



2017



North Beach Boat Parade

GUIDELINES & INFO

MANDATORY CAPTAINS MEETING: DEC 13th, 7PM, Stillwater Park

PARADE: Saturday Dec 16th, Start time: 7:00pm

Parade Staging begins at 6:00pm- Boats may anchor in the far NE end of Stillwater to make last minute preparations. Sandy bottom will provide good anchorage.

BOAT REQUIREMENTS: Boats must be over 15ft in LENGTH, have a Maximum draft of 5ft.**If you have a Mast higher than 25ft - please contact the Parade coordinator so we can discuss details of how to accommodate your vessel.

THE FUN STUFF

DECORATIONS:

- a) See decorating tips on our website. A theme or color pattern looks best. LED lights and Battery lights are the safest. Don't wait until the last minute to decorate!
- b) MUSIC- Play it!!! Air Horns & Bells are great too!
- c) COSTUMES- why not? You are in a PARADE after all!
- d) for detailed decorating tips please visit our website <http://www.northbeachboatparade.com/decorating-tips2.html>

From the Parade Committee:

Captains please be prudent and maintain the safety of your vessel and your guests at all times. Keep in mind that children *will* require extra blankets or hot chocolate on cold nights. Homes along the Parade route will absolutely appreciate our festive celebration but will not tolerate disrespectful behavior. Remember this is a family event. Captains! Keep your crew happy and in check! If you are driving, save your drink for the after party.

THE SAFETY STUFF

COMMUNICATION: All vessels must have a working VHF radio on board. Communications will be primarily sent via **Channel 19** on the VHF. We will also use text as a back up communication.

Arrival to Parade Staging Area: Navigational Charts are not 100% accurate for the bay where we start. There is 8ft depth on either side of the bay as long as you travel close to the homes. It is critical that you travel next to the homes or you **will** hit the sandbar regardless of tide.

*We will go over this in detail at the Captains meeting.

PARADE ORDER:

- a) We will have a Designated Lead Boat (who will also set the pace and direct the route of the parade) and a Designated Final Boat.
- b) All other boats will file in when called out by the Parade Coordinator. **Please monitor VHF CH 19 for Parade start instructions.** Fire, Police and USCG AUX will join in between Parade boats.

PARADE ROUTE:

Parade Route: The Parade Route will follow the map below. Vessels must travel IDLE SPEED/ NO WAKE following the channel adjacent to the homes. The route from Beginning to End will take approximately 2 - 2 1/2 hours.

SAFE Distance: Vessels MUST travel with a **minimum 5-boat length between boats** allowing for ample stopping time.

In case of Traffic Jam or back up: Vessels must turn to Starboard (away from the island) and maintain position in neutral until the flow of boats begins again. NOTE: due to various sandbars- it is important to maintain your position within the navigable channel next to the island. Vessels may continue the parade route once the minimum distance between boats is achieved.

Corners: Do not cut corners. Make sure to follow the Parade leader into each basin to make sure we maximize viewing for all spectators along the route.

SPECTATOR FINALE: There will be a large spectator area at Brittany Bay Park. Do NOT cut this corner or skip this portion of the route. This is the best spectator area and we want them to enjoy the Parade!

BOATER FINALE: After making the final turn at the 64St Bridge, Boats will return to the bay West of Fire Station #4. Civilian boats will create a semi circle UPWIND of the Fire Boats to view the Water Canon Finale.

RETURN: Boats returning home after the Parade should navigate with caution at slow speeds. Remember that your visibility will be impaired due the lights on your boat. Travel within the channel or in the channels next to the homes. Take care to avoid the sandbar off Biscayne Point.

OBSTACLES/ HAZARDS:

- a) There are 3 sandbars on the Starboard side of the parade route. Please review your charts and be aware of the navigational hazards along the route. It is your ultimate responsibility to maintain the safety of your vessel, crew and guests. (It will be HIGH TIDE during the Parade.)
- b) There are various Mooring Balls on the NE and SE ends of Stillwater that should be avoided. There are also various NO WAKE signs along the route that should be avoided.
- c) There is always a risk of Floating Debris and Crab pots. Please be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- d) **Please travel the Parade Route during day light hours *prior* to the Parade date to familiarize yourself with the area**

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

Please review your safety equipment prior to Parade day including, but limited to:

- a) USCG Safety Equipment
 - i. Lifejackets for EVERYONE on the boat- please show your guests where the life jackets are located in case of emergency
 - ii. Flares/ Air Horn/ Fire Extinguisher
- b) Navigation lights: pre-check your bow and stern lights
- c) Spot Light- when traveling at night it is advisable to have a spotlight on board in case of Floating debris. Please do not shine a spotlight towards other boats. This should only be used to identify debris in the water or upcoming markers.
- d) YOUR Anchor is considered safety equipment. do not obstruct access to the anchor locker, (or engine room) with your decorations.

SAFETY VESSELS:

We will have dedicated Safety vessel(s) with us along the Parade Route to ensure the safety and well being of all participants. Should you encounter an emergency, Police and USCG AUX will be monitoring **VHF CH 19** and will be ready to assist.

WEATHER: Weather updates will be discussed at the Captains meeting. If inclement weather approaches on the day of the Parade:

- a) HEAVY RAINS will cause a Parade Delay. Participants will be notified via text of the updated start time.
- b) HEAVY WINDS may present if we expect a cold front. Winds will typically come from the NE in this case. All boats and participants should be prepared with warm jackets or rain gear as necessary.
- c) CANCELLATIONS: If the weather poses navigational hazards due to limited visibility or reduced ability to navigate, the Parade will be cancelled. All vessel owners will be notified via text if there are any changes in Parade Route, start time, or unfortunate cancellation.

Questions or comments should be sent to Parade Coordinator: Carolina Jones 305.772.3330





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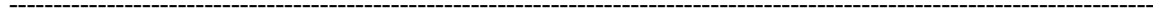


ENTRY APPLICATION

Please fill out this form completely and deliver it with the signed waiver to a Parade representative.

Cash or checks made out to SDNA or Stillwater Drive Neighborhood Association accepted.

Please check that you do have Insurance on your vessel (we do not need a copy of the actual insurance policy)



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Owner/ Name _____

Vessel Name _____

Type of Boat _____ Length _____

Cell number for text communication _____

Checklist

\$30 Payment

Proof of Insurance

Signed Waiver

All fees are non-refundable and are used to pay for Parade Safety and promotion.

Sign and return Pages 4-6 Only



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AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

The undersigned, his or her heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns (collectively, "undersigned") hereby agree to participate as a vessel owner in the December 16th, 2017 North Beach Boat Parade ("Parade") at their own risk and understands that Stillwater Drive Neighborhood Association Inc. ("SDNA") shall not be liable for any Risk, occurrence, action or omission, whether active or passive, in connection with the Parade and/or any activities related thereto, occurring in proximity to or in connection with the Parade, including any and all activities in preparation for or in any way related to the Parade and Parade Activities, including, but not limited to, any and all occurrences which may result from SDNA's negligence, or the actions or inactions of any other person or entity, including any person or entity under the control, supervision, or authorization of SDNA, before, during, after or en route to or from the Parade.

Undersigned hereby agrees that it shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SDNA, its principals, officers, partners, directors, members, shareholders, sponsors, vendors, supporters, employees, agents, representatives, predecessors, successors, subsidiaries, affiliates, vessel(s) (*in rem*), volunteers, guests, assigns, local, state and federal government agencies, and any person, firm, entity, corporation or other third party in connection therewith from any and all liability, for any loss of any kind or nature, claims, suits, actions, damage, trespass, injury of any kind or nature and death, and/or all liability or expense including attorneys fees and costs arising from any Risk, claim, demand, cause of action or lawsuit whatsoever, made by any person or entity, including, but not limited to, the Undersigned, and/or any participant, guest, entrant, their companion, minors, assigns, vessel(s) (*in rem*), heirs, administrators, crew, guest, volunteer, vessel owner or equipment owner, as a result of any act or omission by the Undersigned, or any person on the vessel of the undersigned, or through any contact by the vessel with any person or thing in any way in connection with or resulting from the Parade, the activities related to or occurring around the Parade, and all activities in any way related to the Parade, specifically including those resulting from such person's or entity's own negligence.

As a vessel owner and/or boat volunteer and in consideration of being allowed to participate in the 2017 North Beach Boat Parade, I hereby:

1. Acknowledge that risks of participating in the 2017 North Beach Boat Parade may include, but are not to be limited to the following:

- Changing water flow, tides, currents, wave action and ships' wakes,
- Collisions and/or allisions with any of the following: other participants, watercraft, and/or manmade or natural objects,
- Wind, inclement weather, lightening, variances and extremes of wind, weather, and temperature,
- Diminished or altered sense of balance, physical coordination, ability to operate equipment, swim and/or follow directions,
- Collision, allision, capsizing, sinking or other hazard which results in wetness, injury, exposure to the elements, hypothermia, and/or drowning,

- The presence of insects and marine life forms,
- Vessel and/or equipment failure or operator error,
- Heat or sun, lightning or other acts of God related injuries or illnesses, including, without limitation, sunburn, sunstroke or dehydration, temporary inability to perceive events due to lighting, and/or
- Fatigue, chill and/or dizziness, which may diminish reaction time and increase the risk of an accident (collectively, "Risks")

2. Undersigned expressly agrees to assume sole and exclusive responsibility for Risks in participating in the Parade regardless of cause, whether identified above or not. My/our participation in the activity is purely voluntary. I assume full responsibility for myself, my agents, guests, crew, mates, employees, volunteers, assigns, heirs, administrators and any minors, from and all liability of any nature and for any loss or damage of any kind or nature and/or injury of any kind or nature, including without limitation, any trespass, bodily injury, accident, illness, paralysis, death, loss of personal property, damages and expenses thereof, including attorneys' fees and costs resulting or in any way arising from, or in connection with, participation in the 2017 North Beach Boat Parade and shall defend, indemnify and hold SDNA harmless for same.

3. Undersigned certifies that I have a current insurance policy providing hull, liability, property damage and personal injury insurance on the boat entered on this application and I have an operative VHF radio on board. I understand that the boat owner or skipper MUST attend the "Captains Meeting" (December 13, 2017). This meeting is mandatory and cannot be waived.

4. Undersigned agrees to comply with all Parade rules and U.S. Coast Guard Safety Standards in the operation and navigation of my boat sailing to, during the Parade sailing procession and returning to the boat's homeport.

5. Undersigned agrees to waive any right to petition for exoneration from or limitation of liability under the laws of the United States in the event the vessel is involved in any casualty resulting in personal injury, death or property damage while participating in the Parade.

6. The Undersigned also hereby consents and grants SDNA the right to use the name and image of the Undersigned and its vessel in any media, without additional compensation or consent, for promotion of the North Beach Boat Parade including, without limitation, current and future Parades. By signing this form, the Undersigned acknowledges that it has carefully read this entire form, fully understands that it is a waiver and release of liability, agrees to all provisions herein and has the express authority to bind the owner of the vessel named below to all the terms of this Agreement.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____, 2017

Vessel Name: _____