

# *“America – Where Freedom Sails”*

## 2017 “Old Glory” Boat Parade

**What:** The Newport Harbor Fourth of July “Old Glory” Boat Parade

**When:** July 4th, 2017 at 1:00 pm

**Where:** Newport Beach Harbor (Start off Collins Island)

**Parade Theme:** America – Where Freedom Sails

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### ***July 4<sup>th</sup> Decorated Boat Parade through Newport Harbor***

On the 4th of July, our nation’s birthday, Newport Beach will be ready to celebrate with the harbor full of boats adorned in red, white and blue bunting, American flags, and themed decorations as they participate in the “Newport Harbor Fourth of July ‘Old Glory’ Boat Parade”!

The “Old Glory” Parade began very casually in the 1950’s as the “Character Boat Parade” and as the years passed the Newport Harbor Chamber of Commerce took the helm, changed the theme, and built her into a grand parade. Today, hailed as one of California’s largest longest-running patriotic boat parades, this annual happening is sponsored by the American Legion Yacht Club and is free to watch from most public beaches, docks and boardwalks throughout the scenic harbor area.

All boaters are invited to decorate their vessels and participate in the parade; registration is free and available online through the American Legion Yacht Club website ([www.alyc.com](http://www.alyc.com)) where a map of the parade route and more information is also available.

The lead boat will pull away from the start at 1:00pm off Collins Island, on the west end of Balboa Island, and follow a course throughout the harbor. Participants will compete for class awards such as “Best Decorated”, “Outstanding Music”, “Finest Costumes”, “Most Creative” and the “Commodore's Award”; with class winners to be announced at an Awards Banquet on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Please visit [www.alyc.com](http://www.alyc.com) for more information.

