

**Southern Yacht Club
168th Opening Day
Sunday, April 15, 2018**

PARADE INSTRUCTIONS

SCHEDULE – Sunday, April 15, 2018, 1100 hours

PARADE PARTICIPANTS – 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 fleet.

COMMUNICATION – Skippers shall monitor VHF channel 69 for instructions.

PARADE ROUTE – West-to-east in a line along the Lakefront for appx. 1.0 nm.

STAGING AREA – North of the Municipal Yacht Harbor entrance and Breakwater Drive.
Boats shall gather in this area before entering the parade.

LEAD YACHT – The Parade Marshal's launch (*Patrol II*) will begin leading the parade at 1100 hours with a long sound signal.

THE PARADE – Yachts shall proceed slowly in a single file procession behind *Patrol II* and leave appx. 100 feet between each yacht or fleet. Each yacht shall steer a consistent, orderly course behind the preceding vessel. No overtaking.

REVIEW YACHT – The review yacht (68' M/Y *Southern Star*) will be stationed just offshore in the vicinity of Mardi Gras Fountain, depending on conditions.

Each parading yacht or fleet shall round the review yacht, keeping it to port.

COMPLETING THE PARADE – Once a yacht has rounded the review yacht, she may return to the staging area in an orderly manner or return to her berth. Please do not cross into the parade route 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.