

IMPORTANT PARADE RULES and INFORMATION

1. Boats must be 21' or longer
2. Be in the staging area in numerical order no later than 5:15 PM.
3. Roll call will be at 5:30 PM.
4. Monitor Channel 78A-USA for parade control, patrol and medical (backup channel 69)
5. Christmas lights may only be displayed during the Parade.
6. You will be instructed as to when all lights are to be turned on.
7. Boat numbers given indicate your position in lineup of Parade
8. Sarasota Police, FMP and Sarasota Sherriff's Dept will be on the water for assistance for the duration of the Parade.
9. Tow Boat-US Service will be on the water for assistance if needed. They will monitor Channel 16. They may also be called for dispatch at 1-800-391-4869. Towing is at your expense.
10. If your boat breaks down in any way, please drop out of the parade and call for assistance.
11. Rules of the road apply for the following:
 - Motoring to the staging area
 - During the Parade
 - After the Parade back to your mooring
12. All boats must be able to maintain 6 knots
13. All boats will assemble in order by number in the channel on the southeast end of Longboat Key. You may enter from either end to get to your position. Details will be discussed at the Captain's Meeting.
14. No boats will be allowed to enter the parade except at the staging area in the Longboat Key channel.
15. SNN Channel 6 live coverage and a large viewing audience will be at Bayfront Park. PLEASE be on your best behavior.

16. **Consumption of alcohol by the Captain or persons operating the vessel is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.** Violators will be told to leave the Parade and will not be invited back next year.
17. Per order of the US Coast Guard : No Wake Zone will be enforced between 7:00-8:00 PM between Ringling Causeway and Siesta Bridge.
18. Any boats causing breaks in the Parade pattern will either be asked to leave or take a position in the back so they will not delay the Parade's progress.
19. **NOTHING MAY BE THROWN OR PROJECTED FROM THE BOAT AT ANY TIME OF THE PARADE.** Violators will be told to leave the Parade and will not be asked back next year.
20. Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
21. All entries consisting of more than one boat, as one entry, **MUST** be connected together as one.
22. All boats are required to have state-required registration and insurance.
23. No political banners or signage is permitted.