

Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbor

32nd Annual MARINE PARADE &

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

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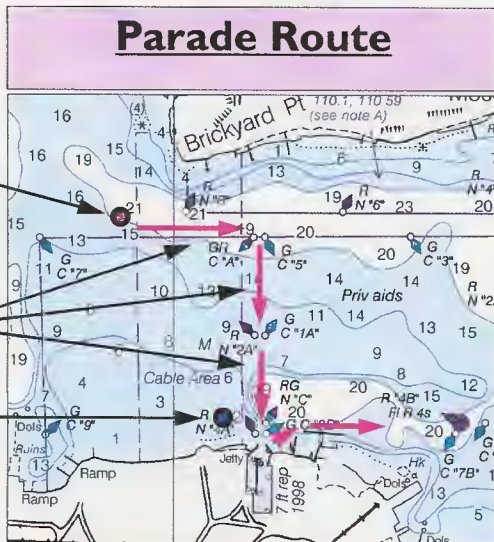
United States Power Squadrons Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron



The Blessing of the Fleet is an old and revered seaport tradition passed down from generation to generation since biblical times. The ancient rite called on Divine Providence to safeguard ships and crews from the danger of the seas, and for fishermen to remain safe and return to port with a bountiful catch. This tradition continues annually in Oyster Bay—this year marking the 32th Anniversary of the event.

Sunday June 2, 2019 - 1:00 PM

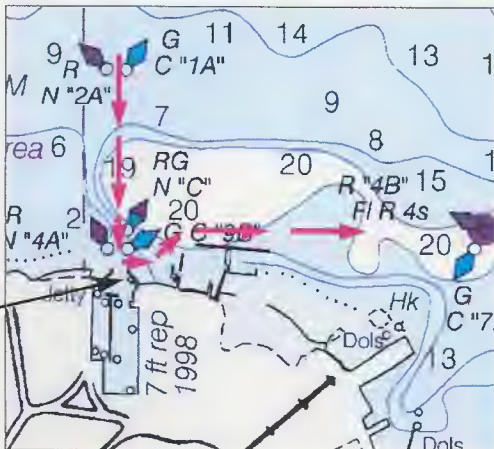
Parade Route



Assembly Area

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Paddle Boat Assembly Area



Blessing From Pier

All Boaters are invited to take part

Sail - Power - Paddle

Yachts to Kayaks and everything in between!

Please read these important instructions:

- Boats will assemble between 1245 and 1300 hours (12:45 and 1:00pm) west of Brickyard point. Line up behind the Oyster Bay Constable. (Paddle boats will assemble west of the Roosevelt Marina entrance.)
- The Oyster Bay Constable will lead off the parade at 1300 (1:00pm).
- Boats should fall in line, single file, keeping a reasonable distance (minimum 3 boat lengths) behind the boat ahead. Sailboats should proceed under power. The parade will head south along the west channel towards Roosevelt Marina. Boats will turn east at the Roosevelt Marina pier.
- Members of the clergy will bless each passing boat from the pier.
- All boats will then head back into the channel heading east along Oyster Bay Marine Center.
- Skippers are asked to **give way to launches** and official vessels that may be crossing the parade route.
- Clergy have requested passengers and crew refrain from open alcohol on deck when approaching the pier.
- **Skippers should monitor VHF Channel 72 for instructions.**
- Skippers are responsible for their own safe navigation and for the safety of their vessel, passengers and crew.
- **Free Vessel Safety Checks and Stickers** will be available after the parade. Request yours by radio on VHF Channel 72, or call 516-622-1356.



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Public viewing of the parade from Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park