

*** BLACK ROCK HARBOR BOAT PARADE – SEPTEMBER 6th 2025 - VESSEL INSTRUCTIONS ***

1) PRE-START:

Space will be available at Captain's Cove Seaport gas docks (Chanel 68) from 6:00 pm if needed.

All participating vessels to gather by 7:15 pm on Saturday September 6th, 2025, in Black Rock Harbor in front of Captains Cove Seaport. Be respectful of other boaters as you circle awaiting the start.

Display your Boat Entry Number so it's visible from the Starboard side of the Vessel.

Boats will line up in number order, where practical.

2) RADIO COMMUNICATION:

Monitor VHF channel 68 for all parade instructions. To contact an official use "**Harbor Parade Marshall**".

Avoid unnecessary radio communication on VHF 68 since parade procedures and communications will be transmitted on this channel. Have a designated radio person to monitor broadcast instructions. Contact other boaters on separate VHF Channels

Check that your microphone is not keyed, and radio is away from generator noise.

3) START:

At 7:30 pm SHARP, listen for announcement on VHF 68 + sound signal horn.

***IMPORTANT:** Stay in your position in line - Maintain speed set by the Police and/or Harbor Parade Marshall

Do not run up on stern of boat ahead – Maintain approximately 50 ft spacing - If you cannot match pace, go to end of parade line.

Operating speed for parade is approximately 3-5 mph.

4) COURSE:

Police Boat and/or Harbor Parade Marshall leads parade.

Boats will travel past Captain's Cove Seaport toward LI Sound, then pass Fayerweather Yacht Club, then pass Port Five, continuing to the Norden Club. At this point, Boats will turn around and head to their individual Home Port location.

Boaters are encouraged to safely space out and watch the fireworks display from the mooring fields.

After the fireworks -slowly proceed back to your home dock.

5) JUDGING:

Judges will be situated at Fayerweather Yacht Club.

Your Boat Entry Number will be used for scoring.

6) BOAT CAPTAINS:

Please refrain from the use of alcohol while operating your boat! Any poor seamanship resulting in a boating accident, BUI, or observable unbecoming conduct, will disqualify your entry in future parades!