



## Veterans Day Boat Parade 2022

### SKIPPER'S INFO AND INSTRUCTIONS

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

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### PARADE TIMES

- Friday, 11 November
- Staging Area (see included diagram): Arrive between 11:30 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. Parade Underway at 12:00 P.M.
- Monitor VHF Channel 6 (Perimeter Control) for any announcements and welcome at 11:45 A.M.

**BEFORE THE PARADE:** Pickup Fleet Week Commemorative Tee Shirts and Boat Numbers on Wednesday and Thursday, 9/10 November between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. at 2330 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego 92106. There will be a sign on the sidewalk. For Coronado based Boaters, we will attempt to find a suitable location for Tee Shirt and Boat Pickup on Coronado, and will advise as soon as known.

### 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. Call out number when passing the judges aboard the "Californian" at the Maritime Museum.
4. **Judges must see the boat number in order to judged.**
5. Be sure your number is visible to the "Picket Boat" near the pier at Cesar Chavez Park at Station 19 just before crossing the channel to North Island.

### 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 information.

2. Area of the parade route will be intermittently closed to all other vessel traffic.
3. Coast Guard is empowered to forbid and or control any vessel movement in regulated area.

### **SAFETY TIPS:**

1. All participants must strictly comply with Inland Rules of the Road.
2. Coast Guard has final decision on cancellation due to weather.
3. Go slow (approximately 5 knots) to minimize wake causing small boats to swamp.
4. Stay in parade line, and maintain your distance.
5. Don't leave the parade early. The boat behind follows you!
6. Stay as close to shore as safety permits (remember anchorage off Shelter Island).
7. **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 staging area is southwest of buoy SD 17 outside of the main channel a diagram is included.
2. Arrive between 11:30 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. Monitor VHF Channel 6 for parade information.
3. **The Vietnam era Swift Boat PCF 816 from the Maritime Museum will lead the Parade. There is no line-up assignment. Monitor VHF Channel 6 for the announcement. You do not have to check-in with the committee boat at the start.**
4. The Starting Line is between buoy 17 and the committee boat with banners that read "OFFICIAL VESSEL" at anchor approximately 100 yards due west of Buoy 17.
5. **Please, do not start prior to 12:00 P.M.** Follow Swift Boat PCF816 across the start line and throughout the parade route.

#### **STARTING THE PARADE:**

1. Join a loose formation from the southwest end of the Starting Line in one straight line.

2. Stay south of a line between buoy 17 and the committee boat on station.
3. Don't crowd in at the beginning of the parade. Wait your turn.
4. Boats over 70' fall in near the end of the parade.
5. ALL SAILBOATS MUST BE UNDER POWER.
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.

#### **COMMITTEE BOATS:**

1. Committee boats display large banners that read "OFFICIAL VESSEL".
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 11:45 A.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, pull out of parade line.
4. Sea Tow is available to provide free service to parade participants who are

experiencing problems. Contact Sea Tow on VHF 16.

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

1. Start Time: 11:00 A.M.
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 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

Pass Judge Location aboard "Berkley" at the Maritime Museum

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. Continue to the committee boat position 19 located off the pier at Cesar Chavez Park.
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 docks at the restaurant Peohe's.
17. Pass the docks at Peohe's and the Ferry Landing.
18. 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. Yield to boats still in parade

2. Do not cross through parade on your way home.

### **JUDGING:**

1. The Judges will be located aboard the “Berkeley”.

### **PARADE AWARDS:**

Boats will be judged on originality and the creative use of decorations depicting the boat theme. Boats are judged in six categories.

Trophies will be awarded for boats decorated in the following Themes:

U.S. Army  
U.S. Navy  
U.S. Air Force  
U.S. Marine Corps  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Patriotic

### **Boats are judged in the following 4 categories:**

Creativity

Music

Special Effects,

Theme

- Boat decorations and crew adherence to the theme
- Dressed in costume/boater’s participation
- Originality
- Adaptation and variation of theme

A trophy will be awarded for the best decorated boat in each category

### **AWARDS PRESENTATION:**

TBD

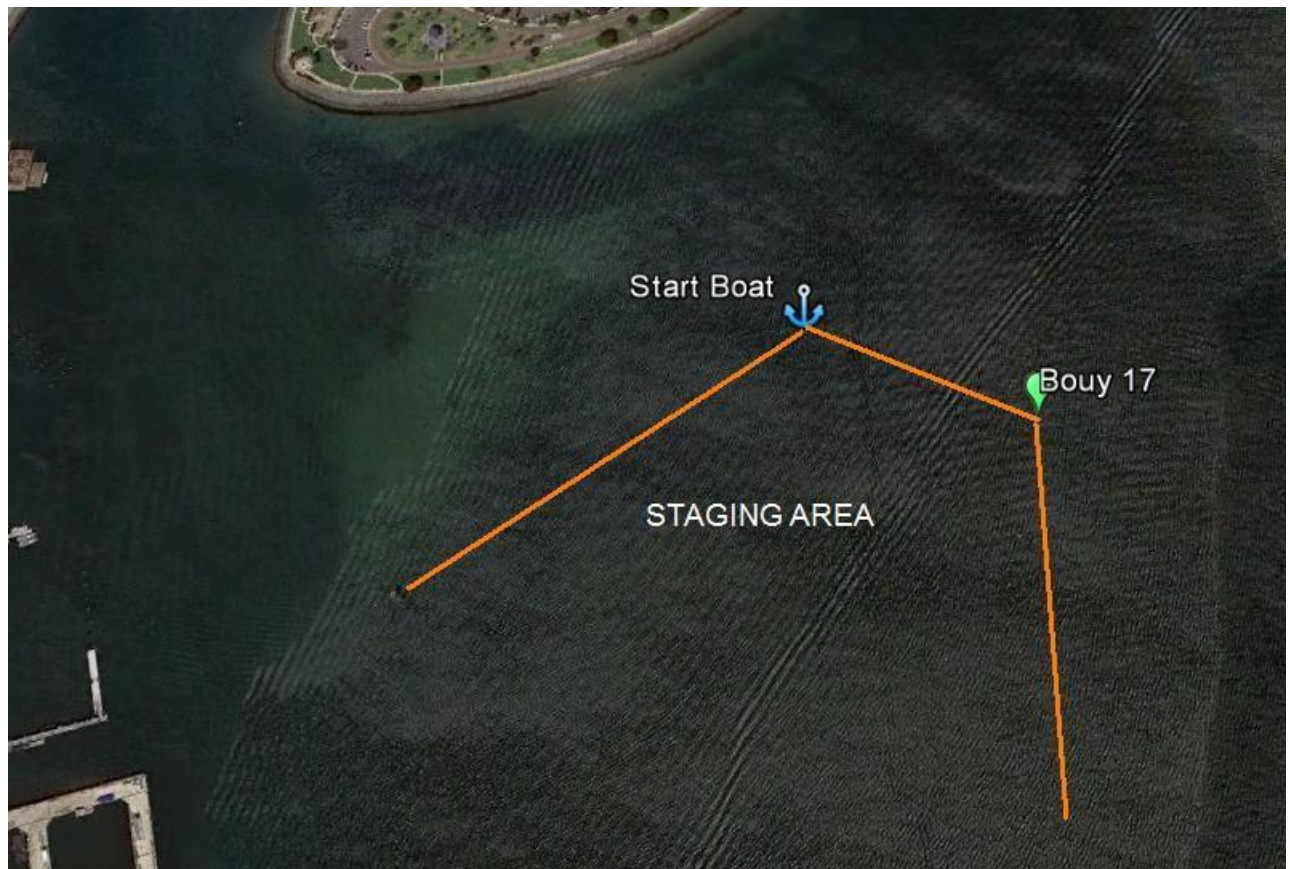
### **POLITICAL DISPLAYS**

The Fleet Week Veterans Day Boat Parade is intended to honor our veterans and the members of our military. Political displays or signs are inappropriate in this venue. Boats that are observed displaying Political displays of any kind will be asked to leave the Parade and will not be invited to participate in future Fleet Week Boat Parades.

### **PARADE ROUTE**



PARADE STAGING AREA



CROSSING THE CHANNEL







