



Tampa Riverwalk Holiday Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Captain's Instructions

Entry Numbers

- Display and illuminate your entry number so it is visible from the **starboard** side.
- Boats will line up at the southern tip of Harbour Island and to the south.
- Small boats are numbers 1-100, and big boats are numbers 101-130.
- Boat numbers not issued at the Captain's Party will be available at the Yacht StarShip ticket booth located at 603 Channelside Drive until 4:00 PM on parade day.
- After that, boat numbers can be picked up on the water from the lead boat, Latitude Lindsey II, near the Harbour Island lighthouse during lineup.

Start Times & Parade Route

- The small boat (12' or less air draft) parade route starts at 6:30 PM at the lighthouse southern tip of Harbour Island.
- Large boats (sailboats/higher than 12' or more air draft) will start at the lighthouse in Seddon Channel at 7:30 PM or at the end of the small boats.
- No bridges will be opening.
- The Armature Works turn around location will have a law enforcement boat with lights flashing.
- There will also be a law enforcement boat with lights flashing at the final turn at the American Victory Ship.

Viewing Schedule

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| • START - Harbor Island Lighthouse | 6:30 PM |
| • Tampa Convention Center | 6:45 PM |
| • Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park | 7:00 PM |
| • Water Works Park & Armature Works | 7:15 PM |
| • Tampa Convention Center | 7:30 PM |
| • Davis Islands & Channel Drive | 7:45 PM |
| • END - Sparkman Wharf | 8:00 PM |

Prizes

- Judges from Big Brother Big Sisters will be located at Sparkman Wharf to determine the best-decorated boats for trophies.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place trophies will be published the night of the parade on our website www.thetampariverwalk.com as well as our Facebook page www.facebook.com/tampariverwalk.
- Contact Casey Young at (813-738-1490 or cyoung@thetampariverwalk.com) to arrange for trophy pick up.

Rules for Trophies & Prizes

- All boats must be registered and display their entry number to be eligible to win.
- Post the entry number on the starboard side of the vessel.
- Parade marshals are located along the route and must be able to see your boat number.
- The judges are located at Sparkman Wharf so get as close as possible so they can see your number. Make sure your number is clearly visible and well lit.
- The parade will pass between Holiday Island and the Pirate Water Taxi dock.
- Please stay clear of the Holiday Island anchor lines.
- Parade marshals will be stationed at the Convention Center, North River Turn (Armature Works/small boats only), Davis Island (south end Channel Drive) and the American Victory Ship, to ensure all participants complete the entire parade.
- To be eligible for a trophy, you must complete the entire parade route.

Safety Instructions

- The parade will proceed at approximately 4 – 5 mph.
- Keep gaps to a minimum, but also keep a safe distance.
- **Do not allow gaps to form between boats, please pass slower moving boats (eBoats and pedal boats), we will be maintaining a speed of 4-5 mph. Gaps ruin the parade for spectators, as spectators think the parade is over and leave.**
- Stay out of the way of any commercial traffic, do not zig-zag, and keep a steady course and speed.
- Obey all safety and navigational rules on the water.
- Hillsborough County Sheriff and Tampa Police Marine Units will be on site for the parade.
- The parade may hold up for commercial traffic, be alert.
- Sailboats and vessels (12' air draft or more) that cannot go up the river, will start at the south end of Seddon Channel at approximately 7:15 PM, or after the small boats.

Contact Information Night of Parade

- TJ Couch **VHF-67** or **(813) 360-1101** aboard Boat #1 - Lead Boat, Latitude Lindsey II, 45' Crosby Tug Passenger Vessel
- Also, will be monitoring Channel VHF-16.
- MaryBeth Williams, (813) 221-1539, land-based contact located at Sparkman Wharf
- Casey Young, (813) 738-1490, land-based contact located at Sparkman Wharf