

# 2018 THUNDER LAKE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY BOAT PARADE

Join the fun and decorate your boat in celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

1. **Theme:** be All American...Red-White-Blue...Patriotic (need we say more ☺).
2. **Staging:** (a slightly near spot) will begin at 1:45-2pm just south/southwest of the Sand bar with the parade departing shortly thereafter.
3. **Leader:** the designated leader (Sea Ray 185 (white), same as last year) will be leading the parade.
4. **Route:** we will head immediately west/northwest from the sand bar along the shoreline, eventually entering the boat landing bay, then up along the west shore and thru the channel heading towards the Thunder Lake Lodge shoreline. We'll hug the shoreline for a while, then head back across the bay and out the channel ending in the big lake (looking for a calm area to assemble and make the trophy presentation).
5. **Travel Time:** approximately 60 minutes, depending on number of boats.
  - a. The parade is not complete until all boats have gathered at the ending point.
6. **Safety:**
  - a. **Only motorized boats allowed in the parade.**
  - b. **Please keep a steady speed, traveling at a continuous "minimal wake" speed.**
  - c. **Stay close to, but a safe distance behind, the boat in front of you.**
  - d. **Be mindful of and keep a safe distance from the shore, shallow areas, docks, rafts, and boats.**
  - e. **No passing, spinning or turning anywhere on parade route, simply follow the boat ahead of you.**
  - f. **Obey all applicable boating laws and make (keep) safety your priority.**
  - g. **By law, no fireworks of any kind allowed.**
7. **Judges'** will be viewing & judging your boat while it's in the parade. **You must start and finish the parade to qualify for any prize.** The judges will make the presentation of our traveling trophy and 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes when all boats have gathered at the ending spot.
8. **Help the judges! They'll be looking for the following on your boat:**
  - Personal Identifier (a sign with theme title or number) on your watercraft.
  - Adherence to theme (All American...Red, White & Blue...Patriotic).
  - Creative use of materials.
  - Attention to detail and evidence of craftsmanship, and effort.

- Vibrant, colorful presentation.
  - Originality.
  - Inspirational (for example: use of costuming, role playing, use patriotic themes, enthusiasm of participants).
9. **Pictures/Photographs:** if you would like to submit photographs of your crew cheering on the Parade from your dock (see “Route”), preparing your boat for the Parade or while participating in the Parade, please submit them (.jpg preferred) to [hittingtee@comcast.net](mailto:hittingtee@comcast.net) and they’ll be considered for the presentation at the annual Association meeting. Also, the judges and our photographer will be taking pictures throughout the Parade.
10. **Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Traveling Trophy plus \$150; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$75.
11. **Treat: new in 2018.** All participating boats, must be part of parade from beginning to end, will receive an ice cream treat for each person on their boat! At the end of the prize presentation our “Leader” will handout # of tickets/boat and inform your captain where to pick up the treats 😊
12. **Register your boat: new for 2018.** So, we can be sure we have enough ice cream treats available we’d appreciate hearing from you ahead of time (**by July 1<sup>st</sup>**). If you would like an ice cream treat for your crew send an email to: [hittingtee@comcast.net](mailto:hittingtee@comcast.net) (subject line: 2018 BOAT PARADE) with approx. # of crew members and your family or captains name. Thanks.

**Let’s have fun and make this a wonderful celebration!**

**As always, be alert while operating your boat and be respectful of property owners.**

**Be mindful, respectful and on the lookout for all non-parade boaters.**

**Be safe, have fun and enjoy the Parade!**

**Thanks for making it happen!**