



LAKE ORION LIGHTED BOAT PARADE PARTICIPANT CAPTAIN INSTRUCTIONS

The 2026 Lake Orion Lighted Boat Parade will be held on 8/28/26 @ 8:30 pm. The theme for your boat is strictly your own. In decorating your boat be creative, send a message, advertise a business. Most of all, please be SAFE! Have adequate crew to help you operate your boat and act as spotters. After you fill out your registration at lolainfo.org, a LOLA member will contact you to discuss any and all details of the night's events. You are required to print and sign the waiver for all participants. (also listed on the site) and email to lolainfomail@gmail.com.

1. Please muster your vessels in close proximity to the Waterside Social Restaurant no later than 8:30pm. Your vessel should be lit up. Check that all safety lights are in operational order.
2. The Dragon Boat will arrive from the direction of Bellevue Bridge and will meet up with the Lake Orion Village police boat and the registered parade boats at Waterside Social (see parade route map). With 3 sounds from the Dragon Boat horn, all registered boats should fall in line by Boat Number. The village police and the Dragon Boat will proceed northeast towards Green's Park and then make their way back to the main lake with all boats staying in line.

Please post the boat flag number you were provided with on the port side of the bow of boat, nearest to your running lights without obstructing it. Without this posted entry flag number, we cannot judge your boat. The judge's boat will have a spotlight to enable them to see your flag number. The Lighted Boat Parade entry flags will be collected after the parade. A LOLA representative will contact you for flag return.

3. Please refer to the attached parade route beforehand to avoid any last-minute confusion. The route is also published on the LOLA website under the Lighted Boat Parade section. We plan on a 90-minute route from start to finish. We will start at Waterside Social and finish in the vicinity of the Lake Orion Boat Club (LOBC).
4. During the Parade, please stay in line in flag numerical order. Please refrain from leaving the parade and re-entering for safety reasons. The judges' boat will come alongside each vessel to be able to view your displays and decorations. Do not approach the judge's boat.
5. The Route is intended to be completed in 90 minutes or less. Once the parade reaches the area of the LOBC, the parade is officially over.
6. If you win, show or place you will be notified by Saturday, August 29 noonish by the President of LOLA. The Awards Ceremony will be on Sunday, August 30; 3:00PM at the Dragon on the Lake Tiki Bar. Cash prizes will be awarded at this time. You must be present to receive the cash prizes.

For any questions or concerns leading up to and during the parade please contact:

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FOR ANY EMERGENCIES ON THE LAKE PLEASE CALL 911.