

# 2015 LaBelle Lighted Boat Parade

Sponsored by the LaBelle Heritage Museum

## General Rules and Information

Parade Day: Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

“Rain” Day alternative: Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

Welcome! The Christmas lighted boat parade is back and there are only a few simple rules to insure that the event is safe, entertaining, and FUN! All types of vessels are welcome as long as they are lit up with holiday lights!!

- Registration form must be filled out and signed. The committee will assign your boat a position to make the flotilla a stunning success!
- The lead boat will host a Live Santa, or Santa Image (in the eyes of Children, there is only ONE Santa) so please, no other Santa displays.
- All decorations and costumes **MUST** be suitable for viewing by children and adults of all ages, races, and beliefs. Obscene or vulgar images, language, or music, will not be allowed. This is a FAMILY EVENT!
- All boaters will adhere to the US Coast Guard Rules of the Road and safety standards.
- All skippers will attend the “Skipper’s Meeting” on the Wednesday before the parade at the Barron Park Pavilion at 7:00 pm. You will receive a number (your position in the parade) to display on your boat.
- All vessels will gather about ½ mile east of Barron Park. The committee boat will have an orange strobe and will monitor marine radio Channel 77. You will receive your commemorative plaque and any last minute information or instructions.
- Boats that need a bridge opening will be at the end of the parade.
- Follow the boat in front of you and leave enough room to safely navigate, but not huge gaps. We will approach Barron Park on the south side of the Caloosahatchee River, circle before the bridge, and pass by Barron Park again, go through the bridge, by the City Wharf and cross the river at the west end of Bob Mason Park, circling back to the City Wharf, then zig-zag going west towards Aqua Isles. The parade will end after Aqua Isles and all boats will return to their home port. Have fun and be safe!

Bring or mail your completed Registration Form to the LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, FL 33935 OR to any one of the committee members (Add Austin, Julie Wilkins, Janet Papinaw, or Keitha Daniels).