

Capitola Beach Festival Lighted Nautical Parade Builders Guide-2023



BARGES: Floating Barges provided by Festival. Size 8 x12 feet with plywood top. Available at Stockton Bridge, Friday Sept 22. Between *11:00 am-Noon (time to be confirmed...)* You provide the manpower/paddles or electric motor to move barge up creek to your building site.

ENTRANCE FEE: We ask each entrant for a \$100.00 deposit check which reserves your barge. *This check will be returned Sunday-* after cleanup of barge/assembly site. Make check out to: *Capitola Beach Festival* send to *Capitola Beach Festival PO Box 501 Capitola CA 95010.*

FLOAT DESIGN: 2023 Theme – “Beauty and the Beach”

- Does not extend beyond barge perimeter
- Completed float must be able to pass under Stockton bridge (*or be disqualified!*) **~8 feet clearance from bottom bridge to water**
- Keep design manageable-able to transport parts by footpath/ carts
- You will be given a foam board with your float number to attach to the rear left corner of the float. Save a space for it.

MATERIALS NEEDED: *Use your imagination!*

- Use existing frames- lattice-PVC-zip ties-cardboard...
- Assemble/build frame work /attach strings of lights.
- Plan to power the barge: electric motor (1-2), minimum 50# thrust
- or even 2-3 kayaks can pull
- Use separate batteries to power the lights/ string lights very effective
- Bring extra batteries ?/ manual paddle on board as back up

OFF SITE PREP:

- Type short narrative for announcer (~2 min.)
- Select background music (2-3 min.)
 - If you play your own music on the float, please notify us in advance.
- Complete the Float Talking Points (3-4 items)
- **Send all info to Cindy Kiernan & Mary Beth Cahalen before August 15**
@ kiernanc@sbcglobal.net and MBbytheSea@aol.com
- Visit site assignment /plan for transport materials Sept 22/23

FLOAT RIDERS:

- Must be 12 or older to be on barge during parade
- Each float rider sign waiver prior to parade-collected Sat at 3:00pm
- PFD / life vest on every rider
- Limit: 5 riders

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FRIDAY SEPT 22 ~11:00am-Noon

- Meet Cindy & Mary Beth at Stockton Bridge sand -get assigned barge and float#
- Bring paddles to move your barge upriver to site
- OK to do barge prep on Friday / Lights out -no noise after sunset

SATURDAY SEPT 23- Attach your pre-built pieces to barge:

- Access thru village is restricted in morning as foot race finish~11:00
- Stockton Bridge is closed to traffic 6:00-11:00 am and 7:00-9:00pm
- Access to your creek site is via the foot trail.
- *PARK-Temporarily* under trestle to load equipment on cart/ dolly - short walk to assigned site.
- Attach frame to barge in ways that enable dismantling after event.
- After Parade, when requested by Announcer, send a representative to pick up your award.

PARADE ROUTE- SAFETY PROCEDURE:

Fish & Game prohibits float participants from wading in the creek. Water from creek is not to be sprayed on people. Please do not toss items into the crowd. Alcohol consumption not permitted on barges during parade.

- At Twilight ~7:30 parade starts. Line up by number near Shadowbrook
- Water marshals in kayaks on creek to direct barges
- Parade route is from trestle to Stockton Bridge (~2-3 minutes)
- Judges are seated just before enter under bridge...***show your best***
- Pass under bridge stay to right -then Circle counter-clockwise in lagoon until all floats arrive & winner announced
- Return barge to building site, secure it & take valuables with you

SUNDAY-BARGE BREAKDOWN

- Sunday AM Return early in daylight to remove extra material
- Return cleared barge by 12:00 noon- tie it up under Stockton Bridge
- Rowboat races start at 1:00pm
- Check off barge with staff at 12:00 at sand by bridge
- Your checks held for deposit will be returned at sign off.

THANK YOU! for team participation in 2023 Capitola Beach Festival-Lighted Nautical Parade. Info: www.capitolabeachfestival.com

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