**Des Moines Lighted Boat Parade
December 5th ; Departure from Marina – 5pm
*Hosted by Des Moines Yacht Club***

***Welcome Interested Captains:***

There will a Lighted Boat Parade on December 5th, leaving the Des Moines Marina at 5 pm. Following COVID restrictions, everyone is in / on their own boat. If a small number of guests are on board, masks and social distancing will be required. There are no landside gatherings planned, and there is no public advertising plan.

**The Lead Boat** for the Parade is (*VIAJERA, Capt Denny Ertler)*.

**Radio Communications** will be on VHF Channel 68 .

 **Parade Route** will start at 5pm North of the Pier and go north along the coastline to Three Tree Point , then turn out to head south back past the Marina along the coastline to Redondo. Following a sweep through the bay, there will be a north turn returning to the Des Moines Marina. Duration: 2 to 21/2 hours.

**Departure Time** - 5pm, Start to stag in area north of pier ( 4 to 5 pm). Lead Boat announces departure north on Channel 68. Other boats fall in parade progression in random safe order maintaining a safe space (100 yards).

**Boat Identification** will be initiated by the Lead Boat over the radio. The lead boat will call for a count shortly after start. . (Lead Boat #1 “Viajera” , next boat respond with #2, with “boat name”, and so forth.) Just to get a count of number in group.

**Vessel Speed &Separation**- ~6 knoths. Lead Boat sets tempo. Separation 100 yards.

**Reporting of Obstacles such asBuoys&Debris** are to be made by any boat spotting potential obstructions. Include your parade boat number to help others understand proximity.

**Breaking Rank While Underway**: The captain shall announce on on the radio their departure and provide the boat parade number and name. Please leave the line up as carefully as you can and be considerate of wake implications.

Thanks for joining in and have a fun and safe parade evening!

***Parade Organizer (Lead Boat)***
*Denny Ertler
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