

Parade Instructions

Newport Harbor 2021 Fourth of July Old Glory Boat Parade

Boat Parade Number

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Sunday, July 4, 2021 - 1:00PM

Parade Theme:

Let Freedom Ring

We are honored that you will be joining the Old Glory Boat Parade sponsored by the American Legion Yacht Club (ALYC), part of the Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion. Please read and follow each of the steps to ensure a successful celebration.

The American Legion invites all Newport Harbor area community members to join us by decorating your boats in honor of our nation's Independence Day and supporting the American Legion's theme of "Let Freedom Ring."

The parade will be hosted by our club vessel "Valor," as well as several VIP boats that will operate under the auspices and requirements of the American Legion. As a non-political organization, we have requirements for dressing any of our club or VIP boats, who are strictly prohibited from displaying any item of a political nature. It is also highly recommended that any vessel flying an ALYC burgee not blend any political banner or flag.

An individual boat owner is within their rights to decorate their boat as they wish, and the American Legion Yacht Club does not, and cannot stipulate what is permitted as this is protected free speech and an owner's personal property rights. However, we do hope that you will honor our theme and of course, Old Glory!

The ALYC has moved the entire registration, document distribution, and Skippers Meeting to an online process. This should improve the registration, reduce errors, and create a no-contact process while we all do our part to reduce infections within our community. If for any reason you are not able to print or need any assistance, contact ALYC parade committee staff by phone (949) 673-5002, or email parade@alyc.com, and we will provide all necessary documents, including boat numbers, to you.

To ensure a fun and safe cruise for everyone, please observe the following:

Before

- Print Parade Instructions
- Print Parade Map
 - Keep Instructions and Map as a reference copy aboard your vessel
- Print (minimum of 3 copies) Boat Parade Number – Card stock recommended
- Place Boat Parade Numbers into at least three (3) water resistant clear plastic gallon bags or document protectors
- Register to attend ONE (1) Skipper's Meeting – Skippers are encouraged to attend the meeting. Watch for email invitations to join Zoom Meetings:
 - Zoom #1: June 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm or
 - Zoom #2: July 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

- Note: The City of Newport Beach requires the ALYC offer a Skipper's Meeting to review parade details and safety expectations

Morning of Parade

- Mount two (2) of your entry numbers securely on the starboard side of your vessel, one near the bow and the other near the midship
- Mount the third (3) entry number on the stern of your vessel
- These are your Identification numbers. Not your position in the parade.
- Secure the entry number, which is also your identification number, to your vessel
 - Ensure plastic identification number holder is water tight
 - Secure the top and bottom to ensure they do not flop in the wind
 - Make sure they are clearly visible to the judges
 - It will be helpful to attach them to the rails
 - Keep them high enough to be seen.
 - Make sure they are not covered by decorations
- Secure all decorations to prevent them from coming loose or into the water
- Load reference documents onto your boat:
 - 1) Parade Map
 - 2) Parade Instructions

Beginning

- 12:30 pm - The parade will start to assemble or form off Buoy W, which is located on the East end of Lido Island. (see Parade Map enclosed) Community boats should line up single-file facing East along the North edge of Lido Island. (Same procedure as the 2019 Christmas Parade)
- The lead boat is *Valor* from The American Legion
- *Valor* will be followed by the VIP boats (one or two) displaying VIP banners
- Community boats will begin immediately after VIP boats

During

- 1:00 pm – The parade will begin promptly
- Position –
 - There is no assigned position for your boat
 - Don't try to start the parade in entry identification number order
 - Just fall in line safely
 - Stay in single file
- Note: The judges cannot see numbers if boats proceed in parallel or block their view.
- Speed - Parade speed is 4 knots
- Distance - Keep an even distance to the boat in front of yours. Don't fall behind, but allow enough distance for an emergency stop or avoidance maneuver
- Radio - Stay tuned to Channel 72, the official parade channel
- Emergency - Use Channel 16 or phone (949) 723-1002 for on the water emergencies only. Call Newport Harbor Patrol with emergency location and boat name. Violators may be cited for non-emergency use of channel 16
- City Permit requires:
 - No amplified sound permitted
 - All boats must obey all right-of-way rules and harbor regulations
 - 5-mile per hour speed limit in NO WAKE requirements in the harbor
 - Parade boats must not impede or interfere with normal flow of traffic
 - Participants in the parade will engage in appropriate social distancing, through allowable number of passengers allowed aboard each vessel

After

- This year, the parade is an on-the-water only event

- The parade ends after you pass the finish line (See map)
 - Or 3:30 pm ending time of city permit
- You have completed the group ceremony, enjoy the rest of your 4th of July day!

Awards

- Judges will determine the winners of each category immediately after the parade
- Winners will be notified by email and invited to an Awards Dinner to receive their recognition.

Categories:

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| ◦ Theme | ◦ Most Creative | ◦ Power |
| ◦ Decorations | ◦ Wood Classic | ◦ Sail |
| ◦ Costumes | ◦ Dinghy | ◦ Commodores |
| ◦ Spirit | ◦ Electric | ◦ Sweepstakes |

Have a great and enjoyable day with lots of fun. Remember **safety is the number one priority!**

