



**BOAT
PARADE**

**2021 Parade Manual
Rules and Regulations**

EVENT DATE & TIME

Saturday, December 11, 2020 4:00PM – 9:00PM

APPLICATION & ENTRY FEE

Application Period: Now - Friday, December 3, 2021 at 5:00PM or until sold out

Individual or Community Boat

Register by October 31: \$45

Register between November 1 – December 4 (or until all spots are filled): \$60

Commercial Boat

Register by October 31: \$200

Register between November 1 – December 4 (or until all spots are filled): \$225

TYPES OF BOATS ACCEPTED

- **Motorized boats:** Single engine electric, 2 or 4 stroke gas engines. No jet skis or singular human powered entries are permitted.
- **Human Powered:** human powered entries only.

HEIGHT RESTRICTION

All watercraft may not exceed a maximum height of 18 feet for participation, including masts.

GENERATORS

The use of generators is permitted, given the following requirements are met:

1. Generator weight cannot exceed 150 lbs.
2. Spark arrestors are mandatory on all generators (absolutely no exceptions)
3. Gas and fuel cans are not permitted on any boat. Please make sure your generator has ample fuel before casting off

UNIT NUMBERS (BURGEES)

The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade will provide a burgee displaying your unit number at the Captain's Meeting. Burgees must be displayed prominently on the port side of the boat for the duration of the parade. It is strongly recommend you provide a light so the judges can read the burgee number.

PROHIBITED

1. No live Santa's are allowed on any participating boats
2. No towing of any kind is permitted
3. No throwing candy to the crowd
4. No alcoholic beverages
5. The entire lake is a NO WAKE ZONE

LOAD-IN LOCATION

Boat load-in will take place on the north side of the lake at Tempe Town Lake Marina
550 E. Tempe Town Lake, Tempe, AZ 85281.

DECORATIONS

- 2,000 lights are the minimum requirement for participation.
- Inflatable decorations will be allowed as long as they are secured and will not blow off the boat.

Awards and Judging

As a participant in the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade, you are automatically entered into the competition for some great cash prizes! Your unit number / burgee must be visible on the port side of your boat to be judged.

A panel of local community members will use the following criteria to determine the winners: originality, technical design, and entertainment value. Evaluation is based upon imaginative use of lights, design, costuming, color, people/characters, movement, activity, and props. Please design for entertainment value, to maximize the parade theme. **Overtly commercial units that do not conform to the entertainment theme will be disqualified.**

Prize Categories and Winnings

- Best New Entry (\$500)
- Best Use of Lights (\$500)
- Best Animation / Special Effects (\$500)
- Best Music (\$500)
- Best Originality (\$500)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Boats may be photographed by the event for promotional purposes. These images are the property of the event and by participating in this event you automatically authorize the use of any of the images that include your boat, passengers, etc. The event will post any images online for retrieval by skippers. Not all boats may be photographed.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the situation a participant needs to cancel their attendance at the parade, the parade fee is not refundable. In the event that Downtown Tempe must cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances, Downtown Tempe will refund the cost of participate, minus a \$5 processing fee. Downtown Tempe does not assume responsibility for any additional costs, charges or expenses.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All boats must be fully licensed and covered by insurance during the full period of production and performance. The Parade does not provide liability insurance for the protection of parade participants, spectators, vendors, or merchants engaged in these activities and does not assume or accept responsibility for claims filed as a result of them. *Proof of insurance must be present in the boat at all times during your participation in this event.*

PARKING

Each registered parade unit will receive 2 parking passes. One pass for the vehicle with the boat trailer and one pass for guests. Prior to the parade, details regarding other parking locations will be sent via email.

ACCESSIBILITY

If anyone in your unit has special accessibility requirements, please let us know so that we can do our best to fulfill your needs so that you can have the best experience possible. Email events@downtowntempe.com with any requirements and questions. Fun fact, we have a spectacular ADA viewing spot at Tempe Beach Park, just West of Boat Rentals for America.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

All parade units must follow all CDC, Maricopa County Health Department and City of Tempe regulations in relation to public health. In addition to following these guidelines, we may institute additional health safety protocols to not only ensure safety, but also give all attendees extra confidence we are taking every precaution necessary. A determination will be made closer to the event date.

Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade Rules

The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade has become a favorite, fun holiday tradition throughout the Valley of the Sun. To ensure the best experience for viewers and participants alike, the following safety precautions apply:

General Rules

1. All boaters must follow Tempe Town Lake rules and obey City of Tempe. Anyone not adhering to such rules and authorities will be barred from participation.
2. Arizona Game and Fish boating rules will be enforced.
3. All staff and participants are required to wear masks while at check-in, during the captain's meeting, at the dock and when social distancing cannot be maintained in the parking lot.
4. Be Safe and Courteous: no engine revving or throwing candy. The entire lake a NO WAKE ZONE. Do not stay at the dock for long periods of time and only walk on the dock for boat access.
5. Proof of current boat insurance must be on board each boat
6. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on boats; violation will result in removal from parade and possible arrest. The driver must be licensed and sober.
7. Navigation lights must be on at all times after dusk. Stay alert, small boats may be hard to see.
8. No live Santa's allowed (there's only one, and he's already on site!)
9. No commercial logos can be visible unless unit is entered and has paid as a "commercial" application
10. During Sunlight hours, stay between the Marina and Rural Road

11. City of Tempe Police have ultimate authority over boater conduct on Tempe Town Lake. Any boater reported by them to the Event for failure to cooperate with their authority will be barred from future participation.

Specific to the Parade

1. Post burgee securely and visibly on port side of boat.
2. Lead Boat is to lead boats at a pace of 5-6 miles per hour from the marina to the light rail bridge. Absolutely no passing the Lead Boat. Boaters who deviate from the parade anchor locations and route will be barred from future participation.
3. All boaters must conform to official parade locations and route, follow in single file and no passing.
4. Do not hug the shore – you could damage your boat in the shallow banks and spectators won't be able to see your boat.
5. At 7PM or at the conclusion of the parade loop, human powered boats will need to exit the lake. Power boats may float between the Light Rail Bridge and the Rural Road Bridge, with all lights and decorations remaining ON until the conclusion of the fireworks show, but must leave the lake if requested by Lake Officials. PLEASE REMAIN BETWEEN THE MILL AVE BRIDGES AND THE LIGHT RAIL BRIDGE DURING THE FIREWORKS.

Event Timeline (subject to change)

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| 12:00PM Noon | Marina Parking Lot Opens to Parade Units |
| 2:30PM | Boater Check-In Begins and Lake Opens to Parade Units |
| 4:00PM | Mandatory Captain's Meeting |
| 4:45PM | Parade Units Staging |
| 6:00PM – 7:00PM | Parade |
| 7:00PM – 8:00PM | Power Boat Float |
| 8:00PM | Fireworks |
| 8:15PM | Following the Fireworks, Boats Travel along the North side of the lake to the exit |
| 9:00PM | Event Ends in Tempe Beach Park |
| Awards winners names announced via email the week following the parade. Prizes will be mailed by the following Friday. | |

INDEMNIFICATION

Boat Entrant and Event hereby agree to indemnify and hold each other harmless, along with our respective officers, directors, agents, members, and employees, Fantasy of Lights, Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc., and the City of Tempe from and against any and all claims, demands, obligations, causes of action and lawsuits and all damages, liabilities, fines, judgments, costs (including settlement costs), and expenses associated therewith (including the payment of reasonable attorney fees and disbursements), arising out of: (1) the failure of Boat Entrant or Event, their employees or agents, to comply with the terms and conditions of these terms; (2) the negligent acts or omissions of Boat Entrant or Event and their employees, agents, or subcontractors; (3) the services performed or actions taken by Boat Entrant or Event and their employees or agents, including the operation and management of any event or activity incidental thereto. Each of our obligations to indemnify contained above will survive the expiration or termination of our sponsorship and the attached letter agreement. By submitting an application for this Event, Boat Entrant agrees to these terms.

The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade, Downtown Tempe Authority, and the City of Tempe are not responsible for any personal property damage due to any cause, and by submitting the application each unit agrees to assume responsibility for any damage involving their entry.

Emergency Weather Procedures

NOTE: In the event of weather emergencies, the City of Tempe and Downtown Tempe Foundation, Inc. staff will determine appropriate safety actions based on the following parameters. Boaters, exhibitors, and spectators on-site will be informed on-site if conditions cause changes in programming.

Weather Safety Event Parameters

Tempe Town Lake Park Rangers will use the Lake's two (2) weather monitor towers to determine wind speed. The white tower lights begin blinking when the wind reaches 15 mph, turn yellow in the event of lightning within 10 miles of the Lake, and deploy an emergency siren to signal evacuation in severe weather.

Wind Speed

- 13 Miles Per Hour/Whitecaps Small human-powered watercraft cannot launch
- 15 Miles Per Hour Fireworks cannot launch
- 20 Miles Per Hour Motorized watercraft cannot launch

Lightning

- No Watercraft can launch if lightning is present
- In the event of lightning, boaters should proceed to the nearest dock, tie off, and find cover; spaces under cross-lake bridges may also be available
- Spectators and exhibitors should evacuate Tempe Beach Park in the event of lightning, and seek the nearest shelter; do not use trees for shelter from lightning
- Attached is a map of Tempe Town Lake docks available for emergency tie-up

Rain

If rainfall obscures visibility so that watercraft cannot maneuver, none can launch

Boat Parade Event Parameters

- The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade **will continue rain or shine**, except in the event of emergency safety conditions outlined above.
- Wind speed parameters will be used to determine safety for small human-powered watercraft, the deployment of fireworks, and the launch of motorized watercraft.
- Lighting parameters will be used to determine safety for all participants including boaters, vendors and exhibitors, and spectators.
- Without other extenuating circumstances, rain itself will not cause cancellation of the event.