

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sue Hayter  
(310) 732-3514

## **PORT HOSTS FLEET OF FESTIVE VESSELS**

***Holiday Boat Parade to Light up Harbor on Saturday, December 4***



425 S. Palos Verdes Street

San Pedro, CA 90731

Tel: 310/732-3508

After 5:00 p.m.:

310/732-3500

**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – Bundle up your family and friends and head to the waterfront on Saturday, December 4, for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade, starting at 6 p.m. in the Port of Los Angeles Main Channel.

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, of the 15<sup>th</sup> District, will preside as Grand Marshal of this year's sparkling spectacular, with boats decorated to the theme "Harbor Lights."

Other officials and community leaders will also take part in the parade as judges or passengers on parade boats. Vessels of all shapes and sizes will participate, including the City of Los Angeles official tall ships *Exy Johnson* and *Irving Johnson*, City Fireboat No. 2, tugboats, powerboats, sailboats and dinghies.

Major sponsors of this annual holiday tradition are the Port of Los Angeles, Comcast Cable, and Valero Refinery.

The parade starts in the East Basin and takes approximately 90 minutes to motor the entire parade route. Spectators may view the procession from several points along the Port's Main Channel, including: the Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington; the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, 600 Sampson Way, San Pedro; Ports O' Call Village, 1100 Nagoya Way, San Pedro; 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Landing, 141 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, San Pedro; and Cabrillo Marina, 200 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro.

-more-

**HOLIDAY AFLOAT**  
**2-2-2**

For the first time, viewers are invited to enjoy the parade from the Cruise Ship Promenade at Harbor Boulevard and Swinford Street in San Pedro, recently completed by the Port as the first leg of the highly anticipated "From Bridge to Breakwater" waterfront development project.

Boater registration for the event is now underway. Vessel entry fee for the parade is \$25, which includes two admissions to the Parade Awards Brunch on Sunday, December 5, at San Pedro Yacht Club. Tickets to the brunch are \$8. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Theme, Humorous, Holiday Spirit, Ancient Mariner, Classic Craft, Most Original, Commercial, Children's Choice, Judge's Choice, Commodore's Trophy and Grand Marshal's Trophy.

To enter, contact parade committee members: Bruce Douglas, San Pedro Yacht Club, (310) 952-0122; Mary Hibdon, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, (310) 629-0395; Dianne Bozler, Hurricane Gulch Yacht Club, (323) 980-4900; or Trisha Jackson, Long Beach Single Sailors Association, (562) 201-4898.

Other members of the Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Committee are Donna Ethington, Rigo Briceno, Robert McCoy, Patricia Benoit, and Sue Hayter. For parade sponsorship information or Awards Brunch tickets, contact Ethington at (310) 549-8111.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading containerport in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable, well paying jobs. It has also placed a high priority on smart growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supporting department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles . . . Anchoring a bright future.

###