



Fort Myers Beach
35th Annual Christmas Boat Parade
December 2, 2023
5-9 pm
Salty Sam's Marina

Boat Application

Boat Name _____ Phone _____

Owner Name _____ Email _____

Skipper's Name _____ Phone _____

Length, Beam, Draft, Height _____

Power, Sail or Human _____ Registration/Doc # _____

Sponsor _____ Total on Board _____

This signifies acknowledgement, understanding and compliance with each of the items below.

Please initial next to each statement.

- ___ I agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, 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 because of my participation in the parade.
- ___ I certify that I have a current insurance 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 and will monitor/use it during the parade. Channel 68 will be used for parade communications.
- ___ I understand that the boat operator MUST attend the "Captain's Meeting" scheduled to begin at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 29th, 2023, at the FMB Chamber office. Meeting will also be carried on ZOOM. **Meeting is MANDATORY.**
- ___ I agree to comply with all Fort Myers Beach Christmas Boat Parade rules and US Coast Guard Safety Standards in the operation and navigation of my boat sailing to the parade's starting point, during the parade sailing procession, and returning to the boat's home port.

Y / N I plan on attending the Winner's Circle Party at Salty Sam's Marina on Wednesday, December 6th at 6pm.
I will have _____ people attending the Winner's Circle Party at Salty Sam's.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please fill out the payment information section on page 2

For more information, please contact Liv at
239-454-7500

Email: events@fmbchamber.com

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Boat Number _____

Payment Method _____

Payment Amount _____

Payment Information

Entry fee is \$40 for non-commercial boats and \$75 for sponsored boats.

Please check the correct amount.

___ **\$40**

___ **\$75** _____ (Name of Sponsoring Company)

Please indicate your payment method

___ Check attached/remitted by mail

___ Payment by credit card online. You can call the Chamber office to pay or pay at www.fmbboatparade.com.

___ Payment by credit card

If paying by credit card, please give us the following information.
(credit cards will be charged a 3% fee)

Name on Card _____

Card Type _____

Card Number _____

CVC _____

Expiration Date _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Please Send Completed Applications and Payments by Mail to:

Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce

100 Lovers Ln. Suite 2E

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

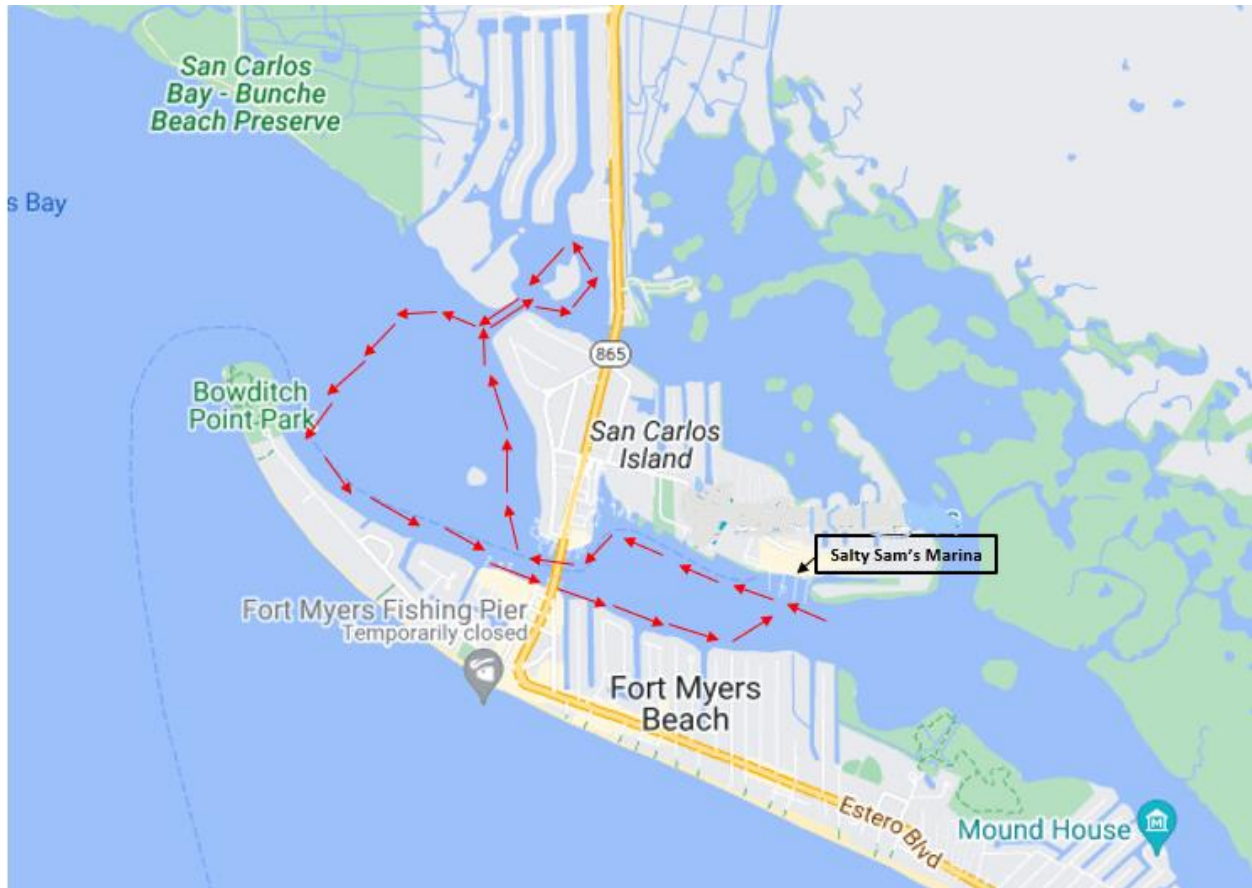
Email: events@fmbchamber.com

www.fmbboatparade.com



Annual Christmas Boat Parade Guidelines

1. All boat operators are required to attend the Captain's Meeting on Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 at 6:00pm, at the FMB Chamber office. Meeting will also be carried on ZOOM. Contact the Chamber with any questions at 239-454-7500.
2. Your boat is judged and the only way it can be recognized is by your assigned number. Display your assigned number prominently so that attendees can see it from shore.
3. USCG equipment is required. If you are not sure what you need, contact the US Power Squadron 239-466-4040 or the USCG Auxiliary at 239-340-3443. Either can list what you need, and it may be a good time to get a free boat inspection. Call San Carlos Bay Power Squadron at (239) 466-4040.
4. Navigation lights are required to be displayed even with all the decorations. Please make sure they are functioning.
5. TowBoat US and SeaTow have been invited to provide any needed assistance. If you lose power, just pull to the side and turn off your decoration lights so the other boats will know you are out of the parade.
6. Take care with the placement of lights so not to obstruct or blind the boat operator. Assign lookouts to help during the parade.
7. Many boats use portable generators for powering the lights. Be sure to comply with all the warnings for the location of the generator. *Note: carbon monoxide is a potentially deadly, colorless and odorless gas.*
8. Please monitor VHF channel 68. The parade lead will occasionally broadcast updates on the parade progress. Channel 16 will also be monitored by the lead boat.
9. Alcohol consumption by the crew is discouraged. Boating under the influence is a serious offense. Per the liquor license at Salty Sam's, **outside beverages are NOT allowed on Salty Sam's property after the boat parade.** Due to a shortage of dockage this year participants will not be disembarking at Salty Sam's. Along with TowBoat and SeaTow, you will most likely find a law enforcement vessel monitoring the parade.
10. Our waterways are special places. Please do not use fireworks or balloons. Please properly dispose of all trash including plastic bottles and cans.
11. There will be raffles and prizes as well as burgers for winning boats at the Winners Circle party that will be held on December 6th at 6pm at Salty Sam's, Parrot Key. RSVP is required. Food, light refreshments and a cash bar will be provided.
12. We encourage you to use the Survey Monkey link to vote for vessels in the parade!
13. Common sense and marine courtesy will keep the parade safe and enjoyable for all. Have a great parade!!



Fort Myers Beach Christmas Boat Parade Route December 2, 2023

Parade participant vessels will assemble in front of the docks at Salty Sam's Marina at 5:30 pm. At 6:00 pm, the boats will begin to leave Salty Sam's Marina going past Parrot Key Caribbean Grill heading northwest passing by Erickson & Jensen seafood, the shrimp fleet, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Dixie Fish, Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café, then heading under the Matanzas Pass Bridge. They will travel past the Coast Guard station and the homes along the back bay through Estero Pass, Hurricane Pass and into Pelican Pass behind San Carlos Island. After traveling through Pelican Pass and circling Pelican Island, they will turn back through Estero Pass and into San Carlos Bay heading toward the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina. The parade will turn south in front of the Pink Shell and head back toward the Matanzas Pass bridge. The boats will travel past Moss Marina, Snug Harbor and Nervous Nellies going back under the Matanzas Pass Bridge. After passing Matanzas on the Bay and Petey's Upper Deck, boats will continue south along the Ft. Myers Beach (Estero Island) shoreline and then cross the Matanzas Harbor mooring field toward Salty Sam's. Depending on time, the parade may make another short loop around the Back Bay area.

For more navigational information, please contact
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