

2019 THUNDER LAKE 4th OF JULY BOAT PARADE

Join the fun and decorate your boat in celebration of the 4th of July!

1. **Theme:** All American...Red-White-Blue.... Patriotic (we love our country ☺).
2. **Staging:** (a new spot) we will begin to gather at 1:45-2pm in the **Boat Landing bay** with the parade departing shortly thereafter.
3. **Leader:** the designated leader (Sea Ray 185...same as last year (white in color)) will be leading the parade.
4. **Route:** we will head immediately east and then south east along the west shoreline, eventually passing the sandbar, then continue along the west shore into the southernmost portion of the lake and into Big Springs bay, eventually traveling along the east shoreline up to the sandbar. We'll hug the shoreline all the way, hoping to see beach-goers and dock-ers cheering us on. We'll end just south of the sandbar (looking for a calm area to assemble and have our 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 1st , 2nd & 3rd 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 your 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 group cheering on the Parade from your dock (see “Route”), or while preparing your boat for the Parade or while participating in the Parade, please submit them (.jpg preferred) to hittingtee@comcast.net, they’ll be considered for the presentation at the annual Association meeting. The judges and our photographer will be taking pictures throughout the Parade.
10. **Prizes:** 1st-Traveling Trophy plus \$150; 2nd-\$100 and 3rd-\$75.
11. **Treat: back by popular demand.** All participating boats, you 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 boat parade the “Leader” will tell you where to pick up the treats 😊
12. **Please register your boat:** So, we can be sure we have enough ice cream treats available we’d appreciate hearing from you ahead of the Parade (**by July 1st**). If you would like an ice cream treat for your crew send an email to: hittingtee@comcast.net (subject line: 2019 BOAT PARADE) with approx. # of crew members and with 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!