

Dear Esteemed Judges,

Welcome to a fun filled day that traditionally hails the start of the Yachting season on San Francisco Bay. This eighty-nine year-old parade is now the United States largest and has been covered by CNN and the local media.

We are very happy that you have agreed too undertake this very important and worthwhile activity. Our members have spent many hours in preparation, design and construction to participate in the Opening Day Parade. Some have participated for many years. There is a keen friendly rivalry that places a big importance to your judging decisions.

We will endeavor to help you make your experience on the committee boat most enjoyable as well. We will provide you with as much assistance as is necessary for you in the judging. The parade will last about an hour to an hour and half. Therefore be sure to take care of all your necessities prior to the start of the parade so that you do not miss any of the boats. We will have persons available to assist you in the spotting and identification of the boats. We are having a “Picket Boat” lead each category and will be numbered 100, 200, 300, 400. If you should need food or beverage, or any other incidental, there will be persons available to obtain them so you will not miss judging any of the boats. The parade is also being video taped by Mr. Bob Lewis on the committee boat with you. If you need to see a “replay” or have questions, just ask him, or any of his assistants.

We are providing you with copies of the instructions that have been provided to the parade participants as well; please take a few minutes to review. Please note that the skippers have been instructed to display several signs with their assigned numbers and BOAT U.S. signs. However, since wind or a wave can cause a sign to be lost or made illegible we do not want to penalize a boater if this occurs. Without any numbers unless that boat can be identified by phone or radio it cannot be judged. We plan to utilize both methods of communication.

Again, thank-you for your generous help and have a fun filled day.

The following pages will list the judging criteria and a list of the registered boats.

There are five classes of competition:

Class 100 – Power Boat Decorated to Theme by a Club

Class 200 – Sailboat Decorated to Theme by a Club

Class 300 – Power or Sail Boat Decorated to Theme by Juniors

Class 400 – Club Fleet Decorated with Flags and Streamers

Class 700 – Any decorated boat, Not to theme, by Club members.

BoatU.S. Ward Cleaveland Memorial Trophy, Best of Parade Trophy. This winner is not eligible for any other class completion.

Please judge the boats individually in Classes 100, 200, 300, and 700 with numerical values

From 1 (low) to 10 (high) in each of the following areas:

\*\*\* Conformity to theme: “Mardi Gras Parade” on the Bay

\*\*\* Originality

\*\*\* Effort

Note: There may be some individual boats with entry numbers in Classes 100 and 200, which are decorated only with flags and streamers. If these decorations do not represent the theme in any way, the boat is not eligible for a prize. (Please note this on your form.)

Please judge each “CLUB as a FLEET of BOATS,” in Class 400 with the numerical values 1 (low) to (10) as follows:

\*\*\* Number of Boats participating:

\*\*\* Similarity of decorations

\*\*\* Effort

The judging packet will include a Scoring Sheet for all the Classes of boats, including a list of all the boats entered by each club.

Winners in each class will be those receiving the highest total points from all judges, as verified by the Opening Day Chairperson. All boats participating in the Opening Day Parade will receive commemorative participating plaques, and in most cases, their clubs will receive CLUB OF THE YEAR points.

Thank-you for participation in our parade and we hope have enjoyed your day on the bay.

Duane Collins, Chairman, Opening Day on the Bay  
PICYA Vice Commodore