



SAN DIEGO BAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2011

SKIPPER'S INFO AND INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ ALL THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

QUESTIONS? Email questions@SDParadeOfLights.org.

PARADE TIMES

There are two light parades. Participate in both for bonus judging points.

- Sunday December 11 and Sunday December 18
- Staging Area: Arrive by 5:00 P.M., Parade Underway immediately after the fireworks at 5:30 P.M.
- Monitor VHF Channel 6 (Perimeter Control) for any announcements.

BEFORE THE PARADE:

BOAT NUMBER:

1. Display forward on the port bow. Used for boat identification only.
2. Your parade boat number does not indicate your position in the parade.
3. Illuminate and call out number when passing the two judge locations. **Judges must see the boat number in order to judge.**

USCG "SPECIAL LOCAL REGULATIONS":

1. The Coast Guard designates parade route as a special marine event. A special local regulation has been issued. Refer to local Notice to Mariners for additional info.
2. Area of the parade route will be intermittently closed to all other vessel traffic.
3. Coast Guard is empowered to forbid/control vessel movement in regulated area.

SAFETY TIPS:

1. All participants must strictly comply with Inland Rules of the Road.
2. Necessary navigation lighting requirements and safety precautions must be observed.
3. Portable Generators: Plan ahead for underway fueling to minimize hazards.
4. Coast Guard has final decision on cancellation due to weather.
5. Go slow to minimize wake causing lights to come down and small boats to swamp.
6. Stay in parade line, don't weave and maintain distance.
7. Don't leave parade early. The boat behind follows you!
8. Stay as close to shore as safety permits (remember anchorage off Shelter Island).
- 9. Don't drink. The designated skipper shall refrain from consuming alcohol.**

**ON THE WATER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PARADE:
STAGING AREA:**

1. The starting area is southwest of buoy SD 17 outside of the main channel.
2. Arrive by 5:00 P.M. Monitor VHF Channel 6 for parade information.
(There will be an incoming tide on the 11th, so stay well behind the starting line.)
3. There is no line-up assignment. First arrivals line-up first. A lead boat will be assigned by the committee boat at the start line. Monitor VHF Channel 6 for the announcement.
4. We may have a Coast Guard Cutter as the lead boat.

STARTING THE PARADE:

1. Join a loose formation from the southwest end of Shelter Island in one straight line.
2. Don't crowd in at the beginning of the parade. Wait your turn.
3. Boats over 70' fall in near the end of the parade.
4. ALL SAILBOATS MUST BE UNDER POWER.
5. Kayaks and outriggers (boats powered by hand) should attempt to start early and if unable to maintain the parade speed, let the boats under power pass.

OFFICIAL PATROL VESSELS:

1. Provided by U.S. Coast Guard, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Harbor Police.
2. USCG and Harbor Police vessels display flashing blue rotating beacons.
3. USCG Auxiliary and Committee vessels display red and yellow flashing lights.
4. Patrol vessels assist in maintaining the safety of the event.

5. Failure to obey instructions of any patrol vessel can be cause disqualification.

COMMITTEE BOATS:

1. Display yellow flashing lights and large designation signs.
2. Positioned around parade route to indicate route direction.
3. Parade route is between the committee boat and the shore.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

1. IMPORTANT PARADE BRIEFING by Perimeter Control - VHF Channel 6 at 5:15 P.M. before start - FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.
2. Monitor VHF Channel 6 during the parade and follow instructions.
3. DO NOT TRANSMIT unless you have an emergency. (Call Ch. 6 and switch to Ch. 16).

DISABLED VESSELS/EMERGENCIES:

1. Patrol vessels will monitor Channel 16 and respond in the event of an emergency.
2. The parade fleet will be kept informed on Channel 6.
3. If you have a problem and must leave the parade, turn off your decorating lights and pull out of parade line.
4. If decorating lights fail, pull out of parade line. Re-enter when fixed.
5. SeaTow will provide free service to parade participants who are experiencing problems. Contact SeaTow on VHF 16.

THE PARADE ROUTE: (Also see attached Parade Route chart).

1. Start Time: 5:30 P.M.
2. Start is between the Committee Boat and buoy 17.
3. West end to east end of Shelter Island.
4. East end Shelter Island across America's Cup Harbor entrance to west end Harbor Island
5. West end Harbor Island to east end of Harbor Island.
6. East end Harbor Island to the Embarcadero north of Maritime Museum's ferry "Berkeley".
7. Stay between the Committee Boats and shore. If mega-yachts are med-tied at the Embarcadero, the parade will not enter that area. (See the alternate route on the chart.)
8. Pass First Judge Location on a Maritime Museum boat. (Participants illuminate boat number for judges)
9. Pass "Star of India".
10. Parallel the Embarcadero to a point off the bow of the Midway.
11. Pass Seaport Village and the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina.

12. Continue past Marina Park to 10th Street Terminal building, turn west. Cross Bay to the Marriott Coronado Hotel.
13. Avoid non-parade traffic using main channel when crossing from the San Diego to Coronado side of San Diego Bay.
14. Proceed northwest to pass the second Judges Location on Coronado. (Participants illuminate boat number for judges).
15. Pass the docks at Peohe's and the Ferry Landing.
16. Stay on channel side of unlit nun buoy 22A and Committee Boat in that location to avoid shoal. This is the Finish.

UPON PARADE COMPLETION:

1. Turn off your decoration lights. Maintain your navigational running lights.
2. Yield to boats still in parade
3. Do not cross through parade on way home

JUDGING:

1. There are two groups of judges.
2. First Set of Judges:
 - On board a boat at the Maritime Museum.
3. Second Set of Judges:
 - On the docks at the restaurant Peohe's.
4. YOU MUST BE JUDGED BY BOTH GROUPS OF JUDGES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD.
5. You do not have to enter both parades to be eligible to win an award.
6. Boats will lose points if parade route not followed (no water donuts, etc.)
7. Boats that enter both nights will receive a bonus point.

LIGHT PARADE AWARDS:

Boats will be judged on originality and the creative use of decorations depicting the parade theme. Boats are judged in four categories with scores ranging from 1 to 5 for each category.

The categories and their criteria are:

- Holiday Lighting
- Amount of Lighting
- Creative use of Lighting
- Difficulty of Lighting (i.e., small boat with incredible lighting effects)
- Music
- Audibility
- Live or Recorded
- Applicable to the parade theme
- Special Effects
- Crowd Engagement

- Dressed in costume/boaters participation
- Use of ornamentation other than lighting
- Originality
- More than just lighting
- Adaptation and variation of theme

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

- Best of Parade. "Star of India" Perpetual Cup
- International Award
- Best Yacht Club Entry
- Best San Diego Port Tenant's Entry
- Best Power (Commercial)
- Best of Power 46 ft and over (Private)
- Best of Power 33 - 45 ft (Private)
- Best of Power 32 ft and under (Private)
- Best Sail (Commercial)
- Best of Sail 46 ft and over (Private)
- Best of Sail 33 - 45 ft and over (Private)
- Best of Sail 32 ft and under (Private)
- Best Self-Powered Vessel

PARTICIPATION PLAQUE:

All participants will receive a participant plaque.

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

1. Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM, at the Bali Hi restaurant.
2. Buffet Dinner and no-host cocktails.
3. All attendees are eligible for a Special Drawing at the awards presentation.
4. Slides of the winning boats will be shown.
5. Parade pictures/videos of all boats.
6. All slides/photos/video will be available for viewing and sale at awards ceremony.
7. Please return the boat number banners during the awards presentation or to the Bali Hai on Shelter Island so that they may be used again next year. If returned during the awards presentation, you will be entered into a special drawing available only to those returning their boat number banners.