



Oceanside Yacht Club

OPENING DAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 11th



The History

Opening Day began as a tradition with the East coast yacht clubs many years ago. It's the celebration after a long winter and boats (in the East) have been out of the water and the yacht clubs essentially "closing" for the winter months. When the ice has thawed and the boats go back in the water, Opening Day is a celebration of spring and the boating season. Of course we don't have ice melting here on our southern California coast, but all yacht clubs on the West coast still celebrate Opening Day and its long-standing tradition. It's always a special day for OYC and the opportunity to show off to other yacht clubs our wonderful membership and the joy we find in the camaraderie of each other!

Traditional Dress

The traditional dress that you see periodically of our yacht club officers with the blue blazer, white shirt and white on the bottom (slacks, shorts...or skirts for the ladies) applies to all members on this day...certainly not required, but all are welcome to dress in the traditional yachting attire for this special day! Be sure to wear your name tag and let others know how proud you are to be OYC members.

The Boat Parade

Get your burgee flying and join the parade on Opening Day! We encourage the decorating of your boat with the colorful signal flags, but it's not required to be in the parade. All boats, power or sail, gather in the outer basin before noon and whomever is designated as the "lead" boat will begin the parade just before noon with all boats falling in line behind (in no particular order). At least two counter-clockwise passes of the parade are made around the harbor.

The lead boat will "peel off" and dock at the end of I-dock with the remainder of the boats continuing for at least one more pass around the harbor. As each boat passes the docked lead boat, the protocol is to "dip" your burgee and salute the OYC Bridge, in particular the Commodore, present on the deck of the lead boat. The judges for the "Best Dressed Boat" contest are also on the deck of the lead boat judging the boats as they pass by.

Dressing Your Boat

Typically, the various flags on a vessel, in particular the American flag, are hoisted at sunrise and lowered at sunset. However, a directive is always given by the Commodore of OYC to allow a ship to remain dressed for the special occasion of Opening Day. There is a protocol that goes along with dressing your boat and the proper place to fly the OYC burgee. It is flown from the bow staff of mast less and single-masted motorboats and at the foremost masthead of vessels with two or more masts and the main masthead of ketches and yawls. The American flag has its proper place at the stern of the vessel. For additional details on properly dressing your boat, the best and probably easiest resource is the book Chapman Piloting: Seamanship & Boat Handling.

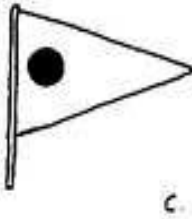
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and full of fun so be sure not to miss this special day at OYC!***



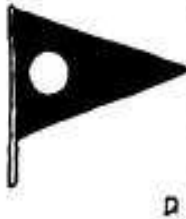
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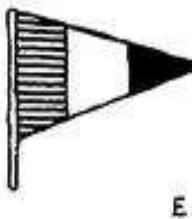
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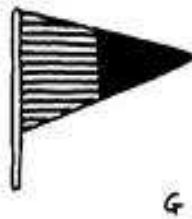
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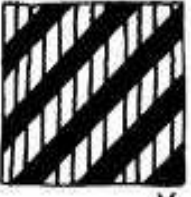
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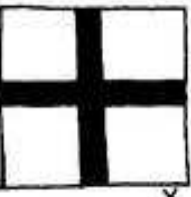
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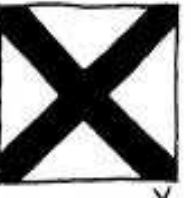
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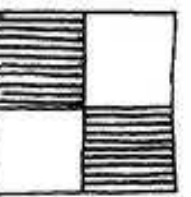
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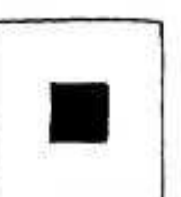
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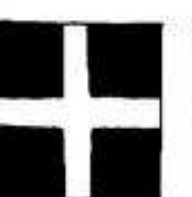
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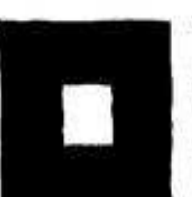
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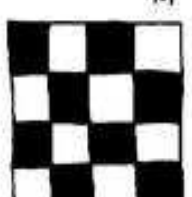
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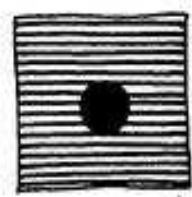
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Sunday, April 11th*

Schedule of Events

CLUB CLEAN UP DAYS

Saturday - April 3 & 10

Sign up sheets will be posted in the bar area at the club!

Or, contact Jr. Staff Commodore Terri Manok for further information on how you can help.

760-207-9489 or email tmanok@sbcglobal.net

BEST MAINTAINED BOAT CONTEST

Saturday - April 3

Sign up by contacting Evelyn in the OYC office.

There is no entry fee!

Note that the boat must not be professionally maintained to enter the contest.

Winners are announced at the Opening Day ceremonies!

Categories for Judging include...

- Best Maintained Power Boat & Best Maintained Sail Boat Over 30'
- Best Maintained Power Boat & Best Maintained Sail Boat Under 30'
- Best Vessel Overall

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Boat Parade / Best Dressed Boat Contest

Starts at Noon in the Outer Basin

Ceremony 1:00 pm

Reception Following