

# 24th Annual Venice Christmas Boat Parade

Saturday Dec. 1st 2012

Rain Date, Sunday Dec. 2nd

November 28, 2012 Mandatory Skippers meeting 7PM Venice City Hall

Welcome!

We can't do it without you. There is no better way to start the holiday season than by joining the fun and participating in the Venice Christmas Boat Parade of Lights.

The Board of Directors are happy that you are supporting this great event by participating and to our sponsors for their support. Because of this great show of community involvement, we have been able to support various Youth boating programs, as well as annual scholarship(s), and various other programs.

We welcome your input and hope to make this the best Boat Parade in our history. Please read the rules and help us make this a safe and enjoyable parade for everyone! Contacts are at the bottom of each page.

2012 Board of Directors

Rules for entry:

1. Be at staging area no later than 5:30 pm (marker 13 north of Albee Road Bridge)
2. Roll call will be at 5:45
3. Channel to be monitored will be given out at Mandatory Skippers Meeting Nov 30<sup>th</sup>
4. Decorative lights may only be displayed during parade; you will be advised when to turn lights on. Both sides of boat need to be decorated the same.
5. The number given to you at the Mandatory Skippers meeting indicate your position in the parade. Please return same at the awards reception.
6. Venice Police, FWC, and Sarasota County Sheriff boats will be available for assistance during the parade. Sea Tow, Boatsus will be available to assist also.
7. Rules of the road apply at all times.
8. Keep a minimum of 100-150 feet between boats. Maintain an even speed.

Awards Reception Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Venice Community Center 5:30 PM. Your numbers are your two tickets. We need them back!!!!

# VENICE CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE APPLICATION

BOAT NAME:

PHONE:

OWNER NAME:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

ZIP:

SKIPPER'S NAME:

PHONE:

CHECK ONE: ( ) POWER ( ) SAIL

LENGTH:

BEAM:

DRAFT:

HEIGHT:

REGISTRATION/DOC #:

# OF CREW MEMBERS:

BOAT SPONSOR: ( ) NONE

( ) COMMERCIAL

( ) SERVICE

SPONSOR NAME:

DECORATION THEME:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PARADE?

## PLEASE PUT A CHECK MARK NEXT TO EACH STATEMENT

(check mark signifies acknowledgement and understanding of each item)

- I hereby agree that my participation in the Annual Venice Christmas Boat Parade is voluntary and at my own risk.
- I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Venice Christmas Boat Parade, Inc., local, state, and federal government agencies including their directors, officers, employees, and agents from personal injury or property damage which I, my vessel, or my passengers may cause in any way, or which may be occasioned by me or those on my vessel as a result of my participation in the parade.
- I certify that I have a current policy providing hull, liability, property damage and personal injury insurance on the boat I have entered on this application.
- I have an operative VHF radio on board.
- I understand that the boat owner or skipper **MUST** attend the "Skipper's Meeting" scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the parade at the **Venice City Hall Council Chambers**.
- I acknowledge that the "Skipper's Meeting" is **mandatory** and cannot be waived.
- I agree to comply with all Venice Christmas Boat Parade rules and US 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 home port.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

## PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND \$15 ENTRY FEE TO:

Venice Christmas Boat Parade, Inc.  
PO Box 1165 Venice, FL 34284-1165

ENTRY DEADLINE AT MANDATORY  
SKIPPER'S MEETING

All entrants will receive a commemorative plaque and  
Two tickets to the Awards Reception!

[www.venicechristmasboatparade.com](http://www.venicechristmasboatparade.com)