



July 4th Boat Parade & Blessing of the Fleet

Captain's Safety Instructions

Boat Numbers

- Display your boat entry number so it is visible from the **starboard** side of the vessel.
- We are NOT lining up in number order.
- Small boats (can fit under the bridges) will lead the parade, large boats (can't fit under bridges) will be at the end of the parade.
- 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 27th through the day of the parade. The ticket booth is open daily from 9 am – 5:30pm.
- If you do not pick your boat number up prior to the day of the parade, you can pull up along the lead boat, Latitude Lindsey II, and pick up your number.

Start Times

- Report to the southern tip of Harbour Island at 5:45 PM and begin lining up.
- The small boat (12' or less air draft) parade route starts at 6:00 PM at the lighthouse southern tip of Harbour Island.
- Large boats 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.

Safety Instructions

- Stay single file 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 PM so that fireworks barges can be transported.**

Rules for Prizes

- All boats must pay the \$50 registration fee and check in at all four poker run GPS hotpots to be eligible to win raffle prizes.
- You must download the Mobile Adventures app and enter the game code that is emailed/texted to you on game day. The range for the GPS hotspots are 30 meters and are at the following locations:
 - Tampa Convention Center Docks (big & small boats)
 - Armature Works Docks (small boats only)
 - Marjorie Park Docks (big & small boats)
 - Citgo Tampa Terminal (large boats only)
 - Sparkman Wharf (big & small boats)
- Judges from the Girls and Boys Club will be located at Sparkman Wharf.
- One trophy and a Visit Tampa Bay Gift Basket will be awarded by the judges for the most patriotic boat. The winner will be published the night of the parade on our website www.thetampariverwalk.com as well as our Facebook page www.facebook.com/thetampariverwalk.
- Contact Mary Beth Williams at mwilliams@thetampariverwalk.com or 813-221-1539 to arrange for trophy and prize pick up.

Contact Information Night of Parade

- Sea contact, TJ Couch, **VHF-8** or Cell **(813) 360-1101** aboard Boat #1, Lead Boat, Latitude Lindsey II
- We will also be monitoring Channel VHF 16.
- Land contact, MaryBeth Williams, 727-234-3858, located at Sparkman's Wharf judges table.