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# Key Largo Boat Parade Sets Sail Dec. 8th

The annual Key Largo Boat Parade sets sail at 7:30 PM, Saturday December 8th. Illuminated boats ranging from 55-ft. motors to sailboats to kayaks will traverse the waters of Blackwater Sound to kick-off the holidays with this local annual tradition.

Newly-elected State Representative Holly Raschein is the Grand Marshal for this year's parade. "It will be one of her first official community appearances since the election and we are thrilled she could join us," said Sue Finney, parade coordinator. Holly will join other VIP guests and committee members aboard the Grand Marshal boat 'The Coral Princess' captained by the infamous Spencer Slate.

The parade route is to the north. The boats will line up at the headpin to Dusenbury Creek at 6:30pm and at 7:30pm will head north along the shoreline to Stillwright Point. Best public viewing locations for the parade are the Marriott Resort, Sundowners, Senor Frioles, and Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill.

Boats are invited to deck their hulls, light up their boats and join in the fun. "The more boats we have the more spectacular the parade," said Bob Stoky, who is on the parade committee. This year the committee decided not to designate a theme. "We thought it would be fun for boats to choose their own theme," said Finney. "The judges will award the best new theme and we'll use that theme for the parade next year."

Entry to the parade is free and all boats except 'Best Overall' grand prize winner are eligible to win a \$500 cash prize, drawn at random from participating entries at the awards ceremony on Saturday night. Plus, over \$1500 in cash prizes as well as trophies and other prizes will be awarded.

Everyone is invited to the awards ceremony at 10pm on the beach at Sundowners Restaurant. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Holly Raschein, who will present the awards. The ceremony will be hosted by local celebrities Don Noe (retired meteorologist), and Captains Spencer Slate and Skip Bradeen.

All boats entering the parade are invited to the Captain's Party on Friday evening, December 7th, starting at 7.30pm at Senor Frioles where there is a free Mexican buffet, a fabulous ditty bag for entrants and raffle prizes given. "The party itself makes it worth entering," said Sue Finney. And all we ask is that the captains string some lights, have a VHF radio, the proper safety gear, and a bunch of holiday spirit."

Boats should sign up as soon as possible. See ad on this page for more information.



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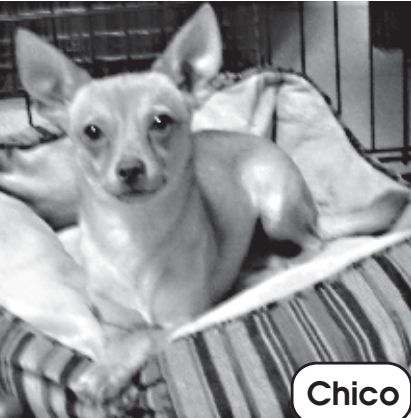
**Enter your boat, watch from your boat, or watch from land!**  
**After the parade, visit Sundowners for the Winners' Party (10PM)!**

**More information and registration forms at**  
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