

**City of Miami's 1st Annual
Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee
September 7, 2023**

The City of Miami's 1st Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee convened a public meeting on September 7, 2023, 1 PM, in the Cutis Park Community Center, 1901 NW 24 Ave. The sign in sheet is attached.

Mercedes Librada Rodriguez provided a positive update regarding the City of Miami's 1st Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade and Miami River Seafood Dish Competition. Attendees discussed the City of Miami's 1st Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade on the Miami River, December 2, estimated 6:00 - 8 PM, a line of 40 vessels x 45 feet max each = 1,800 feet. 200 feet between each vessel x 23 gaps = 4,600 feet. Grand total = 6,400 feet navigates at idle no wake speed from Brickell Bridge to Tamiami Canal and back. An estimated 15 vessels will require openings on taller bridges, while 25 vessels will slip beneath without an opening. All vessels in the parade, plus marine patrol and fire department vessels, will monitor Radio Channel 9 and all trade cell phone #'s. The slowly moving line of vessels will proceed from east to west, turn around while keeping their place in line, and then the parade officially starts as the boats return from west to east, ending at the confluence of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay fireworks displays at the mouth of the River and Lummus Park. All vessels will be required to indemnify the City, County and MRC, and provide Certificates of Insurance coinsuring the City, County and MRC.

I. Permits

Status of USCG Permit – Brett Bibeau, Managing Director, Miami River Commission, presented a May 10 email from the USCG acknowledging receipt of the subject "Marine Event" permit application, and a June 12 email changing the date from Saturday, December 9, to Saturday, December 2. Robert Olivas, USCG, emailed he will be publicly noticing the permit and the public will have 30 days to submit written comments.

Status of FDOT Permit – The permit application was submitted. FDOT requested an improved Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Plan. A professional MOT traffic engineer recently visited the Miami River and is currently working on the MOT, which should be completed for submittal to FDOT no later than 9/15/23.

Status of Miami-Dade County Public Works Permit – The City of Miami's 1st Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade Committee's May public meeting minutes state, "Sandra, Miami-Dade County Public Works, stated they will not require a separate permit for their Bridge openings, rather will accept the USCG permit which was previously applied for."

Status of DERM Permit – DERM Director Lisa Spadafina received a letter with the pertinent facts, and DERM emailed a reply stating DERM is not requiring a permit for the City of Miami's 1st Annual Miami River Holiday Boat Parade.

- II. **Discussion Regarding City of Miami and Miami Dade County Police Department Participation** - Ms. Mercedes Librada Rodriguez thanked the various Officers participating in today's public meeting from the City of Miami and Miami Dade County Police Departments. Attendees discussed the Parade Route, process and 2 road closures, the 5th Street Bridge for 2 extended bridge openings, and NW North River Drive from NW 2 to NW 3 ST.
- III. **Discussion Regarding City of Miami and Miami Dade County Fire Department Participation** – Ms. Rodriguez thanked the City of Miami and Miami -Dade County Fire Departments for their attendance and in-kind services for the Parade.
- IV. **Discussion Regarding City of Miami Parks Department Participation**
Ms. Rodriguez discussed with German Mata, City of Miami Parks Department, the need for the Lummus Park Community Center on both December 1 and December 2, and the need to setup all tents, tables, chairs, stage etc on December 1. Mr Mata confirmed the City's bleachers will be placed on the public Riverwalk in Curtis Park for the Parade.
- V. **Discuss Yacht Clubs** – Ms Rodriguez stated she and Mr Bibeau recently met with the Coral Reef Yacht Club and the Miami Outboard Club, and hopefully some of their vessels will register to participate in the Parade.
- VI. **Discuss Pro Sports Teams Vessels** – Ms. Rodriguez stated all local professional sports teams have been cordially invited to participate in the Parade, and it appears the Miami Dolphins will be the first to accept with participation from the Cheerleaders dressed in Holiday uniforms, and a retired "Legend" player.
- VII. **Status of Miami River Shipping Terminals Not Navigating Miami River on 12/2, from 6-10 PM** – Mark Bailey, Miami River Marine Group, emailed the Miami River's international shipping terminals regarding the planned Holiday Boat Parade. As of today he has not received any objections to shipping vessels not navigating the Miami River during the Parade.
- VIII. **New Business** - The public meeting adjourned.

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