



**Saturday 17<sup>TH</sup> December  
Commencing 6.30pm**



Thank you for your entry in the Mooloolaba Yacht Club's Christmas Boat Parade 2016 and for supporting **Steps Charity**.

### **NUMBERS AND CORFLUTES**

Each boat is issued two sets of corflute bow numbers. Please attach your allocated number to each side of your bow, using the supplied cable ties. Crew to shine a torch on the number for judging.

**You will need to display your number so that the Judges can see you !**

### **WEATHER**

- The club will monitor the BOM site for any significant weather conditions.
- Parade participants will be advised of any change to the Parade program/course by VHF Channel 77, by mobile phone and through the MYC fleet lead boat. **Please turn your radio onto VHF Channel 77.**
- Any decision to cancel the Parade will be made by the Event Manager based on the conditions in the leadup and at the start time. The decision may be made as late as 6.30pm or could be made during the Parade, depending on the weather conditions.
- It is the boat owner's responsibility to participate in the Parade and/or continue or withdraw.
- Weather decision MYC 0413 227 013.

### **PRIZE WINNERS & PRIZEGIVING**

The Prize Winners will be judged on Saturday evening after the Parade and advised by phone as soon as possible. Prizegiving is at The Wharf Tavern Mooloolaba at 4.30pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. As a Parade participant, you and your family are welcome to attend.

### **BOATS**

The Boat Parade leaves the Wharf Complex and travels in an anti-clockwise direction. It is expected that the fleet will maintain a speed of 4 kts and the course will take approximately one (1.5) hours to complete. It is paramount for safety that the boats remain in the Parade in their allocated position to avoid risk of collision and confusion with following boats.

### **THE FLEET**

- Your fleet will be led by "**Big Foot**" which will have a distinctive red flashing light on top.
- The lead boat 'Big Foot' will display number 1 on its bow.
- You will then fall into line in the Parade in number order, if possible.
- The Coastguard vessel will follow at the rear of the Parade.
- Meeting Point – in front of The Wharf Complex Mooloolaba
- Meeting Time – 6.15pm
- Start Time – 6.30pm

**Please turn over for Course details...**





## COURSE -

- The fleet will travel in an anti-clockwise direction and round all laid buoys port/left.
- Depart the Wharf Complex and travel up river to Mooloolah Island. Follow the lead boat around the laid buoy and travel along the shoreline past Kawana Canal and continue along the shores of La Balsa Park. Proceed around laid buoy near the bend in the river (port/left).
- You will then travel back up the river towards the Wharf Complex.
- The fleet will do a U turn around the last boat (Coastguard) and head to the main Kawana Canal.
- The fleet will turn right into Kawana Canal and travel down to Lawries Marina, round the laid buoy (port/left) then return to the river. All participants must stay on course and NOT deviate to the smaller canals. This is a safety issue.
- The fleet will travel once again down to La Balsa Park (providing a 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing for spectators).
- The fleet will travel back to the Wharf Complex (for your turn to be judged).
- **You will be judged on the final pass of the Wharf Complex.**
- Your Parade participation will finish once you have travelled past The Wharf Tavern.

The Water Police will have a presence on the water during the Parade. Please ensure you observe –

- The rules of the 'road' and passing boats;
- Safe handling of your boat;
- Carry sufficient life jackets for all onboard;
- Use your navigation lights;
- Don't Drink and Drive !

**SAFETY TIP 1** - Skippers should be advised that there will be a number of small craft participating in the Parade and to ensure a good look out is maintained. There may also be unaccounted vessels that join the procession from time to time. Please be vigilant.

**SAFETY TIP 2** - There is a tight corner at Kawana (at the end of the main canal) and caution needs to be observed with incoming and outgoing vessels. You may need to vary your speed to ensure safe passing.

If you have a question, please contact the MYC office on 0413 227 013 or via Channel VHF 77 on the night.

**In the event the Water Police or Coast Guard depart the above course due to operational reasons, continue to follow the MYC lead vessel.**

***Wishing you all a Safe and Fun Filled Xmas Boat Parade***

