

'It's Five O'Clock Somewhere'

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With the London Bridge Yacht Club Boat Parade of Lights fast approaching, local Jimmy Buffet enthusiasts are working diligently to pull together their parade dream theme — "Christmas in Paradise."

About a dozen members of the Lake Havasu Parrott Head Club met in the garage of a Havasu residence Tuesday evening to begin piecing together their rendition of a holiday-themed paradise. The paradise includes a mix of large sheets of Styrofoam cut to size with an electric serrated turkey-carving knife, bright-colored paint, a few silly costumes, six spotlights, themed-furniture, and at least 20 boxes of colored light strings.

The mix will be topped with a windmill-type parrot perched atop the group's 26-foot decorated pontoon boat for the big show.

The Boat Parade of Lights is Dec. 2 and 3 in Bridgewater Channel. Applications to register a float are available on the club's website. The registration fee is \$25 and includes Sunday Brunch for two Dec. 4. Please make payable to London Bridge Yacht club. The registration deadline is Nov. 25, which is the last Friday in November.

Last year, 34 boats participated in the event. LBYC harbors hope of registering 40 boats. So far, 25 boats have signed up this year.

Steve Greeley has been selected as Grand Marshal for this year's parade because of his local



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Members of the Lake Havasu Parrot Head Club work Tuesday to ready a parade float for the annual London Bridge Yacht Club's Boat Parade of Lights scheduled Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 in Bridgewater Channel.

involvement with higher education and development with Arizona State University in Havasu, organizers said.

The panel of judges includes Lake Havasu City

Councilman Sonny Borelli; Regan Ross, owner of Schlotzsky's; Steve Van Ella, owner of Red Onion; and Nello Ruscitti, of Havasu Foundation for Higher Education.

Prizes include Best of Show (\$300), Grand Marshal (\$200), Best use of theme and color (\$100), Best Business (\$100), Best Family or Individual

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(\$100), and Best Group or Organization (\$100).

The local Parrot Head club consists of about 80 members. About six will ride on the float during Boat Parade of Lights. This is the group's second year participating in the parade. Last year, the decision to participate was one of the first orders of business after the group's inception. They are a nonprofit organization and any proceeds benefit local charities. For more information about the Parrot Heads, visit www.lhphc.com.

For more information about Boat Parade of Lights, contact Christine Lowe at 928-530-6226 or visit the event's website www.lhboatparadeoflights.com.

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