

**Southern Yacht Club  
166<sup>th</sup> Opening Day  
Sunday, April 12, 2015**

## **PARADE INSTRUCTIONS**

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**SCHEDULE** – Sunday, April 12, 2015, 1300 hours (following the Opening Ceremony).

**PARADE PARTICIPANTS** – Participation in the parade is by invitation only. All SYC members are invited to join the parade. (There is no registration process.)

All boats participating in the parade must do so under power, either auxiliary or by tow, and be capable of maintaining a speed of 5 knots. Groups of smaller boats may be towed together as a squadron (e.g., Optis, 420s, etc.).

**COMMUNICATION** – Skippers should monitor VHF channel 69 for instructions.

**ROUTE** – West-to-east in a straight line along the Lakefront for appx. 1.0 nm. The **ENTRANCE** and **EXIT** points will be orange inflatable marks placed north of Lakeshore Shelters No.1 and No.2 (terra cotta roofs), respectively, and are to be left on the **PORT SIDE**.

**SPECTATOR BOAT AREA** – North of the Parade Route defined by the orange marks.

**STAGING AREA** – North of the Municipal Yacht Harbor entrance and Breakwater Park. Boats should circulate in this area before entering the parade route in a deliberate manner behind the Parade Marshal.

**PARADE MARSHAL (LEAD YACHT)** – The Parade Marshal's launch (green-hulled Albin 28, *IDLE*) will enter the parade route at appx. 1300 hours with a long sound signal.

**THE PARADE** – Yachts shall form a single file procession behind the Parade Marshal, leaving a gap of appx. 100 feet between each yacht or squadron, and proceed on a straight course along the parade route at appx. 5.0 knots.

**REVIEW YACHT** – The officers' review yacht (blue-hulled Marlow 65, *SALTWIND*) will be stationed along the course to one side, depending on the conditions. The captain of each yacht shall salute the review party and hold salute until one boat-length beyond the review boat. Only the Flag Officers need to return salute. Dipping the yacht's ensign in salute is not required and will not be returned.

**COMPLETING THE PARADE** – Once a yacht has exited the parade route, she may loiter in the spectator area or return to the staging area. Please do not cross into the parade route or attempt to re-enter the harbor until the last yacht has entered the parade route.

**AWARDS and PRIZES** – Secret judges will award prizes for outstanding entries as follows:

- First, Second and Third places in Sail and Power divisions.
- Oldest Yacht
- Oldest Skipper

Prizes will be awarded at SYC following the parade.

**BAD WEATHER** – If weather conditions preclude parading in the Lake, alternate arrangements will be announced, most likely to include circulating inside the Municipal Yacht Harbor.