

SAILPAST

JUNE 28, 2026

WHAT IS SAILPAST?

Sailpast is one of Kelowna Yacht Club's most cherished traditions, marking the official opening of the boating season. Following the ceremony, vessels proceed to Okanagan Lake and pass the Commodore's flagship in a formal salute.



HISTORY OF SAILPAST

The tradition of Sailpast dates back more than 200 years to the world's oldest yacht club in Cork, Ireland. Originally known as the Commodore's Review of the Fleet, it remains a cherished yacht club tradition that honours the Commodore and marks the beginning of a new boating season.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Danny Foster, **Commodore**

Tod Alstad, **Vice Commodore**

Ryan Archambault, **Rear Commodore**

Michael Newcombe, **Past Commodore**

Cinzia Zotta, **Staff Captain**

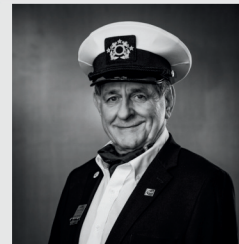
Mike Barker, **Fleet Captain**

John Ibbotson, **Director**

Eric Stansfield, **Director**

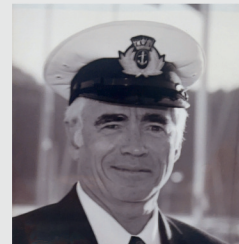
Eva Aylward, **Director**

Thom Killingsworth, **Executive Director**



PAST COMMODORE: MICHAEL NEWCOMBE

Following a long standing Sailpast tradition, Past Commodore Michael Newcombe serves as Master of Ceremonies for today's event.



PROTOCOL OFFICER: DOUG HARDHAM

Past Commodore Doug Hardham serves as the protocol officer and oversees the ceremonial traditions and protocols for the club.



COMMODORE: DANNY FOSTER

Danny Foster serves as our current Commodore, the highest elected position within the club. For Sailpast he will preside the Commodore's flagship.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Krystal Withakay, **Syilx Artist & Knowledge Keeper**

Kris Watt, **Piper**

Kelowna Cruises, **Commodore's Flagship**

Ken Hagen, **Photographer**

SAILPAST PROTOCOL

Following the ceremony, please proceed to your vessel and head to the designated muster station. Sailboats under power can remain with the sailing fleet. Boats can then line up (see Order of Sailpast) and proceed past the Commodore's flagship.

When your vessel comes abeam of the Commodore, please either dip your Canadian Flag or, for sailboats, gather in your jib (head sail).

To dip your flag, means to lower it by turning it forward from an upright position to 45° or horizontal.

The ship's captain offers a salute to the Commodore and all crew sit or stand at attention facing the Commodore until the Commodore acknowledges the salute.

SAILPAST FORMATION

Boats should remain a maximum of two (2) boat lengths apart. You will then pass about 30 feet from the Commodore's flagship at an approximate speed of five (5) knots with no wake.

IF YOU HAVE A VHF RADIO, PLEASE MONITOR CHANNEL 72.

POWER FLEET

SAIL FLEET

COMMODORE

WATERFRONT PARK

KELOWNA YACHT CLUB



ORDER OF SAILPAST

1. **SAIL FLEET** beginning with the Sail Fleet Captain's Boat, flying a red & blue flag.



2. **POWER FLEET** beginning with the Staff Captain's Boat, flying a yellow & blue flag.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30 - 9:30 AM
Breakfast in Member Lounge

9:30 AM
Flag Raising

9:35 AM
Board Procession & Ceremony in Grand Banquet Room

10:00 AM
Proceed onto the Water

10:30 AM
Sailpast Commences

