDS

There will be a trophy and gift certificate for the *Best Dressed Vessel/Crew* and a trophy and gift certificate for the *Best Salute (flag dipped or gathered)*. Presentation will be at DYC barbeque (4-6 pm).

