

# Naples Holiday Boat Parade

## *Large Boat Parade*

Start Time 6:00 PM

### General Instructions

**Entry Number Sign:** Post your entry number sign amidships on your starboard side (the right side), lighted if possible. Your entry number is the only way the judges will identify your boat.

### Safety Requirements

**Fire Extinguisher:** All boats with motors are required to have adequate fire extinguishers.

**Life Preservers:** There must be at least one Coast Guard approved life preserver on board for each person on your boat. Children 12 and under must be wearing their life preserver at all times.

**Towlines:** A towline is required. The towline must be at least 1.5 times the length of your boat or 15 feet, whichever is longer. The line must be adequate to tow your vessel in the event it becomes necessary to do so. The towline must be securely fastened to the bow of your boat prior to leaving the dock.

**Flashlight:** a Strong flashlight is required.

**Drinking and Trash:** Drinking and driving a boat not only carries severe legal consequences but endangers your life and the well being of those around you. We as the parade organization risk the loss of our insurance carrier and support of City officials. The continuance of the Parade relies on every person conducting themselves in a "Tidy" and "Orderly" fashion. **"No Alcohol is permitted at our Event" and "Please pick up your Trash"**

**Please do not throw Candy:** "Throwing candy is a misdemeanor" and "The police have been instructed to issue citations to offenders"

### Suggestions

**Name Signs:** Signs displaying the name of your entry are highly recommended. Letters should be 6-8 inches high and affixed amidships on both sides. If only one sign is used place it on the starboard side.

**Generators:** For electric power, a generator is hard to beat. If you have a generator you need to have a fire extinguisher. Handy Nabor Rents at 1733 E. Anaheim Street has generators for rent.

**Music:** a PA system is essential if sound is important to your boat. Please be reasonable, other boats need to be heard as well.

**Costumes:** Theme costumes can add a great deal to the quality of your entry.

**Boat Maintenance and Fuel:** Service your vessel on a day prior to the Parade. You will need up to three hours of fuel. Running out of gas is not an option. A broken down boat is not only humiliating but an inconvenience for friends, family and other members of the Parade.

**Engine Failure:** Move out of the Parade route and secure your vessel. You must quickly get your boat to the side and out of the way of the Parade. You must stay with your boat or run the risk of impound. At the end of the Parade you may seek assistance from harbor personal.

**Any Emergency:** Use your flashlight or spotlight to signal the nearest Harbor Patrol or Harbor Police vessel. Please only request assistance when truly needed, so as to leave our Officers available to help someone who may truly have an emergency.

## Parade Instructions

**Grand Prize:** Bigger is Better! The “Best Over-all Category” winner will receive a Pasta Feast for 8 at “*McKenna’s on the Bay*”, Plus use of the “McKenna’s Duffy” for your party! Winner will have their Name and Boat Name permanently engraved on the “McKenna’s Cup – Big Boat Winner” Trophy, which will be prominently on display, year round in the lounge at “McKenna’s on the Bay”. Music, Costumes, Theme and Decorations all earn points towards the Grand Prize.

**Assembly:** The big boat entries will assemble West to East, heading West along Lido Lane. Lead boat at the end of Naples Plaza Park and assembling eastward toward the fuel dock.

**Start Time:** Start Time is 6:00 PM. Please be in the staging area early. Start out slow and easy. The start tends to act like heavy traffic on a freeway, surges cause stop and go traffic. Start slowly if you need to catch up, do it slowly. Keep a couple of boat lengths between you and the boat in front of you. Late entries falling in at the rear of the Parade will be judged.

**Beginning:** Participants will line up along Lido Lane. Caution: Do not get too close to the docks and leave your boat plenty of space to maneuver. Do not be concerned with position, if possible try to stay in numerical order, otherwise just find a place behind the lead boat.

**Parade Route:** Begin at the Naples Plaza Park and head west along Vis del Golfo, bare right and continue along Corso di Napoli toward Belmont Shore. At the end of Treasure Island bare right again, along the houses on the Naples side of the channel, continue towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street bridge. Turn-around 180 degrees before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street bridge and follow the swim buoys along Bayshore drive and the Peninsula. Pass the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and proceed East down the main channel towards Seal Beach, again turn around 180 degrees in front of Koury’s restaurant. Continue West along the restaurants, staying on the right side of the channel, bare right past the Marine Bureau, along Basins 1,2,3, staying seaward of the diversionary seawall between Basins 2 and 3. Continue up the channel toward the Davies Bridge, make a 180 degree turn prior to the bridge, around the channel marker in front of the Sea Scouts Base, return along Basin 4, past the Long Beach Yacht Club, around the corner and finish at the end of Appian Way.

**Caution:** Small boats and Kayaks will be in the channel the same time you will be. Small boats will probably bunch-up in front of the entrance to the Naples Canals. Keep a look-out when passing this area. The small boat division will be traveling in the opposite direction as the Large Boats. Small Boats are instructed to travel closest to the seawalls and Large Boats are instructed to travel seaward of them, closer to mid-channel. **“An accident-free Parade is a Successful Parade”**

**Judging:** Boats will be judged on Theme, Lights, Music, Costumes, Originality and Best Over-All boat. *Large boat Judges will be on an Alamitos Bay Landing dock in front of "McKenna's Restaurant.* An early arrival will ensure Judges more time to view your expression of the Holidays.

**End:** Upon completing the Parade, please be courteous to those boats behind you who may still be participating in the Parade.