

2009 PARADE OF LIGHTS

HELPFUL HINTS!



EVERYBODY WINS!

Come for the fun of it or join in some friendly competition. Prizes awarded at both venues... Big or small boats, traditional or creative, there's lots of opportunities to win... Boats are judged in categories such as Best of Parade, Best Spirit of America, Best New Entry, Most Spirited Crew, Heartiest Soul, or, just the best decorated or most spirited. \$2000 in cash Prizes, hotel stays, merchandize and more.

- Rule #1 **HAVE FUN!**
- Rule #2 **SING HOLIDAY SONGS**
- Rule #3 **HAVE FUN!**
- Rule #4 **DRESS WARM**
- Rule #5 **HAVE FUN!**
- Rule #6 **CHOOSE A SPIRITED CREW**
- Rule #7 **HAVE FUN!**

PARTY HEARTY
Captains' & First Mates'
Party at ODBC
Awards Party at
Waterfront Gourmet,
Alexandria
Sunday Festivities in
Georgetown

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ROPE LIGHTS. Easier to use than strings of lights and presents a more solid line of light. It comes in white, green, red, blue and candy cane colors. It is flexible enough to wrap around guard rails, or rigging, or to spell out words. Best prices are at Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Target or on-line. Frager's Hardware in DC is offering a 10% discount.

NON-LIGHTED DECORATIONS. Do you have a great plastic snowman, reindeer or Santa Claus? Aim a portable spotlight or work light at it (preferably from a few feet away and aiming back toward your boat, away from the judges).

GAS DISCOUNTS
at **JAMES CREEK MARINA**

HAVE FUN!

TIPS FOR THE MORE SERIOUS

Viewers are quite some distance away. Images translate better if they are oversized.

Simple themes are more easily understood.

Density of lights translate ideas well.

Plan for the possibility of inclement weather.

PVC, wire ties and chicken wire are great tools to use for the structure of decorations. They are light weight and kind to the surface of your vessel.

Use children's Christmas movies & books and holiday greeting cards and carols for inspiration. Past ideas- Fire truck, Martha Stewart Jailhouse Christmas, Toys for Tots, Patriotic Christmas, Saturday Night Fever, Caribbean Holidays or just lots of holiday lights, decorations & spirit

Don't limit yourself to the shape of your boat. Turn it into a Giant Fish (NEMO) or turn a powerboat into a sailing boat. Or better yet, turn a sailboat in to a powerboat!

Google boat parade of lights, holiday boat parade, etc. and get some inspiration!

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Frager's Hardware
with flyer



Are you creatively, financially or time challenged? Why not plan a joint boat with your fellow club members or friends?