

80th Annual Venetian Boat Parade

July 24, 2010

Rules and Regulations

1. All boats must be seaworthy and comply with all federal, state and Coast Guard regulations. Safety is our first priority and all vessels are to be operated in a safe and courteous manner. Please make sure all your navigation lights are working.
2. All boats must be equipped with a VHF radio with a working channel of 14.
3. One crew member must be designated as radio operator. This communications operator should be located so to be able to communicate verbally with the vessel's captain so that communication between the committee boat, other participants or safety officials can be handled in a quick and efficient manner.
4. All boats must be equipped and decorated with electric lights. Decorate the starboard side of your boat. Minimum light footage is 4 times the LOA of the vessel.
5. Boats must have sufficient electrical generating power to operate the lights decorating their boats.
6. Boats whose electrical system is not functioning at the start of the parade, may be asked to withdrawal from the parade.
7. All Captains must attend the mandatory Skippers meeting Saturday, 2:00 p.m., at the Harbor Master's building.
8. Boats will congregate in Lake Charlevoix at 9:30 p.m. in numerical order. Roll call will be at 9:45 p.m.
9. Boats will enter Round Lake at approximately 10:00 p.m. and proceed to circle in a counter clockwise direction.
10. Please try to maintain a steady 4 mph. speed.
11. The Coast Guard has requested that boats do not return to their docks until after the fireworks. Continue to circle Round Lake. When the last boat has circled, the fireworks will begin and all boat parade participants are asked to hold their boats stationary until after the fireworks. We will need to avoid the downwind area of the fairway. Fireworks will last approximately 10 minutes. Upon conclusion of the fireworks, when given the all clear, you may return to your dock.
12. Failure to obey Rules and Regulations may prohibit you from participating in future Venetian Boat Parades.
13. This is a family event and all entries must be within the limits of good taste.
14. Questions, problems, comments, etc., please contact the Harbor Master's office, 231-547-3272 or Linda Bradley, 231-675-9633, lbradley@freeway.net.