

South Bethany's Very Own Parade

Thank you to the 17 boats that registered for the third Annual South Bethany Boat Parade and to the additional boats and kayaks who joined us. At 5 pm on Sunday, July 3rd, the canals were lined with residents and visitors prepared to watch the assemblage as the boats made their way along the canals of South Bethany. Participants and spectators enjoyed themselves immensely!

The Kent and Bobbe Stephan boat from S. Anchorage Avenue led the parade with their Sharknado theme! Aboard were son Jonathan Stephan and his wife, Sam, and Hugh and Ginny Meade from S. Anchorage.



Safety

The "Safety Boat" captained by Joe Conway of Henlopen Drive was positioned in the center of the parade. Along with Joe and Terry Conway, Mayor Pat Voveris, Police Chief Troy Crowson, and Bethany Beach Fire Department representative Dan Cowell were aboard.



Thank you to our judges!

Thank you to our judges for their unbiased voting. Stationed at the Wilson home at the end of Rebecca Road, Judges Dave Wilson, Martha Lowe of Kent Place, and Anne Long of W. 3rd Street had a birds-eye view to judge the boats coming and going.

Congratulations to the winning boats!



Best in Show

"Best in Show" was taken by Boat #5, Captained by Joe Petito of 22 S. Anchorage. The theme of their boat was "Cleopatra on the Nile," featuring his wife as Cleopatra.



Most Patriotic

The Hendrix boat #4 from W. 11th Street received the "Most Patriotic" award with their theme of "Imagine Peace on Earth." On board were Beryl and Mike Long of Peterson Drive, Susan Tinsley of Mays Way, Brenda and Glenn Chisholm, Tony and Jane Byers, Gene and Rose Mary Hendrix.

Most Creative



The Linda Lewis/Peter Bogetti boat from Tern Drive, which has won "Best in Show" for the past two years, took the "Most Creative" award for their theme "Wacky Winter Wonderland." Aboard were: Linda Lewis, Peter Bogetti, Danielle Lewis, Aidan O'Neill, Sydney O'Neill, Chris Davidson, Marcy O'Neill Davidson



Funniest

The Mink family, who are new residents on S. Anchorage, took the award for "Funniest" boat with their crab theme.



Award Ceremony

Later that evening, we celebrated with an award ceremony of hot dogs, chips, and beverages at the Town Hall for those who registered in the parade.



The official South Bethany Boat Parade "Best in Show" flag hand made by Ginny Meade.



Linda Lewis handing off "Best in Show" flag to the Petito's.



Thank You!!!

Thank you to all the people who came out to watch and support the boat parade. The number of spectators seems to be increasing each year. How wonderful it is to go to a parade in our own back yard!!



Thank you to:

- Bobbe Stephan for getting our refreshments together.
- Hugh and Ginny Meade for preparing the food!
- Carol Stevenson for getting all the signs made!
- Linda Lewis for getting all the numbers made!
- Dave Wilson, Elizabeth Hobbs, Terry Conway, and Carol Stevenson for all the great pictures.

And last, but not least, thank you to the Boat Parade Committee for putting this all together: Joe Conway, Linda Lewis, Hugh and Ginny Meade, Bobbe Stephan, Carol Stevenson, and Rob Youngs.

Start thinking of your boat theme for next year and join in the fun!!!! We are also thinking about a "People's Choice" award. (Thank you, Kathy Lewis.) If you have comments or suggestions, please send to kathyj310@yahoo.com.

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Boat Parade Creators and Organizers