

Fourth Annual Keoka Lake Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, August 2, 2025, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Jointly sponsored by
Keoka Beach Campground (KBC)
And
the Keoka Lake Association (KLA)

Please join us for the Fourth Annual Keoka Lake Lighted Boat Parade! We hope you will participate as a boater or spectator or dock decorator in this celebration of lights to bring joy to everyone on Keoka Lake. Once again, this year the parade will be done before sunset for safety concerns as having so many boats heading different directions after dark on this little lake was concerning two years ago.

Here are the details:

Eligibility. Anyone who has a boat on Keoka or can put one in is welcome to participate. (Boat owners from other lakes should check their boats and remove any plant material before putting in).

It's a parade! All the boats will gather, form up in a parade and then circumnavigate Keoka on a counterclockwise course. If you are not on a boat, please come out to the shore and enjoy the show.

Decorate and light your Boat. It's a Lighted Boat Parade: Be creative, google boat parade ideas. Go with whatever theme you like (Margaritaville, Gilligan's Island, Toy Story, Disco 70s, Christmas, Halloween, etc.) See the Boat Parade decorating tips link.

Decorate and light your DOCK! It's a Lighted Boat Parade but after two docks decorated for us boaters (both were so cool), we are now making that prize eligible! So light those docks!!!! As in boats, be creative. Go with whatever theme you like (Margaritaville, Gilligan's Island, Toy Story, Disco 70s, Christmas, Halloween, etc.) See the Boat Parade decorating tips link and apply them to your dock.

Do I have to decorate? No. If you prefer to parade with just your running lights, we would love to have you. But you won't be eligible for the prizes.

Prizes. There will be four prizes generously donated by KBC and KLA in the form of gas at the Keoka Beach gas dock:

- First Place - \$150 in gas
- Second Place - \$100 in gas
- Third place - \$50 in gas
- Best Non Powered Craft - \$25 in food, beverage or merchandise at The Store at KBC.
- Best Dock - \$75 in gas, food, beverage or merchandise at The Store at KBC.

Electric boats, sail boats and any other non-power vessels that are awarded a prize will receive equal cash value of food, beverage, or merchandise at The Store at KBC.

Winners will be announced at the end of the event and posted by KBC on the Keoka Seasonal Facebook page and by KLA on the keokalake.org website Prizes will be on file at The Store Keoka Beach Campground for your convenient use.

Parade Logistics:

- Gathering Point will be at Town Beach/Landing (see the course chart) - arrive between 6:45 pm and 7.00 pm.
- Start The parade will start heading around the lake when everyone has lined up. Lead boat will announce the start at approximately 7:00 pm. Sunset is at 8:02 pm. The entire parade will be before sunset.
- Registration Please follow the registration link to sign up. Everyone is welcome to participate but only registered boats will be eligible for the prizes.
- Display your Number Once your registration is received, you will be assigned a number. Please display your number on the STARBOARD side, midship for the judges. Your number does not have to be incorporated into your design but should be easily seen by the judges.

Please note - this number is for judging reference only and does not apply to your place in line during the parade.

- Judging Station will be on the KBC gas dock. Judges will be from KBC and KLA.
- Judging will be based on best theme, lighting, costume of crew and audio/music. So be creative. Last year there were some spectacular entries, this year should be amazing.
- Dock Judging This will be a vote from any boater that returns to the main beach at Keoka Beach Campground after the parade.
- The course (following behind the lead boat) is counterclockwise. Starting at the Town Beach/Landing we head south past Kokosing to Stan's Boathouse and then East towards KBC. Past the Judging station we then continue East up around Rocky Point into Stone's Cove, North up to Starbird Point, Finally, West to the Town Beach/Boat Landing. The parade now complete, we can head back home or to KBC and with darkness settling our lit up boats will look spectacular.

See the course chart. The goal is to have the last boat reach the Town Beach/Landing by 8:00 pm.

- Post Parade rendezvous Keoka Beach Campground has offered to have a post parade celebration. The swim area ropes will be removed for beach parking access along with parking on the KBC Gas Dock. Once again, we will have a band for the post celebration. Once there, boaters will vote for best dock, then all winners will be announced with music and celebration.
- Cancellation If cancelled, the announcement of cancellation will be posted on the KBC Keoka Seasonal Facebook page and on the KLA keokalake.org website. There is no rain date for this event.

Safety Requirements:

- All participants should comply with inland waterways Rules of the Road.
- Necessary navigation lighting requirements and safety precautions are recommended.
- Headway speed during parade. (Approximately 5-7 knots)
- Stay in the parade line. Do not weave. Maintain safe distance from other vessels.
- Be aware of extremely shallow waters close to shore and random rock outcroppings in some parts of the lake. If you are not familiar with an area, stay well offshore and follow the lead boat.

Disabled Vessels & Emergencies:

- If you have a problem and must leave the parade, turn off your decorating lights and pull out of the parade line.
- If decorating lights fail, you can pull out of the parade line and re-enter when fixed.

Questions? Email wrobichaud56@gmail.com

Parade Course Chart