



SKIPPER SAFETY INFORMATION

- The first boat of the parade is the Harbor Patrol Boat (who will dictate the pace and progress of the parade) followed by the Official Lead Boat (featuring the “Frosty the Snowman” inflatable”). Please wait for them to get into position.
- Boat Parade will start at the North-East Corner of Lido. Participating boats should fall into line behind the Frosty the Snowman Lead Boat in an orderly fashion.
- Boats are to leave plenty of space between each other while merging into parade line. Please be courteous as placement in the parade is not important but safety is.
- Please allow a substantial amount of spacing between boats as you merge into the line. Be aware that vessels may cut in front of you.
- The Parade runs 5 nights beginning at 6:30 pm and finishing at 9:00 pm and covers the complete route. Please study the route and do not cut it short.
- Parade speed is 4.5 knots. Please try to close gaps. Be advised that sometimes the parade line gets bunched up and you will need to adjust accordingly. **DO NOT PASS ANOTHER VESSEL WHILE IN THE PARADE LINE.**
- Please watch out for spectator boats who may not be aware of these rules.
- Ensure there are sufficient life jackets for all onboard. Do not overcrowd your boat.
- Caution when transiting the ferry crossing; a marshal boat will be stopping the active parade for ferries to make their landings on Balboa Island and Balboa Peninsula each night during the parade. **BE ALERT! BE PREPARED TO STOP!**
- Turn Markers are white, lighted sailing markers (similar to Christmas Trees), approximately 2-3 meters high. Please do not take short cuts.
- Ferry Operators – Monitor Channel 6 VHF.
- Large Charter boats – Monitor Channel 16 and 17 VHF.
- PARADE CONTROL – CHANNEL 68 VHF LOW POWER.
- Make sure your vessel’s entry number is clear and visible each night for judging and safety. Numbers should be displayed... 1) Starboard side - toward the stern 2) Port side - toward the stern 3) On the stern (back of the vessel).

- **SAFE DESIGN AND DECORATION**
SAFETY IS VITAL, MORE IMPORTANT THAN AWARDS OR COMFORT.
 - Safe design, good visibility.
 - Consider your sight lines.
 - View through railings.
 - Decorations well secured.
 - Access around the boat is open.
- Ensure your decorations, lights, etc. do not interfere with safe operation by you and others on the harbor. Do not launch items from your craft, use pyrotechnics that could create smoke hazards, etc.
- Follow normal laws and regulations regarding boating practices.
- PCO MAY ASK UNSAFE VESSELS TO EXIT THE PARADE.
- PCO MAY DISQUALIFY ANY VESSEL AT ANY TIME.
- Bring your life jacket but leave the alcohol at home. The boating environment can magnify alcohol's side effects, such as impaired judgment, reduced balance and poor coordination. California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways reminds you "if it's your boat, it's your responsibility".
- Fireworks on Wednesday night at the start at approximately 6:15 pm from the Newport Pier. Drone Shows throughout all nights.
- The Parade runs in nearly all weather - exceptions – fog and high winds. If the Parade is cancelled for any given night, an announcement will be made on Channel 68 VHF by 6:30 pm.
- The Parade Marshal Boats can be hailed on Channel 69 VHF and by letter –ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, DELTA, ECHO, FOXTROT, and XRAY.
- If you need to leave the parade, turn your holiday lights off and exit decisively and safely from the Parade Route.
- Do you see a problem? Contact Parade Control on Channel 68 VHF or a Marshal boat on Channel 69. The PCO or Marshal can handle vessel problems, traffic jams, etc. Non-emergency situations, out of fuel, tangled prop, etc. call Sea Tow on Channel 16 VHF.

RESOURCES FOR BOATING SAFETY

The Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW)

https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29416

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A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PARADE FOR ALL INVOLVED.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND
HELPING MAKE THE PARADE SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS!**