



RHODE ISLAND YACHT CLUB
Since 1875

Retiring of the Colors



As with all yacht clubs, much of what we do at the RIYC is steeped in years of military tradition. We at the Rhode Island Yacht Club are proud to continue the tradition of “Retiring of the Colors.”

Each night, at sundown, the Rhode Island Yacht Club “retires the colors,” which simply means our staff lowers the

American flag to be folded and stored each night until the next morning. It is a solemn activity for us to show honor and respect for the American flag.

Just prior to sundown, our bartender will announce over the speaker system when it is time to retire the colors. At that time, we kindly ask all individuals on club grounds (Members, staff, and guests) to stop their current activities, stand in silence, face the flagpole (if in the Commodore Room, please face the bar), and remove any head wear as the flag is lowered. Just before the flag is lowered, you will hear the Club’s cannon being fired.

Once the flag is lowered and secured, the bartender will announce “As you were,” which is your indication you may return to your activities.

We appreciate your participation in this solemn tradition.