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"HOLIDAY MAGIC" IN THE CARDS AT HARBOR BOAT PARADE ***Skippers to Compete for Cash Prizes and Bragging Rights***

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – An enchanted evening awaits at the 43rd annual Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 3, starting at 6 p.m. in the Port of Los Angeles Main Channel. Dozens of brightly lit vessels, decorated to the theme "Holiday Magic," will navigate the parade route, including underneath the vivid blue lights of the Vincent Thomas Bridge, creating a first-of-its-kind "magical" moment.

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, of the 15th District, will preside as Commodore of the Fleet of this year's waterborne parade of lights. The parade co-Grand Marshals, being honored for community service, are Margaret Hernandez, Honorary Mayor of Wilmington, and San Pedro businessman Andrew Silber, proprietor of the Whale & Ale British Pub and Restaurant.

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 Port of Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade, 600 N. Harbor Blvd., San Pedro; the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, 600 Sampson Way, San Pedro; Ports O' Call Village, 1100 Nagoya Way, San Pedro; and Cabrillo Marina, 200 Whaler's Walk, San Pedro. (For maps and directions to these viewing areas, visit www.portoflosangeles.org.)

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Boater registration for the Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade is underway. This year, skippers will be competing for cash prizes of up to \$1000, in addition to the Challenge Cup, awarded to the yacht club with the most participants in the parade. However, boaters do not need to be affiliated with a yacht club to participate. The vessel entry fee is \$25, which includes two admissions to the Parade Awards Brunch on Sunday, December 4, 10 a.m., at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club. Additional tickets to the brunch are \$10, and must be purchased in advance.

Parade entry form can be picked up at marinas in Los Angeles harbor. Or, contact the Parade Committee Office at (310) 549-8111 for entry forms, brunch tickets, sponsorship information, or to become a parade volunteer.

Major sponsors of this holiday tradition are the Port of Los Angeles and Comcast Cable, which will videotape the parade for local broadcast throughout the holiday season.

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