

Boat parade to be held Friday, Saturday

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The Boat Parade of Lights will sail come drizzle or wind Friday and Saturday.

"It's going to go on no matter what," said Christine Lowe, the parade chair person. "Just bundle up, be prepared, keep warm and have fun."

Thirty decorated entries will start at the south end of the Bridgewater Channel at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The lead boat is the Dreamcatcher, which normally shuttles patrons to and from Lake Havasu City and the Havasu Landing Resort and Casino in Havasu Lake, Calif.

The boats are expected to float the entire route, which will start near Rotary Park and head up

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the Channel and past Windsor Beach. The boats will then circle out onto the Lake and re-enter the Channel; the parade will end near the Nautical Beachfront Resort.

Lowe said if there is severe weather, the parade route will be shortened and will circle under the London Bridge. She said that happened once in her memory.

AccuWeather.com meteorologists said Monday that temperatures should reach into the 50s Friday evening with a "slight chance for a sprinkle" and wind gusts could reach between 15 to 20 mph. Saturday is expected to be in the 60s with winds between 10 to 20 mph.

Today's News-Herald will print an updated weather report in Friday's edition.

The theme this year is "Christmas in Paradise." The emcee will be stationed near the London Bridge Resort.

"I'm excited about the theme to see what people have done with that," Lowe said.

The London Bridge Yacht Club hosts the 29th annual free event.

For more information, go to: www.lhcboatparade-oflights.com.

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