

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS PARTICIPANTS



The Boat Parade of Lights is normally scheduled for the first Friday and Saturday in December
The actual dates and parade theme will be announced on the LBYC website: lhboatparadeoflights.com

THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL PARADE MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL ENTRANTS PRIOR TO THE EVENTS.

The Lake Havasu Marina will provide launch ramp facilities and will make a limited number of slips available for Boat Parade of Lights participants. An area may also be provided for assembly of boat displays if needed. Priority for boat slips will be given to entries that participate on both Friday and Saturday nights. All arrangements for launch ramp and boat slip use as well as assembly areas must be made through the Parade Committee Chairman listed below.

Friday and Saturday Nights. The Boat Parade of Lights is a recurring event and participants can expect a very large turnout of spectators and media representatives. A mandatory Skipper's Meeting will be held at the Lake Havasu Marina at 5:00 PM both days of the parade. Failure to attend the Skippers meeting on days you participate will cost you points in the Parade Judging process. You must check in at the skippers meeting. Representatives will be there at 4:30 PM to start the process. All entrants will be required to be in Thompson Bay no later than 6:00 PM and check in with the **Parade Commander (PARCOM)** via marine VHF radio using **VHF channel 20.** All parade communications will be on channel 20. The parade lineup will form within Thompson Bay, between the no-wake buoy line and a point just south of the Lake Havasu Marina. The boat parade will proceed through the channel where initial judging (Saturday night only) will take place, then out onto the lake, making a large circle before reentering the channel. The parade will then exit the south end of the channel, following the Rotary Park shoreline to a point near the no-wake buoy line where it will turn and proceed to the island, then turn northward past the Nautical Inn and proceed in the direction of the Marina, where the Parade will conclude. Refer to the official parade map for a diagram of the parade route. DO NOT DEVIATE FROM THE PARADE ROUTE; IT WILL COST YOU POINTS IN THE JUDGING PROCESS AND DISAPPOINT SPECTATORS.

The Parade Committee will arrange for a video to be made of the parade. Participants will be advised on procedures for purchase of the parade video.

All skippers must comply with the following requirements on Friday and Saturday:

- 1) Each boat **MUST be equipped** to conform to the following Parade requirements, based on minimum US Coast Guard regulations: For boats 16 to 25 feet in length: A) One Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V (V must be worn) PFD for each person on board plus one Type IV throwable cushion. Children under the age of 13 must wear a Coast Guard approved PFD unless in an enclosed cabin. B) At least one approved Class B-1 fire extinguisher. Additionally, boats in the 26 to 39 foot range must carry an additional Class B-1 fire extinguisher or a Class B-2 fire extinguisher. C) A whistle or other sound signaling device. D) Visual distress signals suitable for nighttime use. E) All ventilation and navigation lights must be in working order and comply with Coast Guard regulations. Additionally, each boat must carry an anchor with minimum of 50 feet of attached anchor line and a flashlight with extra batteries.
- 2) Each boat **must have a marine VHF radio**, capable of sending and receiving on the standard marine channels. This capability is extremely important to the successful staging and conduct of the parade. Skippers who cannot meet this requirement must notify the Parade Committee Chairman when registering for the parade. The Parade Committee Chairman will make arrangements for individual skippers to lease a VHF radio from the Yacht Club with a \$20 deposit.
- 3) Each parade entry **must have a generator of appropriate capacity and sufficient fuel** to light their display for the duration of the parade. Since most parade entries will depend on portable generators to light their display, early reservations are strongly recommended if you plan to rent a generator.

Saturday. Participation Plaques will be presented to all participants at the Saturday night Skipper's Meeting. Immediately following the Saturday night parade, the Yacht Club will provide chili and corn bread for participating skippers and their crew. Chili will be served by the Yacht Club's *Knottie Girls* organization in the marina's Western parking lot (back part of the marina), near the ramp leading to Pier "P". All participants are welcome! Bring your own beverages.

Sunday. A Brunch and Awards Ceremony will be held to draw for prizes among those entries who participated on both Friday and Saturday night and to present the Judges Awards for the Saturday night Boat Parade of Lights. Brunch will be complimentary for each entry's Skipper and one additional crew member. Additional Brunch tickets may be purchased the weekend of the parade, or will be available the week prior to the Parade by advance sales.

Inclement Weather: Should weather conditions force changes to the parade time or route, PARCOM will notify all participants by VHF radio. For reasons of safety, all participants will be requested to confirm receipt of any revised instructions. You may depend on PARCOM to control the event; communicate with them if you have questions or concerns and follow their instructions. There are contingency plans for weather problems and we will advertise them to inform the public and discuss them with Skippers should the need arise.

Disabled Vessels: If your boat breaks down during the parade or is not able to continue in the parade for any reason, pull to the nearest shoreline and contact PARCOM on VHF channel 20. If in open water, drop your anchor. Remain beached or anchored until after the parade and Vessel Assist will be dispatched to assist you. If you are able to correct your problem without assistance, DO NOT re-enter the parade without PARCOM consent.

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