

Holiday Regatta of Lights

29th Annual Boat Parade

The 29th annual HOLIDAY REGATTA OF LIGHTS is a spectacular and colorful parade of boats held on the bay front just North of the Bridge of Lions. This event reflects the maritime roots of the Oldest City and is in keeping with St. Augustine's historical seaborne image and rich nautical heritage. The Regatta is hosted by The St. Augustine Yacht Club. It will take place at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 12th, 2009.

Sailboats, sport-fishermen, trawlers, shrimp boats, and many other vessels will take part, decorated with the festive lights of the Christmas season in celebration of the holidays. Entry is encouraged for all powered pleasure craft, both private and commercial, with no limit as to size.

We invite all boat owners to participate. A Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held at The St. Augustine Yacht Club for the Captains and Crews of the boats in the parade. Awards will be made by a panel of judges. Eighteen trophies will be given in three classes:

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| Private/Under 25': | MOST COLORFUL—1st, 2nd and 3rd places
BEST THEME—1st, 2nd and 3rd places
BEST IN CLASS—1st place |
| Private/25' & Over: | MOST COLORFUL—1st, 2nd and 3rd places
BEST THEME—1st, 2nd and 3rd places
BEST IN CLASS—1st place |
| Commercial: | MOST COLORFUL—1st place
BEST THEME—1st place
BEST IN CLASS—1st place |
| Grand Prize: | BEST OVERALL—1st place |

The annual Holiday Regatta of Lights is always a memorable occasion. Both visitors and local residents will be able to view the event from the Bay Front and Seawall, Castillo de San Marcos (the fort), the Bridge of Lions, and from the eastern shore of the bay.

All are invited to the downtown area to enjoy the City's "Nights of Lights" and to experience the truly spectacular HOLIDAY REGATTA OF LIGHTS boat parade, Saturday, December 12th.

A mandatory Skipper's meeting for participants will be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club, at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 12th. Deadline for entry applications is Friday, December 11th.



St. Augustine & St. Johns County
29th Annual

Holiday Regatta of Lights

A Dazzling Parade of Boats

6:00 PM
Saturday, December 12, 2009
Matanzas Bay



2008 Regatta of Lights

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| Best in Class Commercial
Schooner 'Freedom' | Best in Class – Under 30'
Power 'Sea Walker' |
| Overall Winner
Power 'Alternative' | Best in Class – Over 30'
Sloop 'Free Spirit' |



Hosted by:
The St. Augustine Yacht Club



OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION

29TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY REGATTA OF LIGHTS

Saturday, December 12th, 2009

Owner's Name: _____ Skipper's Name: _____

Skipper's Local Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Vessel's Name: _____ Registration #: _____

Home Port: _____

Vessel's Description: _____

Length: _____ Power: _____ Sail: _____

Number of Crew: _____

Do you have the following on board ? VHF Radio: _____ USCG Required

Safety Equipment: _____ Number of Life Jackets: _____

By officially entering the 29th annual Holiday Regatta of Lights, I hereby fully understand and agree that my participation is voluntary and at my own risk. I hereby agree to hold harmless the host, sponsoring associates, and businesses for any personal injury or property damage which I may cause in any way, or which may be occasioned on me, those on my vessel, or to my vessel.

Signed: _____

Please mail or fax to: St. Augustine Yacht Club
442 Ocean Vista Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32080
904-824-9725 • Fax 904-824-7744

Deadline to enter:
December 11, 2009

Or register online at: www.sayc2000.com (Regatta of Lights)

INFORMATION & RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

We anticipate a beautiful parade of boats. In this our 29th parade, we are primarily interest in safety. Keeping this in mind, these are the rules to follow.

1. Submit your entry early. We ask that you have knowledge of the local waters in and around Matanzas Bay, the tides and currents.
2. Boats are decorated with lights and themes celebrating the holidays in reverence, beauty and the holiday spirit.
3. Entry is open to all motorized pleasure and commercial craft with no limits as to size. All vessels must be able to maintain a constant speed of 5 to 7 knots.
4. A MANDATORY Skipper's meeting will be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club at 10:00 A.M., December 12th, for last minute information, changes, and a final go or no-go by our weather/safety officer.
5. The parade begins East of the Fort near the dolphins, and just North of Davis Shores. Boats are to travel south on the Intracoastal to Matanzas Bay, circling in a counterclockwise direction, keeping the Bay Front, Bridge of Lions, and Eastern shore to starboard. All vessels will make two laps led by the Grand Marshall's vessel.
6. Display your Entry Number Card on the starboard side of your vessel. Be sure to have a light on the entry number. You may be asked from shore to shout your number. Please have a hailer aboard.
7. Skippers should not overload or crowd their boats and will exercise control over their passengers to avoid injuries. USCG required items (i.e. life jackets) are necessary.
8. Portable generators should be kept above deck to avoid noxious fumes. Electrical circuits should be fused to prevent overloading. There will be NO OPEN FLAMES aboard vessels. NO PYROTECHNICS allowed.
9. Judging will commence at 6:00 P.M. (1800 hrs.) from the Western seawall of the Bay Front. Boats will pass in front of the reviewing stand in a North to South direction, and will keep a safe distance of 100 feet between vessels at all times, while maintaining a speed of 5 knots. If a vessel slows and opens a large gap, please continue around them to maintain a 100 foot interval.
10. Please keep noise or sounds to a minimum—the parade is intended to be a visual experience.
11. Radio communications will be maintained through the parade on Marine VHF channel 72. Please monitor this channel and keep radio traffic to a minimum.
12. Safety in boating is primary and we ask that all entrants display the courtesy inherent in good boating.
13. All skippers and their crews are invited to join the festivities of the Reception and Awards Presentation at the St. Augustine Yacht Club immediately following the parade. Entry number and tickets for skipper and crew must be available for admittance.