



## 2017 Opening Day Parade

**Date:** Saturday, May 6, 2017

**Participation:** Open to any vessel who would like to participate. Registration is required for consideration of awards and there is no fee required to participate.

**Safety:** Each skipper is responsible for the safety of his vessel and crew and should base his decision to participate on the weather conditions at the time of the parade. If conditions are deemed to be too severe for the overall safety of the event, the parade will be cancelled.

**Skipper's Meeting:** There will not be a skipper's meeting. Skippers should refer to these instructions for the parade.

**Number Cards:** No number cards are required as the parade is during daylight hours and boats are easily recognizable.

**Time:** Boats away at 1330 (1:30 p.m. immediately following the Opening Day Ceremony). All boats will rendezvous near the Bellingham Cruise terminal at 1400 (2:00 p.m.) or as soon as possible after that time for the parade start.

**Course:** See attached chart. We will make two passes in front of Boulevard Park and the judges' boat (La Siesta). You must pass the judges' boat in single file following the boat in front of you. Maintain a speed of 5 knots.

**Order of March:** The lead boat will be Chariot (Rear Commodore Jim Gibson). All others will follow in single file, with Tullamore (Fleet Captain Scott McEniry) bringing up the rear.

**Communications:** VHF Channel 72 will be used and monitored during the event.

**Judging Criteria:** BYC members will be judged for the Best Decorated Boat interpreting the theme: "Attitudes & Latitudes: Adjust One, Reconnoiter the Other". The decision of the judges is final.

**Awards:** Awards for the following categories will be presented to the winner of all of the BYC members entered: **Commodore's Choice**, **Best of Parade**, and **Community Spirit**. All BYC and non-BYC participants will receive a participation plaque.

**Dock Space:** The BYC guest dock is reserved for the boats of the officers of the BYC. We will have limited dock space for other BYC members. See Steve Hayward if you would like space as he will be handling the docking arrangements. The Port's visitor dock will be available for parade participants as well.

**Party and Awards:** The party at the BYC club house is limited to BYC members and their invited guests and dignitaries. You must have an invitation or show your BYC membership card for entry.

**Questions:** Contact the BYC Fleet Captain, Scott McEniry, at 360 510-6609.