

Attention members!



FHYC Blessing of the Fleet and Commissioning Day Ceremonies Saturday April 9, 2022

Get out your signal flags and decorate your boats. Fly your pennants and join the parade to have your boat blessed for the official opening of the 2022 boating season. This is the Club's 38th Blessing of the Fleet and Commissioning Day event.

All boats should rendezvous outside marker 1N on the Neuse River no later than 0930 hrs. (9:30am). Participating boats are to monitor channel 69 for instructions. At 0945 the Fleet Captain will lead the parade followed in order by the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Fleet Chaplain, Fleet Surgeon, Directors and Past Commodores. The remaining members will form the main body of the fleet.

We will attempt to maintain a speed of approximately 5 knots. Please make every effort to maintain parade speed and keep a safe three boat length separation. Try to avoid large gaps and any "rubber banding" effect. The parade will proceed through Spring Creek and will pass the Shoreline Docks to starboard for the blessing.

Do not exit the Inner Harbor back into Spring Creek until the Fleet Captain indicates that the last boat has entered the Inner Harbor. If you experience problems, state your intentions on channel 69, drop out of the parade and call for assistance on channel 16. The Marine Assistance Committee will be available to assist. Do not proceed in the parade under tow.

In the event weather forces a cancellation of the Parade of Boats, the Fleet Captain will make an announcement at 0830 and 0845 on channel 69. The Commissioning Day Ceremony will commence at 1130 hrs. (11:30am) at the flag pole. Lunch will be served at Red Sails Park after the Commissioning Day Ceremony.

For those wishing to participate in the boat parade complete the sign-up sheet below. E-mail the required information to: **katzduncan84@gmail.com** or return to **Phil Katz, 5006 Plymouth Ct, New Bern, NC 28560** by **April 1, 2022**.

Boat Name

Captain Name

Crew Names

Indicate any FHYC Officer or Director or Past Commodore present on your boat: