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PALM COAST'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE **SET FOR DECEMBER 15, 2018**

Palm Coast, Florida, September 3, 2018 –Returning for the 36th consecutive year is Palm Coast's cherished tradition, **THE PALM COAST HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE**, set for December 15, 2018. Once again under the stewardship of the Palm Coast Yacht Club, the Parade is expected to exceed its record last year of more than forty brightly lit and decorated boats. It is now generally considered the largest boat parade in Central Florida.

Boaters and fans are invited to start making plans for this colorful and exciting event which begins at 6 p.m. departing from the Cimmaron Basin south on the Intracoastal Waterway, turning at the Grand Haven gazebo back to the Club House Waterway. The Parade will be escorted by boats from the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Tow Boat US, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Palm Coast Auxiliary of the U.S. Coast Guard. Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland will serve as the Parade's Grand Marshall. Hundreds of spectators are expected to line the ICW cheering the boats on.

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The Parade will pass the Tidelands, Marina Cove, and the Palm Coast Legacy Vacation Resort. It will then proceed under the Hammock Dunes Bridge along St. Joe's Walkway and Canopy Walk, pass by Waterfront Park, Grand Haven, Island Estates, the Hammock, and Yacht Harbor Village before disbursing at the Clubhouse Waterway.

Registration is now open. For registration forms, boat captains are urged to contact Parade Captain Robert Ullis at 386-283-5166 or theullises@att.net. Forms are also available at the Palm Coast Yacht Club website at www.palmcoastyachtclub.com. Boats must be decorated and registered to participate. There are no entry fees. Membership in the Palm Coast Yacht Club is not required.

Rain date is set for December 16. Official notice of any change to the Parade status will be posted on the Palm Coast Yacht Club website by 4 p.m. on December 15.

Participating boat captains are required to attend a special meeting on the morning of the Parade outlining safety regulations and procedures. The meeting will be also attended by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Tow Boat US, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Palm Coast Auxiliary of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Palm Coast Yacht Club inaugurated the Boat Parade in 1983 and has been at its helm every year since. The Club offers a wide variety of social and educational activities for boaters and non-boaters alike. The Club was established in 1979. New members are welcome.

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