



Blessing of the Fleet and Commissioning Day Ceremonies Saturday April 18, 2020

Attention members! Get out your signal flags and decorate your boats. Fly your pennants and join the parade to have your boat blessed for the official opening of the 2020 boating season. This is the Club's 37th Commissioning Day event.

All boats should rendezvous outside marker 1N on the Neuse River no later than 0930. Participating boats are to monitor channel 69 for instructions. At 0945, the Fleet Captain will lead the parade, followed in order by the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Fleet Chaplain, Fleet Surgeon, Directors and Past Commodores. The remaining members will form the main body of the fleet.

We will attempt to maintain a speed of approximately 5 knots. Please make every effort to maintain parade speed and keep a safe, three-boat-length separation. Try to avoid large gaps and any "rubber banding" effect. The parade will proceed through Spring Creek, and will pass the Shoreline Docks to starboard for the blessing.

Do not exit the Inner Harbour back into Spring Creek until the Fleet Captain indicates that the last boat has entered the Inner Harbour. If you experience problems, state your intentions on channel 69, drop out of the parade and call for assistance on channel 16. The Marine Assistance Committee will be available to assist. Do not proceed in the parade under tow.

After the parade, boats may return to their home slips or tie up at the Shoreline Docks. Contact the Dockmaster, Dan Argentieri (252-638-5338), to determine if space is available.

In the event weather forces a cancellation of the Parade of Boats, the Fleet Captain will make an announcement at 0830 and 0845 on channel 69. The Commissioning Day Ceremony will commence at 1130 at the flag pole (regardless of weather conditions). Following the Commissioning Ceremony, there will be a catered luncheon organized by the Entertainment Committee. See their flyer in the *Semaphore*.

For those wishing to participate in the boat parade complete the sign-up sheet below. E-mail the required information to katzduncan84@gmail.com or return to Phil Katz, 5006 Plymouth Ct, New Bern, NC 28560

YOUR NAME	BOAT NAME	FHYC OFFICERS ON BOARD