Ladysmith Yacht Club
Ladysmith, British Columbia
49 00 17 N 123 48 57 W

Dear Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce
Attention: Roberta Bowman

We are inviting members of the Chamber of Commerce to consider attending our 2026 Ladysmith Yacht Club Sailpast event that will take place on May 9, starting at Transfer Beach. We ask that you respond to vicecommodore@ladysmithyc.bc.ca to confirm your attendence and help us plan for a successful day.

10:00 **Day begins at Transfer Beach with the Maritime Museum of BC's Salty Singers for entertainment, refreshments and information booths.
****Opening Ceremonies:****
11:00 a.m. - Bagpipes and O Canada:
Opening Comments and Introductions
Mayor, MP, MLA plan to say a few words.
The Sailpast tradition will be explained.
Captains and crews will be given final instructions and will be piped leaving the park.

****Park Activities:****
11:30 - 1:00: Maritime Museum of BC's Salty Singers, booths highlighting the Ladysmith Boating, Food Trucks, Face Painting, and free tickets for draws to be held after the Sailpast.

****Sailpast Flotilla:****
1:15: Vessels will parade out in the bay and pass the Commodore's Boat. This will conclude with all boats blowing their horns to signal the commencement of the boating season.

****Draws:****
1:45: Draws and closing comments will be made at Transfer Beach - Yacht Club members will be invited to Ladysmith Marina for the wind up.

****BBQ Burger Windup at Ladysmith Marina:****
2:30: Oak Bay Marine Group will host a BBQ burger and beer event at Ladysmith Marina. Music, closing remarks, and thank-yous will be made at this time.

You are cordially invited to join the Sailpast with your own vessel or aboard a participating vessel, powered or sail. Kindly indicate your preference. Alternatively, you may choose to observe the Sailpast from Transfer Beach, which provides a panoramic view of the reviewing vessels.

We kindly request that you respond to this invitation by March 30, 2025, to the address **vicecommodore@ladysmithyc.bc.ca**

Please indicate with your RSVP your attendance at the following events and if you have a partner coming with you.

Opening ceremony at Transfer Beach @11:00 AM ***Yes ___ No ___***

Do you plan to have your vessel particate in the Flotilla ***Yes ___ No ____***

Name of Vessel(s) ***Sail? ____*** ***Power? ____***

Do you wish to join on a vessel for the Boat Flotilla? ***Yes ___ No ___***

Closing Ceremony and BBQ at Ladysmith Marina @2:30. ***Yes ___ No____***

Number of People in your group at the Closing BBQ. _____

We anticipate that your schedule will allow you to join us for this enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

Russel Horswill
Vice Commodore
Ladysmith Yacht Club