

Christmas 'Parade of Lights' on Lake Ray Hubbard
Saturday, December 10, 2011, 6:00PM

Skipper's Instructions

Because of the low lake level, this year we are skipping our usual pass through Chandler's Landing Marina. Also, instead of coming very close in, we'll stay just outside the buoys, as we pass The Harbor in Rockwall.

1. Affix your number on the starboard (right) side of your boat where it can be clearly seen. Numbers are for identification only, **not** for position in the parade. Don't worry about your place in the parade line.
2. Monitor channel 69 for additional instructions or communications, during the parade.
3. Boats should begin leaving the marinas around 5:30 – 5:45 PM.
4. The designated lead boat will be holding position outside the north entrance of Bayview Marina.
5. Boats should circle out and merge into a parade line, parallel with I-30, behind the lead boat, with lots of room between boats. Because of low water, stay well back from the rocks!
6. Remember,... **it's a parade, not a race**. Once the procession begins, please maintain your position in line throughout the event. Be patient. Do not fan out, several abreast, or break out and speed ahead to the next location. The parade speed must not be faster than the slowest boat. The lead boat will set the course and pace.
7. Leave plenty of room between boats for safety, and so spectators and judges can fully enjoy each boat before the next passes.
8. The 'Parade of Lights' procession begins at about **6:00 PM** The lead boat will head the parade line into the north Bayview Marina entrance, slowly "down" along the inside of the breakwater, past the ends of Docks H thru M, then out the south opening through the breakwater.
9. After we exit Bayview, we'll cross over and parade past The Harbor in Rockwall, south to north, just outside the buoys.
10. After we pass The Harbor and approach the bridge, turn back west, toward Bayview. The parade will travel parallel to the I-30 bridge, back toward the north Bayview Marina entrance. The line of boats will be viewable from the bridge – people will honk or even pull off on the shoulder, to watch.
11. Finally, the parade boats will re-enter the north Bayview Marina entrance, and dock.
12. Be careful, be courteous, be patient, and have fun!