



35th Annual Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Christmas Boat Parade

FORT MYERS BEACH – The 35th Annual Fort Myers Beach Christmas Boat Parade is right around the corner! The dazzling lighted parade will commence on Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm leaving from Salty Sam's Marina.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be heading the parade and welcoming everyone back to FMB from the lead Chamber boat! The two lead Chamber boats will be carrying the Chamber's Board of Directors, Chamber Ambassadors and VIPs. Music and MC services on the lead boat will be provided by local beach musician and resident, Barry Lawrence. A big thank you to Adventures in Paradise for generously providing the lead boats.

Parade participant vessels will assemble in front of the docks at Salty Sam's Marina at 5:30 pm. At 6:00 pm, the boats will begin to leave Salty Sam's Marina going past Parrot Key Caribbean Grill heading northwest passing by Erickson & Jensen seafood, the shrimp fleet, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Dixie Fish, Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café, then heading under the Matanzas Pass Bridge. They will travel past the Coast Guard station and the homes along the back bay through Estero Pass, Hurricane Pass and into Pelican Pass behind San Carlos Island. After traveling through Pelican Pass and circling Pelican Island, they will turn back through Estero Pass and into San Carlos Bay heading toward the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina. The parade will turn south in front of the Pink Shell and head back toward the Matanzas Pass bridge. The boats will travel past Moss Marina, Snug Harbor and Nervous Nellies going back under the Matanzas Pass Bridge. After passing Matanzas on the Bay and Petey's Upper Deck, boats will continue south along the Ft. Myers Beach (Estero Island) shoreline and then cross the Matanzas Harbor mooring field toward Salty Sam's. Depending on time, the parade may make another short loop around the Back Bay area.

Do not forget to vote for the People's Choice Award the night of the parade, visit our website for People's Choice voting information, www.fmbboatparade.com.

Please come early and support the recovering businesses on Ft. Myers Beach by enjoying a late lunch or early dinner. For information on who is open, visit: www.fortmyersbeach.org/whos-open-for-business. Best options for parade viewing are along the pedestrian walkway atop Matanzas Pass Bridge, at the shoreline by Bayside Park at the base of Old San Carlos, all bars, and restaurants long the back bay areas, aboard private vessels in the bay area and from numerous homes along the waterway. Please be respectful and kind to other parade viewers, take a moment to support our area businesses and enjoy the holiday season! For more information, please contact the Fort Myers Beach Chamber at 239.454.7500 or visit www.fortmyersbeach.com.

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