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## Cedar Island Yacht Club Protocol

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### SAIL PAST and BLESSING OF THE FLEET

#### Blessing of the Fleet - 2:00 PM

- Sailors gather at the flag pole.
- Social Director welcomes sailors.
- Social Director introduces Vice Commodore.
- Vice Commodore explains the plan for the day and sail past tradition.
- Vice Commodore introduces and welcomes the Commodore.
- Commodore makes a short speech which includes a welcome and a request to remember club members lost during the past year. He casts flowers into the water honouring members who have passed during the past year.
- Commodore hoists his burgee accompanied by one cannon salute.
- Social Director introduces the church representative.
- The church representative conducts the blessing.
- For each sailor present, if requested, each individual boat is blessed.
- Commodore proceeds to board vessel and anchor off the race mark closest to the channel entrance.

#### Sail Past

- Dress your vessel with all the flags you have earned or acquired over the years.
- Depart Harbour after the blessing and form up in the following order:  
Power Boats followed by over 30 footers Followed by 29 footers and below.
- On three signals from the Commodore pass by the stern of the Commodore's boat by fleet in single file as above.
- Fleet passes Commodore's boat on a starboard beam reach. Upon passing, the Commodore will salute each boat and the member shall return the salute by one of the following:
  - a. Dip jib
  - b. Luff Jib
  - c. Grasp ships flag and release.
- Return to harbour.

#### Social Gathering - 5:00 PM

Note: National flag and club burgee are hoisted before the ceremony.