



# OPENING CRUISE 2013 – SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Royal Cape Yacht Club will once again be celebrating the sailing season by hosting the 2013 Opening Cruise celebrations on **Saturday 05 October 2013**.

The Opening Cruise is themed "**Traditional and Colourful**" – so a fun opportunity to dress your vessel overall and encourage your crews to 'strut their stuff'. As is the norm, there'll be prizes to be won and entertainment galore.

The format will be the same as last year, whereby the Salute will be received by the Commodore and our Guest of Honour, CEO NSRI Dr Cleeve Robertson, who will both take position aside of Bertie Reeds bust at the Clock Tower, V&A Waterfront cutting.

Serial	Description	Time
01	Invited VIP's Arrive at RCYC and are escorted to Visitors Lounge by GENCOM.	11h00 – 11h45
02	<u>Speeches Commence on Deck:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MC – Mr Ray Matthews</li> <li>Commodore – Mr Dale Kushner</li> <li>Guest of Honour - CEO NSRI, Dr Cleeve Robertson</li> </ul>	12h00 – 12h30
03	Blessing of the Fleet –Padre Bethka	12h30
04	Cannon Society of Cape Town Fire the Ceremonial 7-pounder Cannons (Official Season Start)	12h35
05	Crews to Prepare to Sail - Participants ready vessels	12h40 – 13h00
06	Vessels Depart RCYC ( <b>Monitor Ch 06</b> )	13h00
07	VIP's led to Ferry - (Southern Cross – fuelling jetty) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ferry will arrive at Robben Island Ferry jetty at 13h30</li> <li>VIP's disembark.</li> <li>Chavonnes Museum tour open to VIP's awaiting sail-past.</li> </ul>	13h00
08	<u>Vessels to muster within Granger Bay – North of Breakwater</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice Commodore Ray Matthews (<b>CABARAY</b>) to co-ordinate Fleet (Ch 06)- RM to request Fleet entry with Port Control.</li> <li>Vessels <b>line astern</b> of CABARAY, which will lead Fleet to V&amp;A Waterfront (as per SI's).</li> <li>Butt Cat (Water Sherriff) to assist co-ordination (Ch 06)</li> </ul>	14h00
09	<b>SAIL PAST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CABARAY</b> leads the Fleet through Clock Tower cutting (enter to stbd), turning within Alfred Basin, exiting to stbd - passing the salute on exit (podium at Berties Bust).</li> <li>All vessels fly Ensign (National Flag) at the stern</li> <li>Club Burgee to Fly on Stbd Spreader</li> <li>All vessels dip Burgee as the Salute and may also 'shout three cheers'.</li> <li>Chavonnes Gun Battery Salute (10 rounds).</li> </ul>	14h30
10	Free Sail – on completion vessels are free to break-off and sail at skippers leisure.	14h30 – 15h30
11	VIP's Return to RCYC for cocktails (optional at Visitors Lounge).	15h00
12	<b>Regatta Centre (Sports Bar) Opened for Participants, Crews and Guests</b>	<b>16h00</b>
13	<u>Prize Giving</u> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 1 <sup>st</sup> Best Dressed Boat and Crew	16h20
14	Opening of Bar, Start of Band, Food Served.	16h30
15	Live Rugby – SA vs NZ on Big Screens in Regatta Centre	17h00
16	Continue at your leisure thereafter.	

*We hope to see you there and we look forward in having a record Fleet out on the water.*

## Wet weather routine:

- **Speeches & Blessing in Main Hall 12h30.**
- **Blessing and firing of cannon on deck.**
- **All vessels depart for sail past at 13h00.**
- **Led straight to Saluting position 13h45.**
- **Regatta Centre opened to all at 15h00.**