



WINTERFEST

BOAT PARADE



"Fairy Tales Afloat"

2015 Official Poster Artist: Marcia K. Moore - Cjamar Studio - marciakmoore.com



Grand Marshal Showboat
presented by JM Lexus



WSVN Showboat



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WINTERFEST – A COMMUNITY EVENT SEEN BY THE WORLD!



Celebrating the 2015 theme “Fairy Tales Afloat” (above)
2015 Board and Advisory members during a recent retreat (right)



Boat Parade Chair
Mark Swenson
with his lovely wife
Christine



Winterfest staff: Dawn Read, Kathy Keleher and Lisa Scott Founds with Chairman of the Board, Jim Dunn

The countdown has started for the Greatest Show on H₂O: the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade. Kick off the holiday season Lauderdale-style with boats large and small decked out with lights and music entertaining one million spectators along the 12-mile waterway route.

As we move into the culmination of our 44th Parade year, Winterfest organizers strives to create an unexpected twist every year.” said Lisa Scott-Founds, Winterfest President & CEO. “This year’s theme, ‘Fairy Tales Afloat’ gives boaters the opportunity to recreate their favorite childhood stories.”

As the “World’s Most Watched Boat Parade, Florida’s #1 most-attended live spectator event, #7 in the U.S. and Top 20 parade in the world,” Winterfest, Inc. has a financial impact of more than 48 million dollars to the local economy.

The events under the Winterfest Celebration are developed by a small staff, board of directors, interns and volunteers who are involved throughout the year. As a 501(C) 4, Winterfest produces one-of-a-kind events while promoting the Greater Fort Lauderdale area and the businesses who support the Parade. Incorporated in 1988, Winterfest coordinates with control boat captains, tow boat operators, bridge tenders, charter captains, ham operators, dock masters and government agencies such as United States Coast Guard, Florida Fish & Wildlife, Coast Guard, Fort Lauderdale Marine Patrol, Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, Broward Sheriff Office (BSO), BSO Fire Rescue, FBI, CIA and Homeland Security.

Winterfest creates this free signature event along 12 miles, encompassing 120 police details for land and sea, 27 ham operators, 25 control boat volunteers, 350 volunteers and a television show seen all over the world.

“As a Florida native,” Founds continued. “I grew-up with Winterfest. This is how we celebrate the holidays. I am so proud to be a part of the Winterfest family and welcome our community to join in the celebration.”



MEET THE WINTERFEST® TEAM

For the past 22 years, Lisa Scott-Founds has been the woman in charge as President and CEO of the largest live event in Florida - the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade. As a Florida native, Lisa grew up with “The Greatest Show on H₂O” and cherishes this South Florida family tradition.

Another native on the team is Dawn Read, Winterfest® Event Director, who orchestrates the development of the Showboats and events under the Winterfest® Celebration.

Kathy Keleher, who traded her snow boots for boat shoes, is the Marketing and Parade Director for the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade.

Chairman of the Board, Jim Dunn, brings his passion for community and business style to Winterfest. Jim has been committed to the organization for over a decade when he first attended a Winterfest Black Tie Ball.



WINTERFEST BLACK TIE BALL

PRESENTED BY



KICKS OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT HARD ROCK LIVE

The social event of the season is just around the corner. The highly anticipated Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Black Tie Ball presented by Moët & Chandon with wine and spirits from Republic National Distributing Company takes place inside "Hard Rock Live" in Hollywood, on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Highlighted products during the night:

Moët & Chandon Rose Imperial, Brugal Rum, The Macallan, Russian Standard Vodka, Templeton Rye and Trivento.

The curtain goes up at 6:00 PM with the Patriot National, Inc. Welcome Reception. Guests will enjoy complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, while perusing the Fidelity Investments Silent Auction featuring more than 200 items including travel, jewelry, memorabilia, accessories, sports, and more. You can start bidding now at the convenience of your computer and mobile devices with Qtogo Auction Technologies. <https://qtogo.net/auc/winterfest>

The doors open to the main event at 8:00 PM for a fabulous gourmet dinner and entertainment presented by Greenspoon Marder Law. The highlight will be a special performance of "Kinky Boots" from Broadway plus a Live Auction with priceless experiences presented by Allianz Championship. Throughout the evening, guests can bid on incredible items on their mobile devices via Qtogo. You don't have to be at the event to take part in the auction. Take home a special memory with fun photos sponsored by Ultimate Software and Twinbrook Insurance.

The Black Tie Gala is the perfect way to start the holiday season in anticipation of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade held December 12. Gala tickets are \$250 per person and tables of 10 start at \$2500. Reservations are now being accepted.

For tickets and details on how to be a part of all the fun and excitement of Winterfest, contact the office at 954.767.0686 or visit the Winterfest website WinterfestParade.com.

AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Allianz Championship Foursome w/ Celebrity
- Shopping Spree at Carroll's Jewelers
- Carnival Breeze 8-Day Ocean View Cruise
- Republic National Distributing Company VIP Wine Country Tour
- Republic National Distributing Company Boyz II Men Concert Tickets
- Cocktail Party for up to 250 Guests at Beauty & the Feast
- Ferrari-Maserati Fort Lauderdale
- Fidelity Investments Purebred Mini-Puddle
- 2 American Airline First Class R/T Tickets
- Florida Panthers' Experience – Fly with the team
- Resorts World Bimini Vacation
- MSC Cruises 7-night Caribbean Cruise
- Bradford Marine fly to Key West for Brunch.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Belle of the Ball: Lori Perlman
Knight of Winterfest: Bob Leider



See Capt. Lee at this event and in Parade aboard the Republic National Distributing Company Showboat



Get Kinky! *Kinky Boots* Wear Your boots for the chance to win a prize!



FIFTH THIRD BANK PROUDLY SUPPORTS 2015 WINTERFEST BOAT PARADE



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SEE THE PARADE ON TV!

SOUTH FLORIDA: Watch the Winterfest® Television Special on WSVN 7 on December 19 (7 p.m.), December 25 and January 1 (5 a.m. and 12 noon).

BOSTON: Sister stations will air the Parade December 20 at noon and December 24 at 1 a.m. (WHDH) and December 20 at 2 p.m. and December 26 at noon. (WLVI).

STATE OF FLORIDA: Winterfest® Television Special is shared around the state through network partnership with WSVN and Fox Sports Network as it is rebroadcast throughout the holiday season on Fox Sun Sports.

SEE IT LIVE:

LOCALLY: The 'World's Most Watched Boat Parade' can be seen live on Fort Lauderdale's city station – Comcast Channel 78.

AROUND THE WORLD: EyeOnSouthFlorida.com will stream the Parade live with a link on Winterfestparade.com.

Check our website for details and video highlights of events throughout the season.

NICK CANNON WILL ROCK THE WATERWAY ABOARD JM LEXUS SHOWBOAT

Nick Cannon, the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade Grand Marshal will be rocking the Fort Lauderdale waterways on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Join us as we welcome Nick, known most recently as the host of America's Got Talent and for his roles in Wild 'N Out on MTV, and the Nickelodeon show All That, to South Florida.

Recognized by People Magazine as one of the "Top 10 Most Successful Young People in Hollywood," Nick started his career at the age of eight. Born in San Diego, Nick Cannon launched his comedy career performing at locations like The Laugh Factory and The Improv alongside stars like Chris Rock and Chris Tucker. He has dabbled in all parts of the entertainment industry from comedy, to film production, to music.

Beyond the entertainment industry, Nick Cannon is a philanthropist, who works with organizations such as Boys and Girls Club, Stomp Out Bullying, Feeding America, and The National Kidney Foundation.

As the Grand Marshal of the 44th Annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade, Nick Cannon will be honored at a Reception the night before with wine and spirits from Republic National Distributing Company. Parade night, he will serve as the face of South Florida's most acclaimed holiday celebration. Make sure you wave to our Grand Marshal aboard the JM Lexus Grand Marshal Showboat, the Grand Floridian, as he DJ's to the one million spectators turning our waterways into a tropical club.



OWN A PIECE OF WINTERFEST®

Winterfest® merchandise is now on sale! Be a part of the Parade experience with hand-painted glass ornaments as well as Winterfest® charms. Call 954-767-0686 or WinterfestParade.com to place an order.



Winterfest® ornament designed by Pat Anderson

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WINTERFEST WHITE PARTY

FEATURING

Beauty
& the feast
BAR | KITCHEN

Glitz with a Fairy Tale Twist was the theme for the ultimate in white chic to kick off the 2015 Winterfest® celebration. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa hosted the Gray Robinson, P.A. Winterfest® White Party and those lucky guests who attended experienced our Fairy Tale inspired theme and entertainment. This exclusive party heralds the Winterfest® 2015 season themed, **"Fairy Tales Afloat."** As an invitation-only event, guests previewed the parade's media campaign and the unveiling of the official poster created by Artist Marcia K. Moore.

Beauty and the Feast was the featured restaurant along with culinary creations from Anthony's Runway 84, Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza, The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, Sea Level, Grille 401, and Timpano. Moët Ice Imperial complemented the evening as well as spirits from Republic National Distributing Company such as The Macallan, Brugal Rum, Cointreau, Corralejo Tequila, Fireball, Russian Standard Vodka, Rum Chata, Templeton Rye Whiskey, The Botanist, Famous Grouse, Prosecco, Pacific Rim and Bodega Trivento wines. Stella Artois is the beer of choice from Stephen's Distributing and LaCroix sampled their new additions.

Other highlights from the evening included a video message from our Grand Marshal Nick Cannon, announcements of more parade celebrities with ambiance and entertainment by Sixth Star Entertainment, an EventLuxe lounge area, a DJ by Rock with U and white fashion by the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale to top off the night.



AHOY!- MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING DEC. 7TH



All parade participants are required to attend this mandatory meeting. This event includes an important review of rules, regulations and line-up information. The Hilton Marina in Fort Lauderdale is limited to captains only and the parade manual will be available for download before the meeting.

Winterfest Boating Safety Sponsor ACR Electronics, Inc. will be showing demonstrations and giving away raffle items to our boaters.

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SEMINOLE HARD ROCK WINTERFEST® BOAT PARADE JUDGES

Rear Admiral Scott Buschman - United States Coast Guard - Sector 7
Danielle Butler - President, Marine Industries Association of South Florida
John Castelli - President, Greater Fort Lauderdale Realtors®
Nathalie Rodriguez - iHeartMedia On-Air Personality
Mayor Jack Seiler - City of Fort Lauderdale
Efrem "Skip" Zimbalist III - President, Show Management
And YOU!

spirit
LESS MONEY. MORE GO.

Vote: to text or vote on the web!

Text "Boat (#)" to 23000 or winterfestparade.com.

One lucky winner will receive two tickets aboard Spirit Airlines and your favorite boat becomes the winner of the "PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD."

FPL POWERS 2015 JR. CAPTAIN PROGRAM

Congratulations Madison Smith, Representing Cure SMA

8-year-old Madison is affected by Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) type 2. Doctors told her parents she would not make it to her 2nd birthday but they sought out resources and found Cure SMA. Madison has never crawled or walked. Yet, through it all, she has a positive attitude and outlook on life. Madison swims daily, plays her ukulele and enjoys dancing.

This year, ten nominees from the Jr. Captain contest and their immediate family will ride on the Baptist Health Santa Showboat. Broward County charities which participated in the Jr. Captain will have children aboard



Madison Smith
2015 Jr. Captain



PREVIOUS JR. CAPTAINS



Alex Casamento
2014



Lauren Bendesky
2013



Sydney Lister
2012



Martina Bello
2011



Alison Marchessault
2010



Amanda Blake
2009

Abiyu - Children's Diagnostic Treatment Center

David - Tomorrow's Rainbow

Katie - Foundation Fighting Blindness

Jaden - Arthritis Foundation

Jamie - James Jr. Fund

Josue - A Prom To Remember

Lailah - Children's Home Society of Florida

Soshana - South Florida Family Pride

Skyler - SOS Children's Villages

Tatyana - The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



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In 2009, Winterfest® created the Jr. Captain – inspired by an amazing 15-year-old, Amanda Blake, who was fighting a rare form of bone cancer. This award honors a local child fighting a difficult battle with the privilege of being the Jr. Parade Captain.



ABOUT THE ARTIST MARCIA K. MOORE

Marcia K. Moore is the Poster Artist for the 2015 Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade. Moore's artwork weaves storybook characters and boats in an aquatic backdrop to bring this year's "Fairy Tales Afloat" theme to life.

For 30 years, Moore has used her creativity in digital art and traditional fine arts to conceptualize unique designs for clients across the globe. From sketches to sculptures, Moore's art covers multiple mediums including 2D and 3D process, watercolors, ink and computer generated images.

"The new poster is an enchanting vision of vibrant colors. Moore's inspired perspective of our fairy tale theme sparks imagination with childlike wonder," noted Lisa Scott-Founds, President & CEO of Winterfest, Inc.

Moore recently unveiled an archeological mural for the interior of the Crystal River Museum in Crystal River, Florida. In October, Moore's work will be featured on episode eight of the History Channel's Ancient Aliens. Locally, her art is displayed at Grille 401 on Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale, as well as the Pinon Grill in the Boca Raton Towne Center.



Miss Florida USA
Brie Gabrielle



Miss Florida Teen USA
Gracie Smith



Looking for the best viewing location?

GRANDSTAND VIEWING

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WHEN: December 12 — the festival area opens at 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, 3109 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

TICKETS: Fun for the whole family at an affordable price of only \$25 per adult / \$20 per child.

The best seats on land are located at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. All seats are reserved, assigned and AVAILABLE for purchase NOW!

Visit select Publix Super Markets to save up to \$20 on reserved seats at the Grandstand Viewing Area powered by Ford. Grandstand ticket holders will enjoy performances by Big City Dogs in the festival grounds prior to watching the Parade. Commentary for the evening by Big1059 Steve Harmon and Luke. All grandstand tickets include a voucher for a Miami Marlins home game and Fort Lauderdale Strikers home game during their 2016 seasons.

PARK & RIDE:

FREE PARKING - We have arranged for complimentary parking at The Galleria Mall for free and ride buses into the park from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and after the parade

RIDE THE BUS - \$5 per person; Children 3 and under ride free.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS:



HEALTH, SAFETY AND FAMILY FUN ZONE

- Inflatables, giveaways and fun activities.
- Interactive games and giveaways by the Florida Panthers, Fort Lauderdale Strikers and Florida Marlins
- Rock climbing, bounce houses, bungee jumping, train rides, Sun Sentinel's Kids' Town and more!
- Photo opportunities: animals from Native Village, Billy the Marlin, Stanley C. Panther and Santa.



CULINARY COURTYARD

- Perfect place to enjoy music onstage
- Variety of festival foods, beer, wine and soda.
- GLOW with fun give-aways by Ford.

Purchase your tickets at select Pet Supermarkets, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino front desk, Winterfest office, official website, or by phone at 954-767-0686.

*Reminder: The Parade will go on rain or shine and there are no refunds.
No pets, cans, or coolers are permitted inside the gated Grandstand area.*



See this Parade Entry and
Vote to Win Airline Tickets





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"The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade is a great way for family and friends to enjoy the holiday season here in South Florida. This entertaining, fun, and unique festival has been Fort Lauderdale's signature holiday event for 44 years; captures the creativity and imagination of our area's neighbors and visitors; showcases our tropical paradise to a worldwide audience; and, generates millions of dollars for our local economy. Fabulously decorated and illuminated vessels cruise the New River and Intracoastal Waterway, while putting smiles on the faces of a million spectators. Please join us for an enchanted evening on the water that symbolizes the spirit and tradition of Fort Lauderdale's holiday season."

John P. "Jack" Seiler

John P. "Jack" Seiler,
Mayor, City of Ft. Lauderdale



"Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade is a fun and family friendly way of kicking off the holiday season. For years, the boat parade has been one of the premiere events in Broward County for residents and visitors to enjoy. This event showcases Broward County's beautiful waterways, unique and spirited culture, and generates millions of dollars for our local economy. On behalf of the Broward County Commission, I would like to thank everyone who is involved in this joyous holiday event."

Martin David Kiar

Martin David Kiar
County Commissioner



"The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade kicks off the holiday season with a celebration of Greater Fort Lauderdale's water culture, and a dazzling welcome to visitors from across the globe."

Nicki E. Grossman

Nicki E. Grossman,
President, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention
& Visitors Bureau

BRIDGE CLOSINGS FOR ROAD TRAFFIC (Bridge times are approximate)

	UP	DOWN
7th Avenue Bridge	6:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
FEC Railroad Bridge	6:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Andrews Avenue	6:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Third Avenue Bridge	6:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Las Olas Boulevard	7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
Sunrise Boulevard	7:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
<i>Viewing from the Grandstand Area (just north of Sunrise Boulevard)</i>		
Oakland Park Boulevard	8:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Commercial Boulevard	8:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.

WINTERFEST® FAMILY FUN DAY & CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S OPEN STREETS



IN ASSOCIATION WITH Joe DiMaggio  Children's Hospital
AT MEMORIAL

This free family fun event on Las Olas Boulevard is an annual tradition in the Winterfest schedule. Over 5,000 people were in attendance.



BE A VIP AT THE PARADE

More than 400 community leaders and sponsors will enjoy the most coveted location to watch the parade at the renowned Riverside Hotel. Guests will mingle amongst hosts for the Winterfest® television show and parade judges as they enjoy delectable food and cocktails. We would especially like to thank the Huizenga Family, Nova Southeastern University and UBS The Garvin Financial Team for creating a beautiful setting for guests.



Historically, the Seminoles would travel along the New River by canoe and trade with the Stranahan family. Frank Stranahan always welcomed them on the property, while Ivy Stranahan taught the Seminoles to read, write, and sew. Because of this amazing history, the Stranahan House is the perfect starting point for the strong holiday tradition that is the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade.

FANTASY BOAT STUDENT ART CONTEST

All Broward County students in 3rd-5th grade can submit an 8.5" by 11" original artwork for our Fantasy Boat Contest. The student can dream up a fantasy boat that they would love to see in the parade and put it on paper for consideration in the contest.

Artwork will be on display at the Galleria with an Awards Ceremony and Reception in March. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mentions will receive an award. Each participant will receive a ticket to the South Florida Fair and a certificate for participating.

The submission deadline is December 15!



Artwork from
2014 participants



SHORELINE DECORATING EXTRAVAGANZA

TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS; WAVE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL
AND BE ON TV

Residents and businesses located along Intracoastal Waterway and the New River can be a part of the Parade by decorating their property or dock. Parade Night, December 12, the cameras will be focused on the Parade boats AND the lights on shore. Decorate your property and be a backdrop for the award-winning Parade.

WSVN Channel 7 will feature the best of the best to of decorated homes and businesses along the parade route. Be sure to give your best wave to photographers, film crew aboard the Grand Marshal Showboat.

Take a selfie with the Parade in the background and tag us #winterfestsoflo15. Photos may be seen in the Parade on our Social Media Boat.

Look for these WOW ENTRIES!



AFTER "PARADE" PARTIES

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Our volunteers play a significant role in the success of Winterfest, and because of their valiant efforts, we want to reward them! Hosted by Beauty and the Feast we offer a giant "thank you" to our wonderful volunteers and honor one person with the Carolyn McLaughlin Spirit of Volunteerism award.



2014 Volunteer Award recipient Paula Bolender with Volunteer Party Chair - Ginny Miller

CAPTAIN'S CUP

HOSTED BY GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade 2015 winners will be honored for the best in decorations, theme and spirit at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center February 25, 2016.

This is the time to share in the success of the parade for those who went the extra mile. The coveted "Boatie Awards" will be announced.



TRACK SANTA

The app offers links to the Winterfest site for visitor's info, parade route map, events, music, coloring and a Santa tracker for the Baptist Health Santa Showboat as it navigates the Parade route.

Vote for your favorite boat by texting Boat (number) to 23000.
(Msg and data rates may apply)





KURO at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

A Taste of KURO

Named by Zagat as one of its Top 10 Restaurants to Try Now and by New Times Broward-Palm Beach as Best New Restaurant in Broward County (2015), Kuro has made its mark at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood with its new-style Japanese cuisine.



THE VIBE

Experience Kuro's luxe, light and interactive space with its open, theater-style dining room, bar and lounge, chef's table, sushi bar, private dining rooms and floor-to-ceiling windows that give the indoor-dining space an al-fresco feel.



THE MENU

Make dining a social event with Kuro's family-style kaiseki menu, a traditional Japanese multi-course dinner that is designed with sharing in mind and moves from lighter fare to bolder, richer dishes.



THE MIX

Pair your dishes with handcrafted cocktails, Old and New World wines, premium sakes, Japanese-imported and local craft beers, Japanese whiskeys and shōchū. Designed around the five Japanese taste profiles of sweet, sour, salty, bitter and umami, Kuro's cocktail menu offers the perfect pairing for each course.



THE CHEF & CUISINE

Executive Chef Alex Becker has more than two decades of culinary experience, with a background in both Italian culinary arts and traditional and new-style Japanese cooking techniques. At Kuro, Becker has teamed up with Executive Sushi Chef Shuji Hiyakawa, who presides over the restaurant's sushi offerings. Kuro's menu is designed with sharing in mind and features locally sourced ingredients from Florida, as well as specialty items imported direct from Japan.

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