



CRYA OPENING DAY FLEET CAPTAIN INSTRUCTIONS

1. FORMATION

The following formation shall be maintained by all participating clubs. Three boats abreast spaced at 50 ft apart in each line. Each of the lines will be at 50 ft spacing fore and aft. Clubs that desire greater than 50 ft separation may do so but **MUST** inform the Parade Marshal when making initial reports. Front lines shall be approximately 500 ft aft of the club ahead. Form up early behind the club ahead of you as shown on the attached list. Five hundred is the approximate distance between the entrance buoy and exit buoy which marks the review area. Once the last boat of the club you are following has passed the exit buoy, your club's lead boat should be passing the entrance buoy. You will be allowed a 5- minute grace period, after which there will be a 5-point penalty for every minute that you are late. After passing in review, the last boat in your club must pass the turn buoy before any club boat breaks formation and makes a turnout of parade formation.

2. SPEED

Maximum speed through the entire review area and beyond is constrained to avoid significant waking of parade participants and neighboring marinas. Maximum speed is limited to the lesser of 6 knots SOG or below to avoid wake and great enough to avoid slowing the parade unnecessarily. Current must be taken into consideration, if the current is running fast, a slower SOG will be required to prevent excessive wake. Any club may elect a slower maximum speed to accommodate their slowest member participants. If the current is high on the day of the parade a slower maximum will be announced by the Parade Marshal. Participants will limit their speed below the maximum as needed to prevent uncomfortable wake.

3. DEPARTURE AND RETURN TO MOORAGE

Once the last vessel in your formation has exited the review area, club members who must head downstream shall make a slow sweeping turn to port and then remain parallel to and well to starboard of the remaining participants before crossing the parade formation path to return to dock. Prevent unnecessary wake by obeying the speed limit while in the parade area defined above. Vessels may not cross through club formations in the staging area.

REMEMBER – NO WAKES IN THE PARADE AREA.

4. IDENTIFICATION

In addition to your club's burgees, a large sign (2 ft X 4 ft minimum) with your club's initials on it (**BLACK WITH AN ORANGE BACKGROUND**) must be mounted on the stern of the last vessel. It **MUST** be visible to the club following and to the review vessels. In addition to the black and orange sign, a 2 ft X 2 ft black number on a white background displaying your club's number in the parade line-up, shall be amidship on the port side of your club's assist vessel.

5. ASSIST VESSEL

Each club designates one vessel as an assist vessel. The vessel is to be equipped to tow any disabled vessel. The boat will fly a bright **ORANGE** or **RED** colored streamer high on its mast or antenna. No points will be deducted if it is necessary for the assist vessel to break formation to assist a club vessel. The assist vessel should be assigned to the last row in the outboard slot. It is acceptable if this vessel is your Fleet Captain.

6. REPORTING

All Fleet Captains must report the following information to the Parade Marshall using **VHF Channel 68 (low power)**.

- A. Number of boats in your parade fleet.
- B. Number of VSC decals on these boats.
- C. Remind the Parade Marshall of your fore and aft following distance if your club has chosen a distance greater than 50 ft.

This information **MUST BE** received by the Parade Marshall before passing in review. Please advise your club not to use Channel 68 until the parade is over. This will keep 68 clear for the Fleet Captains and Parade Marshall. Call the Parade Marshall on 68 only. The Parade Marshall will not be monitoring Channel 16. **Have someone from your club maintain a constant watch on channel 68 for the duration of the parade in case the parade Marshall needs to contact your club or in case of an emergency.**

7. CHART AND PARADE ORDER

A parade chart, which shows route, formation area, entrance and exit buoys, etc. is available on the www.crya.us website. Locate the club ahead of you in plenty of time to form up well ahead of the review vessels.