

Alafia River Boat Parade Rules & Timeline:

All boats must register to be eligible for judging and prizes. You may register boats at www.alafiaboatparade.com through 12 PM on Saturday or on the water with our parade boat captain, Michael Broussard. To expedite on-the-water registration please have \$25 donation (cash or a check made out to FishHawk-Riverview Rotary) and arrive early.

Other boats are allowed to be in the parade, but will not be eligible for prizes if they are not registered.

The parade starts for viewers around 6:00 PM. While staging the parade order, boats must stay toward the middle of the river until the balance of the boaters are ready.

All boats competing will have a reflective number sign for the parade which will need to be turned in at The River's Edge Bar and Grill after the parade and in order to be considered for prizes. These number signs are the property of FishHawk-Riverview Rotary. If for some reason you do not turn in your sign at The River's Edge Bar and Grill, please kindly return it to Four Paws Veterinary Hospital, 9430 Balm Riverview Rd, Riverview, FL.

Boats will be judged by select dignitaries of Riverview based on creativity, theme, and overall appearance. FishHawk-Riverview Rotary will not participate in the judging.

Prizes will be awarded at The River's Edge Bar and Grill at the After Party following the parade. Must be present to win.

This year's prizes for Best Decorated Boats are provided by The River's Edge Bar and Grill.

4:00 PM:

- If you need to launch your boat, please put in by 4:00 PM at Williams Boat Ramp, 9425 US Hwy 41, Riverview in order to make it to the 301 bridge in time.

- Please DO NOT put your boat in at the Riverview Civic Center. You will be asked to move your trailer to a different location in order to maximize parking for Event attendees and spectators.

5:30 PM:

- Meet on the Alafia River on the west side of the 301 bridge (the side opposite Tiki Docks.)
- Check in with Michael Broussard in the lead boat, a Grady-White named "Reel Blessed." He will give you your reflective number sign for the judging. It is mandatory that you display the boat number clearly on the right side of the boat for the judging.
- You will be passing the judges at the Riverview Civic Center Dock on the way up the River towards the Beer Shed. This will be the only time the judges will be judging your decorations.

5:45 PM:

- All vessels must remain in the same order throughout the parade. Feel free to zigzag from shore to shore, but please continue to follow the boat in front of you.
- No stopping or passing is allowed except where indicated by the lead boat.
- If you should have motor trouble, pull over to the side and our assist boat will help you. All vessels must remain at idle speed and remain at least 4 boat lengths apart in line as numbered. VHF Channel 69 will be monitored for your assistance.
- The parade will proceed up the river past the Beer Shed depending on River conditions and then return back down the River and on to The River's Edge Bar and Grill for the award ceremony/After Party. Must be present to win.
- PLEASE DO NOT THROW ANYTHING FROM YOUR BOAT, INCLUDING CANDY.
- No rain date has been scheduled. This is an outdoor event so please use good judgment in the case of bad weather. No refunds will be issued for bad weather.