



McKinley Boat Owners Association (McBOAT)

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Milwaukee Venetian Boat Parade Registration Form

Instructions: All areas of this form must be completed and this form must be accompanied by your entry fee of fifty dollars (\$15.00)

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Vessel Name: _____

Type of Vessel (choose one): Power Sail Dinghy

Slip location and number (Include if you are in McKinley Marina or South shore or the Milwaukee Yacht Club, etc. Be detailed please)

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Describe your Vessel and your Venetian Decorations (The emcee may read this to the spectators and judges will see this be as descriptive and as fun as you can)

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By Signing Below I agree to the Terms of Participation and Rules and Regulations included in this File.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send this completed form and your payment of \$15.00 to:

McKinley Boat Owners Association (McBOAT)
Attn: Milwaukee Venetian Boat Parade Registration
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Milwaukee Venetian Boat Parade

Rules and Regulations

1. All vessels must be seaworthy and comply with all Federal, State, and Coast Guard regulations. Smart boater safety is our first priority and all vessels are to be operated in a safe and courteous manner. Please make sure your navigation lights are working (not just your decorative illumination). **NO siren type sounds; sparklers, fireworks, poppers, or other pyrotechnic displays are allowed.**
2. No Bow riding or riding on the roof of moving boats.
3. All Vessels must be equipped with a VHF radio with a working channel of 72 *Low Power Mode* (for communication with parade marshals and Parade Announcer)
4. One crew member must be designated as radio operator. This communication operator should be located such that he/she is able to communicate verbally with the vessel's captain, so that communication between the committee boat, other participants or safety officials can be handled in a quick and efficient manner.
5. All Vessels must be equipped and decorated with electric lights
6. All vessels will be given a parade entry number to mount on their vessel; the number must be mounted to the *FRONT QUARTER* of the Port AND Starboard of the vessel to assist with judging. A vessel failing to display its number will be ineligible for any awards
7. Vessels whose electrical system(s) are not functioning at the start of the parade may be asked to withdraw from the parade.
8. All Captains must attend the mandatory Skippers meeting held on **Saturday August 17th 2019 at 4:30pm** at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center. Final parade numbers, details and route will be reviewed at this meeting.
9. Vessels will congregate in the area between the government pier and the inner rock wall (here after called "Staging area") in the McKinley Basin for staging **NO SOONER THAN 8:00PM** and may overflow into the areas outside of the McKinley Basin as well. **ONLY LEGAL NAVIGATION LIGHTS (red, green, white in proper placements)** may be displayed while outside of the staging area and parade route.
10. At 8:30pm via radio announcement on marine VHF channel 72 and air horn blast vessels will proceed out of the staging area following the lead vessel. No numerical order or roll call will be followed. The parade will conclude via a radio announcement on marine VHF channel 72 and air horn blast.
11. Maintain a **NO WAKE** speed at all times with a 30 yard spacing from the vessel in front of you.
12. After you complete the route you may re-enter the staging area to break down (*only if the staging area is clear*) or circle the basin to return to your slip or mooring. If your slip/mooring is outside of the basin but would like to remain in the area to receive an award if you win, circle around the McKinley Basin and you may tie up using the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center docks for short term dockage. **(No overnight dockage will be allowed)**
13. This is a family event and all entries must be within the limits of good taste
14. No alcohol may be consumed on any vessel during the any portion of the parade
15. All vessels, captains and crews agree to follow the directions of Coast Guard staff, Coast Guard Auxiliary staff, Milwaukee Police staff and Parade staff at all times.
16. All vessels must remain under power at all times, sailing your vessel is not allowed however raising your sails as part of your decorations most certainly is. Just be certain they will not affect your course holding ability.
17. All Vessels must provide a proof of insurance for their vessels to McBOAT upon registration.

Terms of Participation

It is the sole responsibility of the captain of each vessel (hereafter called "unit") to decide to participate, or continue to participate in the Milwaukee Venetian Boat Parade (hereafter called "parade") in the event of emergency, inclement weather, mechanical malfunction(s), or any number of other reason(s) which may or may not be listed here.

All vessels are required to have valid and current insurance during their participation in the parade.

The Milwaukee Police Department and/or the United States Coast Guard may cancel or postpone the event due to severe weather, high winds, strong currents, or any number of safety concerns at any time. For this reason, communication is paramount and all units must be equipped with or have on their person a device capable of receiving transmissions broadcast on marine radio VHF channels 9 (156.450 MHz), 16 (156.800 MHz) and 72 (156.625 MHz). **It is highly recommended that your device also be capable of transmitting on these channels as well.**

Once you begin the parade you are required to finish the entire route of the parade (provided to you in map form at the mandatory captain's meeting). No stopping is permitted with exception to emergencies. Follow the marker buoys when available while operating your vessel as slowly as you can safely can while still maintaining the ability to control your vessel. **This may mean going in and out of gear repeatedly** **The entire McKinley Marina Basin is a NO WAKE Zone.** During the parade all vessels are required to maintain a distance of 30 yards from the vessel in front of them.

All vessels will be judged and awards will be given for Best in Show-Winner, Best in Show-Runner up and Most Entertaining with the winners of the above stated awards announced on marine radio VHF channel 72 (156.625 MHz) shortly after the conclusion of the parade. The judge's decision is final.

All vessels and captains will follow the direction(s) of Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Milwaukee Police and Parade staff at all times. Failure to do so will result in removal from the parade.

The consumption of alcohol during any portion of the parade is strictly prohibited.

I do hereby Release, McKinley Boat Owners Association Inc. (McBOAT), Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, Milwaukee County Parks, and any other committee, officer of, party to, volunteer, director, or group associated with the Milwaukee Venetian Boat Parade from any liability due to injury or damage whatsoever to person(s) or property(s) whether caused by or resulting from their act, omission, or alleged, negligence or from weather, water conditions, harbor conditions, hazards of any kind, defects of or failures of vessels to be seaworthy of hull, rigging, and gear, lights, and wiring, electrical systems, motors, generators, or any acts, omissions, or alleged negligence of other participants or spectators which may occur during or arising out of, or any part of, the Milwaukee Venetian Boat Parade sponsored in whole or part by any of the above named groups. Notice is hereby given to all participants, officials, spectators, and others that they are in such marine activity solely at their own risk. Owners, captains, crews, and guests, by participating in consideration of such involvement or of such participation, shall be deemed each to have agreed to the foregoing conditions.