



SAN DIEGO BAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2023 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AND 17 SKIPPER'S INFO AND INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ ALL THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A GOOD TIME AND THAT ALL THE SPECTATORS ENJOY SEEING ALL OF THE BOATS IN THE PARADE.

PARADE TIMES

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

- Sunday December 10 and Sunday December 17
- Staging Area (see included diagram): Arrive by 5:00 PM and 5:15 PM. Parade Underway at 5:30 P.M.
- Monitor VHF Channel 6 (Perimeter Control) for any announcements and welcome at 5:15 PM.

JUDGING:

1. **YOU MUST BE JUDGED BY ALL THREE GROUPS OF JUDGES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD and THE GRAND PRIZE.**
2. **Boats will lose points if parade route not followed (no water donuts, etc.)**
3. **Boats that enter both nights will receive a bonus point.**

BOAT NUMBER:

1. Display forward on the port bow. It does not indicate your parade position.
2. Illuminate and call out number when passing the judges at the embarcadero, Caesar Chavez Pier and at the docks by Peohe's.

SAFETY TIPS:

1. All participants must strictly comply with Inland Rules of the Road.
2. Portable Generators: Plan ahead for underway fueling to minimize hazards.
3. Go slow (approximately 5 knots) to minimize wake causing lights to come down and small boats to swamp and to reduce long gaps in the parade.
4. Stay in parade line, and maintain your distance.
5. Unless it is an emergency, please don't leave parade early.

6. Stay as close to shore as safety permits (remember anchorage off Shelter Island) leaving each picket boat to starboard..
7. **Please don't drink. The designated skipper shall refrain from consuming alcohol.**

STAGING AREA/STARTING THE PARADE:

1. The staging area is southwest of buoy SD 17 outside of the main channel. See the diagram below:



2. Arrive between 5:00 PM and 5:15 PM. Monitor VHF Channel 6 for parade information at 5:15 PM. The Starting Line is between buoy 17 and the start boat with the flashing yellow light
3. There is no line-up assignment. Please, do not start prior to 5:30 PM. Follow the assigned lead boat across the start line. **A lead boat will be assigned by the committee boat at the start line.** **Do not start before the lead boat crosses the start line.** You do not have to check-in with the committee boat at the start.
4. Please do not start prior to 5:30 PM. Join a loose formation from the southwest end of the Starting Line in one straight line behind the lead boat.
5. Boats over 70' fall in near the end of the parade.
6. 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 beacons.
3. USCG Auxiliary 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 for disqualification.

OFFICIAL VESSELS (PICKET) BOATS:

1. Picket boats display yellow flashing lights and a large committee signs.
2. Positioned around parade route to indicate route direction. Leave picket boats along the parade route to starboard.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Monitor VHF Channel 6 during the parade and follow instructions.
2. 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.

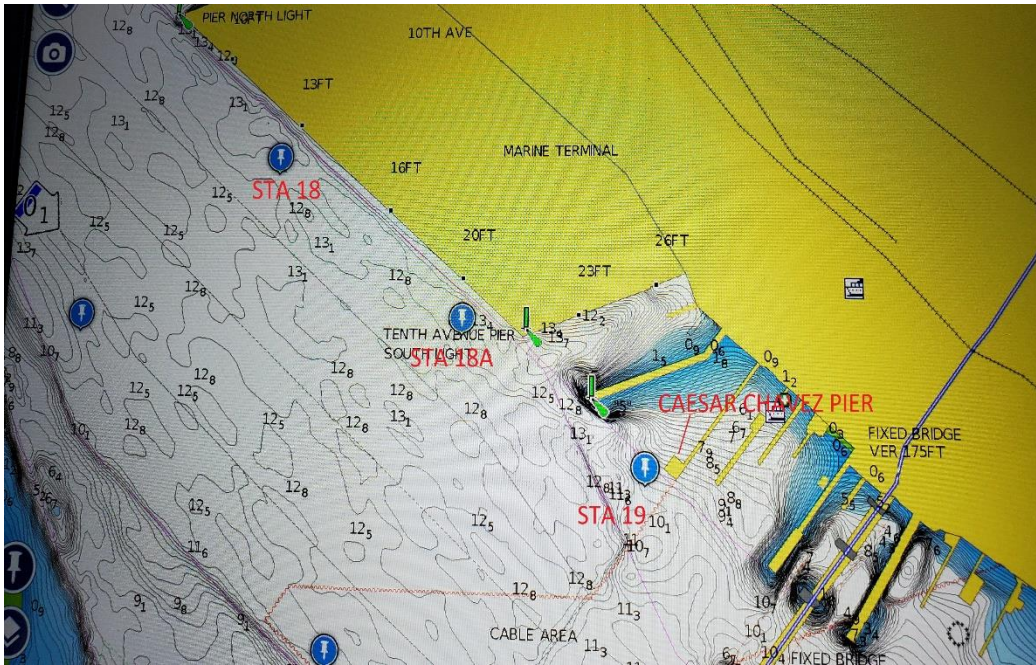
THE PARADE ROUTE:

1. See the picture below:



2. The Starting Line is between the Start 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 of Harbor Island to the Embarcadero north of Maritime Museum's ferry "Berkeley".
7. **Pass the first judging station on a Maritime Museum boat. Remember to illuminate boat numbers and shout out your number.**
8. Move back to Embarcadero to pass by the "Star of India".
9. Move back to a point outside the pier.
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 Park.
12. Continue past the 10th Street Terminal building.

13. **Do not cross the bay until** you have passed the second judging station and committee boat located at picket boat station 19 off of the pier at Cesar Chavez Park. Remember to illuminate boat numbers and shout out your number. See picture below:



14. Cross the bay to the Marriott Coronado Hotel. See the enclosed diagram.



15. Avoid non-parade traffic using main channel when crossing from the San Diego to Coronado side of San Diego Bay.
16. **Proceed northwest to pass the third Judging station on the docks at the restaurant Peohe's. Remember to illuminate boat numbers and shout out your number.**
17. Pass the docks at Peohe's and the Ferry Landing.
18. Stay on channel side of unlit nun buoy 22A and picket 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

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 (Lights, Holiday Music, Special Effects & Themes) with scores ranging from 1 to 5 for each category:

Lights,

- Holiday Lighting
- Amount of Lighting
- Creative use of Lighting
- Difficulty of Lighting (i.e., small boat with incredible lighting effects)

Holiday Music,

- Music
- Audibility
- Live or Recorded
- Applicable to the parade theme

Special Effects,

- Special Effects, entertaining and unusual animation and or lighting
- Crowd Engagement

Theme

- Boat decorations and crew adherence to the theme, this year's theme "**Christmas Traditions around the World**".
- Dressed in costume/boaters participation
- Use of ornamentation other than lighting
- Originality
- More than just lighting
- Adaptation and variation of theme

Awards will be awarded as follows:

- Best of Parade. "Star of India" Perpetual Cup
- Best of Power 46 ft and over
- Best of Power 33 - 45 ft
- Best of Power 32 ft and under
- Best of Sail 46 ft and over
- Best of Sail 33 - 45 ft and over
- Best of Sail 32 ft and under
- Best Self-Powered Vessel

The Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse restaurant. Details will be emailed to participants.

Winners will be contacted by either phone or email.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SIGNATURE HOLIDAY EVENT.