Program

11:00	Open
11:45	Official Guests arrive on the Quarterdeck
12:30	Official Guests to board the official vessel Solomon Ophir
13:30	**SAIL PAST COMMENCES:** • Commodores Boat- Mahalo • followed by Juniors – J24 • followed by Power Boats – Silver Fox • followed by Sailing Boats under Power - Salacia • followed by Sailing Boats under Sail - Nerana
15:30	All Boats return to the Squadron
16:20	**SPEECHES AND PRESENTATION** • Welcome by the Commodore Owen Haskett • Speech by Commander Alex Ward AM Royal Australian Navy • Announcement of Opening Day prizes
16:40	**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**
16:45	Sailing Season officially declared open (canon fire)
16:50	**FOUNDATION RAFFLE DRAWN** -thanks to all our generous sponsors
17:00	Formalities conclude. Live music in the evening.
19:46	Lowering of all flags at sunset
20:00	Live music concludes
21:00	Bar close

This event is proudly supported by a City of PAE grant.

Opening Day

Celebrating Our Past – Embracing The Future



The Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2026

Commodore: Owen Haskett
Vice Commodore: Kevin Kelly

DRESS CODE

Opening Day is the premier social event in the Squadron calendar, and both members and guests are invited to dress with traditional nautical formality. Squadron Members are encouraged to wear the Number 1 Rig (navy blue jacket, white trousers/skirt, black tie or scarf and Squadron cap) though should not be deterred from attending or participating in the festivities of the day if they prefer not to wear this uniform. No Jeans, thongs or tank tops should be worn.
Doffing of hats to the Commodore is not required. It is advisable to be prepared for the weather on the day. Soft soled boat shoes are essential if you are intending to 'boat hop' during the afternoon.

ENTERTAINMENT ON QUARTERDECK

If you do not have a boat, you can enjoy the festivities on the Quarterdeck. No alcohol is permitted to leave vessels or the Marina.

PRIZES

There will be a prize awarded to the best themed boat, best handled Yacht under Sail, best handled Yacht under power & best handled power vessel.
You may like to dress your crew in all the same colour or an outfit that appropriately reflects the name of your vessel. Alternatively, you could all dress formally in No 1 Rig. Discerning creativity will be looked upon favourably. This will be judged by the Flag Officer's partners. The winner will be announced during the speeches on the Quarterdeck.

BAR & KITCHEN

Bar open from 11am till late.
Kitchen closed as catering on VIP vessel.

FLAG ETIQUETTE

Skippers are encouraged to dress their vessel with signal flags and nautical bunting.
Boats motoring in the sail past **may** retain their bunting and decorations during the sail past**, while those under sail should remove any bunting and decorations.**
All flags including bunting, should be lowered at sunset.

THE SALUTING FLAG SHIP

Dignitaries, The RAN Commander, and Commodore Owen Haskett, Squadron Flag Officers and guests will depart the Squadron at 12:30 aboard *Solomon Ophir*.

SALUTING PROCEDURE

The Royal Australian Navy Commander and the Commodore will take the salute from *Solomon Ophir,* when it is at anchor in the Port River as per the sail past diagram.
As you approach *Solomon Ophir,* please maintain a minimum separation of two boat lengths between vessels and maintain a clearance of at least 10 metres from *Solomon Ophir*.
When calling the salute, skippers are requested to name their vessel and call:

"<Vessel name> Three cheers for the Royal Australian Navy and the Commodore"

When passing *Solomon Ophir*, the Ensign should be 'dipped' and remain there until *Solomon Ophir* returns your salute by dipping her Ensign.

RADIO CONTACT

Please keep a listening watch on VHF 73 from 30 minutes before the commencement of the Sail Past. There may be amendments to the sailing instructions in the event of shipping movements or you may be directed to the back of the fleet in the event of congestion around the official vessel.

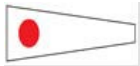
Radio communications will be made two minutes after two long horn sounds from *"Macro"*.

SAIL PAST PROCEDURE

- Please maintain a minimum of two boat lengths distance between vessels during the sail past.
- Vessels under power should maintain a speed of four knots through the water.
- Vessels should join the queue at the end.

SAIL PAST COURSE IDENTIFICATION

The Sail Past Course will be identified by Numeral Pennant 1 (North Course) or Numeral Pennant 2 (South Course), being flown from the club Signal Mast beside the quarterdeck.
Sound signal may be made when pennant raised.
Radio Calls from *"Macro"* will also be made.

Numeral Pennant 1 

Numeral Pennant 2 

SAIL PAST ORDER OF VESSELS:

- Led by – *Mahalo* - Commodore's Boat
- followed by Juniors
- followed by Power Boats (Led by *Silver Fox* - Robert Henshall)
- followed by Sailing Boats Under Power (Led by *Salacia* - Alan Down IPC)
- followed by Sailing Boats Under Sail (Led by *Nerana* – Chris Perry Club Champion)

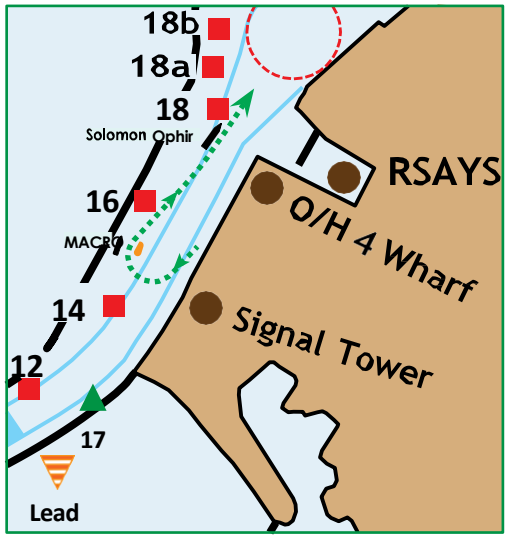


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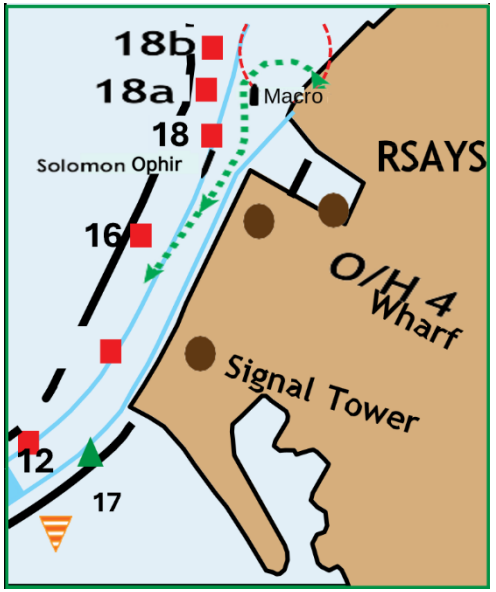
Defibrillators are placed

- on the Quarterdeck outside the Women's Toilet
- on the Northbank Toilet Block

SAIL PAST COURSES



COURSE 1 - NORTH WIND:
Pass between *"Macro"* and an orange inflatable buoy near No 16 red beacon, salute at *Solomon Ophir*, continue past No 18 red beacon.



COURSE 2 - SOUTH WIND:
Pass between *"Macro"* and No 18a red beacon, salute at *Solomon Ophir*, then continue past No 16 red beacon.