

TOAST OUR Golden Anniversary



Blessing of the Fleet & Parade of Boats

Saturday, July 21, 2007

MILE 212 UMR • PORTAGE DES SIOUX, MO

Our Lady of the River Shrine

Decorating Theme:



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2007 BLESSING OF THE FLEET PARADE ROUTE

The Parade will be made up of two Sections, the first, Starting at Harbor Point at 1:00 PM and proceeding upstream toward the Shrine Site, the Second, Starting at 1:00 PM, Yacht Club of St. Louis in the Dardenne Chute approximately equal to Mile 215.6 UMR proceeding downstream. This section of the parade proceeds downstream in the Dardenne chute and enters the main channel of the Mississippi River near the upper end of Mason Island.

The parade continues downstream in the main channel until approximately mile 212 UMR (abeam of the Our Lady of the Rivers statue). The parade turns toward the Missouri shore where it merges with those from Harbor Point parading upstream and passes the statue at 2:30 PM going upstream. After receiving a blessing at the statue, the parade continues upstream in Portage chute, passing the judge's boat where the decorated boats are judged for awards.

After passing the judge's boat the parade continues upstream for a while and then disburses on to Grafton Harbor for the Awards Presentation and Celebration Festivities marking *The 50th Anniversary*.

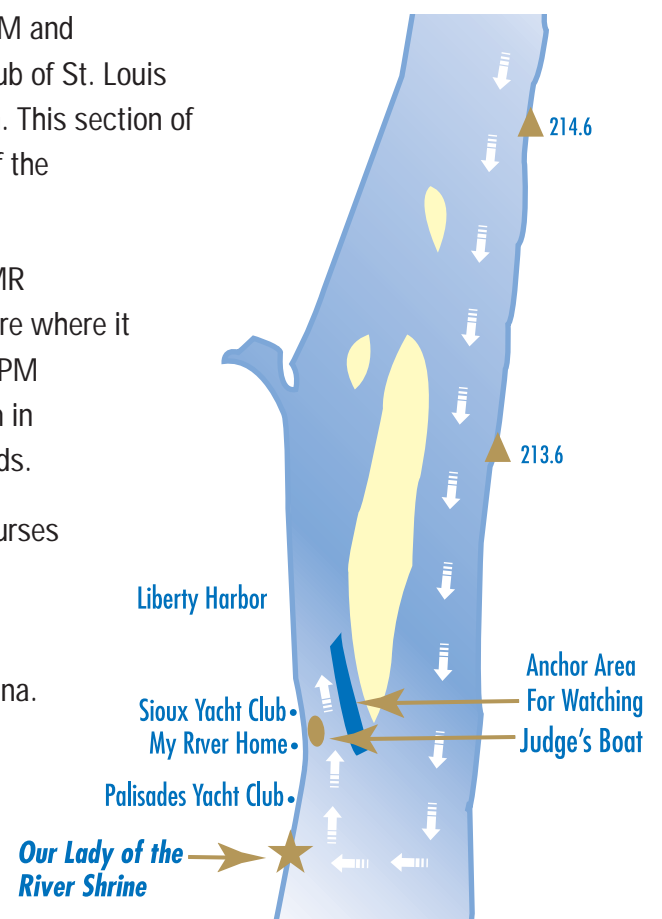
Note: All Boaters are invited to join in the parade along the route as it passes your Marina. Non boating spectators are invited to watch from the Shrine, Palisades Yacht Club, Sherwood Harbor, Captain Jacks or Sharky's Cove.

The Following Viewing Areas Serve Food and Refreshments:

- Palisades Yacht Club
- Captain Jacks
- Sharky's Cove
- Sherwood Harbor (*Bring a Picnic Lunch*)

First place winners will receive a trophy in the following categories:

- Cruiser
- Runabout
- Pontoon Boat
- Houseboat
- Sailboat
- Best Decorated Sea Ray—sponsored by Marine Max
- Best Decorated Regal—sponsored by Dan's Boats
- Con Trios Yacht Club Best Decorated Boat
- Best Decorated Gibson Houseboat—sponsored by Wahoo Marine



Cash Prizes for Best Decorated in Show

- **First Place: \$500**
- **Second Place: \$300**
- **Third Place: \$200**

Best Decorated In Show Sponsors: Bloch Marine Services, Bud's Place, Captain Jacks, D & L Marine, Dan's Boat's, John's Boat Harbor, Marine Max/Port Arrowhead, MYLYN Corporation, Polestar Marina, Port Charles Marina, Riviera Too, Sharky's Cove, Sherwood Harbor, Show Me The Mississippi, St. Charles Chamber Of Commerce, Wahoo Marine.

The Blessing of the Fleet, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to boating safety.

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