

# 2023 Freeport to Port O'Connor Toy Run Float Plan

December 2, 2023

## **8:30AM - Captain and Crew Meeting - Surfside Marina**

- All captains and crew are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting You will be briefed on the day's activities, including scheduled stops, caution areas and safety requirements.

## **9:00AM - Departure from Surfside Marina**

The lead boat will initiate the procession out of the marina towards the Brazos Locks. The lead boat will set the Pace for the Toy Run. We understand all boats cruise at different speeds but you are encouraged to follow the lead boat if possible. We will select one of the Faster boats to serve as the lead.

## **Brazos Locks - First Congregation Point**

- All Boats to idle through the locks unless directed otherwise by the lock operator.
- After passing through the locks, the lead boat will resume cruising speed.

## **Sargent - Second Congregation Point**

- All boats to proceed through Sargent at no-wake speed.
- The lead boat will determine when it is safe to return to a cruising speed.

## **Matagorda Harbor - Scheduled Stop for Lunch**

- Anticipated Arrival time is Noon, Departure time at 2:00 pm
- Everyone is encouraged to have lunch at The Waterfront Restaurant, please call ahead to place your order if possible to expediate service at the Restaurant.
- Poker Run hands will be dealt at The Waterfront Grill on the first level.

**Waterfront Restaurant: 979-863 2520**

## **3:30-4:00pm - Port O'Connor Little Jetties**

- - All boats to meet up outside the Small Jetties for the parade into Port O'Connor.
- - Parade through the Jetties to The Inn at Clarks at **NO WAKE SPEED** to drop off toys.

## **The Inn At Clarks – Toy Drop Off**

- - Port O'Connor community will collect the toys at The Inn at Clarks.
- - If staying the night at Clarks, we ask that you wait until others have offloaded their toys before tying up for the night.

## **Lighted Boat Parade**

- - Sign up before the parade at <https://pocoyrun.net/lighted-boat-parade>
- - Please Visit the Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce's website for more information.

### **After Party at Hurricane Junction – Following the Lighted Boat Parade**

- - Food available until midnight.
- - Lighted Boat Parade awards will be presented at the party.

### **Sunday Morning - Return Trip**

- - No scheduled departure for the return trip to Freeport.
- - Many boats leave in groups.
- - Some return through the ICW, while others choose to run the Gulf home to Surfside.

### **Safety Reminders:**

- - Ensure all required safety equipment is onboard.
- - Monitor weather conditions.
- - Communicate on marine VHF channel 68.
- - Maintain situational awareness and follow local boating regulations.

### **Event Contacts:**

- 1) Chris Wolf – 214-878-7780  
Boat: Seawolf II on Channel 68
- 2) Jason Fry – 281-960-8047  
Boat: Just One More
- 3) Tristram Dodds – 832-444-5691