

Protocol Matters

Captain Protocol, RC Joe Heller

The senior representative of the host club greets guests first. So you normally start with the Commodore and work down. The princess should be in the receiving line and should be right after the Commodore and 1st Lady or 1st Gentleman. The princess escort should not be in the line as her escort in the receiving line is the Commodore and 1st Lady/Gentleman on behalf of the Club. The receiving line should include all the Line Officers (C, V/C, R/C, F/C, S, T) and 1st Mates. The line may also include the IP/C, the Chaplain, and Sail or Power F/C, and other senior officers as the club sees fit. Board Members, Auxiliary Officers, Chairpersons, and junior officers such as Pier Captains are not normally included. If you are the Queen's home club, the Queen stands immediately after the club princess.