



37th ANNUAL DANA POINT HARBOR BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS "SANTA SALUTES THE 70'S"

Friday, December 9 & Saturday, December 10
Friday, December 16 & Saturday, December 17
7:30pm - By the water's edge

RULES & INFORMATION

Lead boat of parade is the Harbor Patrol Boat and the 95' "Dana Pride" donated by Dana Wharf Sportfishing

1. Assemble outside the harbor behind the "Dana Pride" by 7pm.
2. Have your VHF radio on channel 68 – use low power. The Harbor Patrol & USCG Aux will monitor parade over this channel.
3. Channel 16 is for EMERGENCIES only.
4. Display entry number on bow or mid-section of your boat on the starboard side, in FULL view with a light shining on it so it is visible to the judges. (If the number can not be seen, your boat will not be judged.)
5. Keep at least 2 to 3 boat lengths behind the preceding vessel.
6. Maintain a SLOW speed not to exceed 5 MPH during the parade.
7. All participants will make one complete pass through the harbor, including behind the Jolly Roger Restaurant, using launch ramp turning basin.
8. Dana Point Harbor is a No Discharge Harbor and courtesy pump-out stations are located throughout the Harbor.
9. Designate a look-out on board to assist the vessel operator during the event.
10. Insure there are sufficient life jackets for all on board.
11. Children 12 under MUST have life jackets on and be in a secure location of the vessel.

Keeping to the parade route is very important. With boats following each other and not much turning radius down the channels it is imperative the route be followed to the end. Upon return to your slip, please be aware of non-motorized vessels. An Auxiliary Coast Guard vessel will be on hand.

The Judging boat is located aboard the Nordhavn MotorSailer in the East basin at the end tie of L Dock (Nordhavn Bldg. area). Judging takes place all four nights, but some sponsors will be judging only one night and that could be any of the four nights of the parade, so the more nights you participate, the better your chances at winning a trophy or cash prize. Each category is judged by a different judge and the points are totaled up for each night. Sponsor trophies/cash prizes are judged by said Sponsor under whatever criteria they have established.

Categories (for 30' & under and 30" & over each) - Best Theme * Best Use of Lights * Most Original * Most Colorful * Best Animation * Best Crew * Yacht Club with most Entries * Judge's Choice has now been renamed "OC Supervisor's Cup".

For each of the categories above, your entry will be judged on the following:

1. Theme - Usage of Theme "**SANTA SALUTES THE 70'S**" (maximum 25 points)
2. Lights - Effectiveness of lighting used (maximum 25 points)
3. Originality – Most original presentation incorporating theme (max. 25 points)
4. Color – Usage of color in both lights and display (maximum 25 points)
5. Animation – Use of human or mechanical movement in display (maximum 25 pts)
6. Best Crew – Use of costumes, props, etc by the Crew within theme (maximum 25 pts)

The Supervisor's Cup will go to the one boat with the most votes from all four nights from all the judges.

Sponsored Trophies and/or Cash Prizes – City of Dana Point Mayor's Cup (\$1,000 cash prize) * Wind & Sea Restaurant 'Best in Parade' Trophy (\$750 prize) * Harbor Grill Restaurant Dinghy Cup (\$500 total cash prize 1st, 2nd, 3rd) * Hennessey's Tavern 'Best Powerboat' Cup (\$500 cash prize) * The Fish Bucket Restaurant 'Best Sailboat Cup' (\$500 cash prize) * White Pelican Cup for Best New Entry for Boats 30' Under (\$150 Cash Prize) * Coffee Importer 'Latte Lights' Cup (\$250 cash prize) * Dream Catcher Yacht Cup for Best New Entry over 30' (\$250) * Dana Point Boater's Association Spirit Cup (\$250) * White Pelican Best New Entry Award-Under 30' (\$250 Cash Prize); Chick's Plumbing Flush Cup (\$150) The Dana Wharf Kids Club Award (\$250 cash prize) and the Dana Point Chamber Cup for Best Crew (\$250 Cash Prize) * The Woody Hut Woody Cup (\$150) * Carlos' Mexican Food "Best Santa" Award (\$250) * Vintage Marina Partners (\$150) * Proud Mary's "Best Music" (\$300).

Winners will be announced at the Boat Parade Trophy Presentation Breakfast at 9:30am on Sunday, December 18th at Harpoon Henry's upstairs bar. We are limited in space, so please only have your Captain & one guest attend, unless previously arranged with Kim.

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FROM PREVIOUS DANA POINT HARBOR BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS

IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO KIM TILLY AT info@danapointharbor.com.

1) A request was made to stage the vessels in the main channel rather than outside the breakwater. It seems conditions were less than desirable last year both from the standpoint of sea conditions and traffic flow. Please advise if this is a possibility.

RESPONSE: We would prefer boaters continue to stage outside the breakwaters. The area inside the channel is limited in space due to the jetties and the likelihood of a collision would increase. Also, it may impede normal vessel traffic for those boaters not part of the parade. If the weather is bad, staging inside the harbor will be considered and coordinated with the Committee but this will not be standard operating procedure.

2) Concerns raised regarding kayaks and dinghy's mixing in with parade - safety was the issue as their profile does not lend itself well for visibility during the event. Advise how this might be addressed

RESPONSE: We monitor dinghies and kayaks during the parade and direct them to the center of the channel so they don't impede the parade. They are welcome on the water as long as they have a flashlight and PFD(s), and do not impede vessel traffic. They (and other human powered craft) are subject to citation for OC Codified Ordinances if they impede vessel traffic inside the harbor.

3) Concern regarding traffic flow - either too close or too far apart. Apparently a couple of vessels were real slow so others were going around the slow vessel and this created problems with flow in both directions. Advise how this might be addressed.

RESPONSE: Kim addressed this in her rules announcement to the participants to keep 2-3 boat lengths from the boat ahead. Need voluntary compliance, as I can't enforce this. We try to keep the parade speed below 5 MPH to try and keep a tight parade route. My staff will also be out asking boaters to tighten up gaps. Boaters need to use channel 68 to let us know of problems so we can try and address them.

4) Concern regarding rain or fog.

RESPONSE: The parade is rain or shine. If the rain is really heavy and the wind picks up, or there is a heavy fog, please contact the Harbor Patrol (248-2222) before leaving the docks to find out the status of the parade. After you have left the docks, continue to monitor Channel 68. Emergencies go to Channel 16. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will have a Communication Center monitoring Channel 16 and 68 and can be hailed "Dana Point Control" if you need help.

Harbor Patrol Contact is:

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USCG Auxiliary

Command/Communication Center

Hail: "DANA POINT CONTROL"

Channel 68 and 16

