

# Captain's Instructions July 4 Boat Parade

### **Boat Entry Numbers**

- Display your boat entry number so it is visible from the **starboard** side of the vessel.
- Boats will line up in number order, where practical.
- Small boats 1-50, large boats 51-100.
- Boat numbers not issued at the Captain's Party will be available at the Yacht StarShip ticket Booth located at 603 Channelside Drive beginning June 30th through the day of the parade. The ticket booth is open daily from 9am – 5:30pm.
- If you don not have your boat number by the start of the parade, you can pull alongside Latitude Lindsey II in the marshalling area prior to the start of the parade and pick up your number.

#### Start Times

- The small boat (12' or less air draft) parade route starts at 6:00 PM at the lighthouse southern tip of Harbour Island.
- Sailboats and vessels (12' air draft or more) that cannot go up the river, will start at the lighthouse in Seddon Channel at 6:30 PM or at the end of the small boats.
- No bridges will be opening.
- Brochure with route and times on page 3.

#### **Rules for Prizes**

- All boats must be registered and check in at all four poker run locations to be eligible to win raffle prizes.
- Look for the 5'x7' banners hanging on the railings at the below locations. Scan the QR code on the banners to check in.

- Convention Center Docks (big & small boats)
- Armature Works Docks (small boats only)
- Marjorie Park Docks (big & small boats)
- Sparkman Wharf (big & small boats)
- Judges from Big Brothers Big Sisters Tampa Bay will be located at Sparkman Wharf.
- One trophy will be awarded by the judges for the most patriotic boat. The winner will be published the night of the parade on our website <u>www.thetampariverwalk.com</u> as well as our Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/thetampariverwalk</u>.
- Contact Mary Beth Williams at <u>mwilliams@thetampariverwalk.com</u> or 813-221-1539 to arrange for pick up.

## Safety Instructions

- Stay in order where practical, parade will proceed at approximately 4 5 mph.
- Do not allow gaps to form between boats, please pass slower moving boats not in the parade. This includes the pedal pub and eBoats.
- Keep gaps to a minimum, but also keep a safe distance.
- Stay out of the way of any commercial traffic, do not zig zag, 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.
- Parade may hold up for commercial traffic, be alert.
- The Blessing of the Fleet station is located at the end of the parade at Sparkman Wharf. Do not stop at the blessing station – simply pass through.
- The Ybor Basin MUST be cleared by 8:30 PM so that fireworks barges can be transported.

## **Contact Information Night of Parade**

- Sea contact, Troy Manthey, VHF–8 or Cell (813) 477-2359 aboard Boat #1, Lead Boat Latitude Lindsey II (Pirate Water Taxi)
- We will also be monitoring Channel VHF 16.
- Land contact, MaryBeth Williams, 727-234-3858, located at Sparkman's Wharf judges table.



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