

Skippers Instructions:

Parade Captain: Jack Wittmann 617-4051 or 324-2724 VHF Channel 68

Formation at 5 pm Gulfport Lake

The parade begins at 6pm in Gulfport Lake and continues through Bayou Bernard and down the Seaway to The Dock at Seaway Marine Center in Gulfport Lake for the awards presentation.

- **All boats MUST remain in formation down the Industrial Seaway; there may be barges in several locations. The Seaway is dark and this is for your safety and the safety of others.**
- **Maintain even speed and distance between boats so the parade flows smoothly. Again do not stop or pass other boats.**
- **Your registration numbers should be well lit and on both sides of your vessel so the judges will be able to identify you.**
- **The parade will start in front of viewing stands at Gulfport Lake and will travel along the south bank of Gulfport Lake before entering Bayou Bernard.**
- **The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will be the lead boat followed by the “Christmas on the Bayou” boat. All other boats will fall in line behind them in no certain order.**
- **Large Vessels please note -**
 - **Boats that are not able to pass under the Cowan/Lorraine Bridge should line up at the end of the parade. There will be escort boat that will fall in the parade line in front of the larger boats. This boat will turn the larger boats at the bridge and lead them back through the bayou to Gulfport Lake for the awards presentation. It is very important for the larger boats to follow this escort and not attempt to turn around on their own!**
- **Judges will have a lighted sign in their yard. PLEASE AGAIN DO NOT PASS OR GET OUT OF LINE ONCE THE PARADE HAS STARTED AND REMEMBER NO THROWS!**
- **DMR, Gulfport Police and Harrison County Sheriff's Dept. will have patrol boats along the route. THEY ARE THE LAW - HEED THEM!**
- **All vessels must complete the parade route.**

THANKS AND HAVE FUN!