

## Patriotic Boaters Register Now for 1st Celebrate Stars & Stripes Boat Parade on July 3rd

Perth Amboy and South Amboy are celebrating America's Birthday with a patriotic parade of vessels outfitted with bedazzling lights and incredible decorations.

PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY, US, June 6, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ --Boaters from across Raritan Bay can proudly show their patriotic spirit by joining the "First Annual Celebrate Stars & Stripes Boat Parade," which is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3rd. The nautical procession is presented by Perth Amboy and South Amboy to mark America's Independence Day. Also, the Parade recognizes the warriors – past and present – in the United States Army and Air Force as well as those who serve on waters close to home and around the world in the U.S. Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and local marine police.



Boat Parade Navigator and Fleet Leader Bill Schultz (center) on the Raritan Bay by Perth Amboy with Celebrate Ours Stars & Stripes Chairman Barry Rosengarten (left) and Boat Parade Co-Captain Gary Rumpf (right).

Boat owners are already planning to outfit their vessels with bedazzling lights and all kinds of creative decorations. The fleet will cruise along the waterfront in Perth Amboy, follow the shoreline to South

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Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Committee Co-Chairman Mickey Gross Amboy, and then gather a safe, 1500 feet from the barges that are used to launch spectacular fireworks. The boats will be in place at 9:15 PM when the world-renowned Garden State Fireworks will start its sensational pyrotechnics display to celebrate the nation's birthday. The inaugural boat parade and fireworks are presented by the nonprofit Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes organization whose Honorary Chairs are Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry.

The Amboys are distinguishing their Independence Day celebration by staging their Parade on the open water. Boaters are asked to respond now and register their craft by

Saturday, June 23 at 11:59 PM. Sailors, motor boaters and owners of commercial vessels can sign up at <a href="https://www.Celebratestarsandstripes.com/boatparade">www.Celebratestarsandstripes.com/boatparade</a>. All fees to participate in the boat parade have been waived.

Boat Parade Co-Captains Gary Rumpf and Jeff Steuber are volunteering their time to recruit boaters,

and they are representing the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District.

The Co-Captains said, "We're expecting a dazzling display of lavishly decorated boats. From the shoreline, thousands of visitors will see the yachts, sailboats and skiffs with colorful lights strung from bow to stern and from the waterline to the top of the fishing towers and masts. Our boaters are adorning their vessels with red, white and blue banners, flags and bunting."

Boaters with questions about registering or participating can contact Mr. Steuber by emailing him at jcsteuber@celebratestarsandstripes.com or calling 732-588-6860. The rain date for the boat parade is July 5.



Perth Amboy and South Amboy will present an incredible fireworks display over Raritan Bay on July 3. Photo by James Erwin

Officials at the United States Coast Guard have carefully reviewed and approved the route for the Celebrate Stars & Stripes Boat Parade. Parade Navigator and Fleet Leader Bill Schultz, who is the Raritan Riverkeeper, is charged with charting the course for the armada of cruising craft, which will gather near the Outerbridge Crossing. Piloting the lead boat, Mr. Schultz will safely guide the boats around Raritan Bay.

"We're striving to create an amazing Boat Parade that can become an annual event," said Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Committee Co-Chairman Michael "Mickey" Gross, who is also President of the South Amboy City Council. "We know everyone is working hard to show the best from our two cities. "To help us succeed, we ask you to register for the Boat Parade, enlist your crew, decorate the craft and be part of the fun with a close-up view of our fireworks show!"

Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Chairman Barry Rosengarten handles hundreds of details that go into organizing and managing the fireworks and boat parade. He also coordinates the fundraising for the events with all costs covered by private donations made by companies, not-for-profits and individuals.

An experienced sailor, Mr. Rosengarten said, "Our scenic shoreline and the Raritan Bay are precious resources, and we present a magnificent fireworks display and launch the boat parade to showcase the glorious waterfronts in South Amboy and Perth Amboy."

He explained, "We host the Independence Day celebration to remember, honor and uphold the values of American men and women who toiled, sacrificed and strived in many positive ways to build, protect and defend our nation."

For more information about the First Stars & Stripes Boat Parade and Celebrate Fireworks extravaganza, visit <a href="http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com">http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com</a>. To make a tax deductible contribution, clink on the GoFundMe link: <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/celebratestarsandstripes">www.gofundme.com/celebratestarsandstripes</a>).

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