



OPENING DAY ORGANIZATION AND JUDGING CRITERIA

A. ORGANIZATION

1. The Judging Staff will be comprised of:
 - a) A Judge Chairperson
 - b) Three Parade Judges
2. The judging staff will be selected and appointed by the President of CRYA. Each Judge will be from a different Yacht Club.
3. Each year a new judge will be appointed to replace the one that has completed his/her term of appointment.
 - a) Parade Judges will serve for a period of three years.
 - b) The Judge Chairperson will serve in that capacity for one year.
 - c) Should for any reason, a Parade Judge is unable to fulfill the duties of Parade Judge or Parade Judge Chairperson, the President of CRYA will appoint a person to that position. That person will be from the same Club as the one with which the person resigning was affiliated.
4. Each Parade Judge will evaluate each Club, independent of the other Judges. Each Judge will be assigned to a different Review Vessel.

B. JUDGING CRITERIA

A Club may enter the Parade with any number of boats, but in order to be judged for SEAMANSHIP, the Club must have a minimum of six boats formed in three columns and two rows.

Note: A club with fewer than six boats will be judged in all other categories.

The following categories will comprise the areas to be judged for Opening Day.

- 1) **Seamanship:** This area pertains to the precision of the Fleet's formation, and observable safety procedures for the Fleet and those embarked. Most boats in the Parade will use the fifty (50) foot rule of spacing between boats (fore, aft, and separation of columns), but may use a greater distance fore and aft for safety purposes. Their Fleet Captain will determine this distance and ensure uniformity within their fleet. The Fleet Captain will notify the Opening Day Coordinator who will then notify the judges prior to parade day.

- 2) **Appearance:** Any persons on the bow deck or gunnels (excluding flying bridges and cockpits) are **required to wear a personal floatation device. Wearing a PFD over a club uniform or costume will not be a deduction in points. A deduction of points will be assessed at the judge's discretion if No PFD is visible.** In addition - the observable look of the vessel to be ship-shape, rigging, gear, lines, etc.
- 3) **Best Decorated Boat:** This will be the individual boat or boats from each club that are judged best decorated to represent the Parade's theme. If desired, up to three contiguous boats may make up the Club's "**Decorated Boat**" (e.g., three or fewer boats in a column to form one "extended boat").

4) **Best Decorated Club:**

Each club will fit into only one of these categories.

	UP TO MAX POINTS
(1) This will be the Club's Fleet presentation representing this year's theme. ALL Boats Decorated to theme.	100
(2) A Club that has its first column (starboard side) decorated to theme, and with the remainder of the boats dressed alike using Club's colors. They may be dress uniforms or all using Club colors in their attire.	80
(3) This may be that all persons embarked have like dress, such as Club dress uniforms, sweat shirts or other like attire and colored banners on all boats showing a common presentation.	50
(4) Colored banners on all boats in the Parade may constitute a common presentation.	25
(5) Club's boats are not decorated to theme or do not have a common presentation.	0

- 5) **Vessel Safety Checks:** VSCs will be reported as the number of Club boats in the Parade which have current VSCs. Each percent will equate to "1/2 point."

There will be no alcoholic beverages visible during the entire Parade.

C. POINTS

1. **Awarded:**

Seamanship	60 points maximum
Appearance	25 points maximum
Best Decorated Boat	80 points maximum
Best Decorated Club	100 points maximum
VSCs	50 points maximum

- 2. Penalties:** A Club which holds up the Parade (*late getting into their assigned position in the Parade*) will be penalized five (5) points per minute of lateness. A Club will have a grace period of five (5) minutes to be in a position approximately 500 feet behind the Yacht Club ahead of them in the Parade. If it appears that the Club will not be on time, so as to cause the other Clubs a problem, that Club may be assigned to the end of the Parade.

D. AWARDS

1. Best Overall Club will have a first, second and third place award. This award will be given to the Club(s) with the highest number of total points. Total points will be garnered from Seamanship, Appearance, Best Decorated Boat, Best Decorated Club and VSCs.
2. In the case of a tie (i.e. 1st Place), two first place, second, and third place will be awarded.
3. Other awards will be made at the discretion of the President of CRYA.
4. Awards will be announced at the Club hosting Opening Day (*or its Co-Host Club*) upon completion of the Opening Day Parade. A written summation report will be given to the President of CRYA at this time also.
5. Recognition will be given to Clubs/Individuals at the Annual Banquet in December of that year.