

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Parade of Sails

Wednesday August 12th, 2009

- We plan to do a Parade of Sails past the Town Wharf again this year.
- The plan is to assemble after the races that night, around 8:00 p.m., at the entrance to the main channel.
- On a horn signal, all vessels will follow the Race Committee boat "GOODSPEED" into the harbor.
- At approximately 8:15 p.m. we will start moving into the water-ski area. We will proceed past that area and then head northeast into the mooring field between the 4th and 5th mooring rows. We will then proceed toward the main wharf. The RC boat idles at 3 knots. This should take about 15 to 20 minutes to reach the main wharf. We will attempt to keep a speed that will allow us to stay in a line as a group.
- As the RC boat gets close to the wharf we will fire the cannon 3 times. On the third shot all vessels should light up their sails with spot lights, Christmas lights, even flash lights will work. The more the better.
- We will proceed past the main wharf and across the end of the wharf and in to the main channel. Last year we had perfect conditions and we did 2 loops. This year we will try again to make 2 passes, the RC boat will lead the way.
- Note: At night in the dark, lights on the sails and lights on deck can make it difficult for the helmsman to see. Please have spotters on the bow and watch out for slower boats.
- I know that some boats are faster than others and others maneuver better than others, so please give room to all vessels and pass with caution. I am leaving it up to the skippers to travel the safest route possible.
- This event is not just for racers; all members, friends, guests are invited. It is open to any boater. We had many power boats join in and would like more this year.
- If the weather is bad we will have to cancel.
- Lastly, be patient and have fun. As with all water activities, things may change quickly. Use your best judgment and navigate with care, keep a safe distance from the boat ahead and behind. Honor all marine laws. We will be monitoring Channel #71 as always.

Thank You

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