

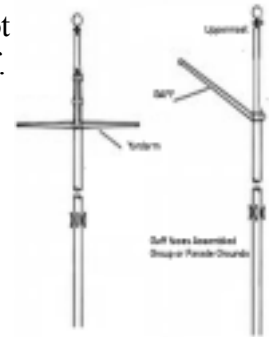
CBYCA YACHT CLUB TRADITIONS AND PROTOCOLS

Proper handling of the U.S. National Flag at Opening and Closing events should follow certain standards of dignity and respect for this magnificent badge of heritage. All too often the person assigned to the operations at the flag staff does not have satisfactory instruction on flag handling and allows the flag to touch the ground or hoist to slowing.

At least three persons should be assigned to the Flag Detail. Two people handle the unfolding and presentation while the third connects the rope clips and handles the lines. The flag should be raised briskly (not in rhythm with the national anthem) and lowered slowly and ceremoniously.

1. The MC Calls for the National Anthem and Flag Detail. The Anthem does not start until the Flag Detail is ready to hoist or the Flag it is lowered to half staff.
2. At this point begin the National Anthem and raise the Flag briskly to the top
3. Once the Flag is at the top and the line secured, the Flag Detail steps back and holds a salute till the end of the National Anthem

(Note) If the Flag is already raised for the day, Lower to half staff (about 1/3 down from top) and pick up at point 2 above presenting the National Anthem - raising the Flag briskly.



The U.S. National Flag is normally displayed on the tallest mast on the property. However, in Maritime tradition, the place of Honor is on the angular Gaff mast that represents the mast on the stern of a vessel. The Gaff mast should always be pointed at the Assembly of persons attending not the water. The Club flag or burgee should be flown on the tallest vertical portions of the Yard/Gaff mast.

When a mast is not available the Flag may be carried in on a pole and place on the left side (facing the stage) of the stage or podium.

More information on flags is available in the latest Roster Book or go on line WWW.CBYCA.ORG

