



# WINTERFEST

## BOAT PARADE

**DECEMBER, 13 2025**

# Yacht Rock of Ages



## THANK YOU TO OUR HOST CITY



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE



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LAUDERDALE**  
EXPERIENCE THE SUN

**EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN**

# THIS IS HOW WE DO IT FOR 54 YEARS!

**G**et ready to rock the waterways on Saturday, December 14, 2024, as we celebrate the 54th Anniversary of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade! This year's theme promises extreme entries and dazzling barges that will light up the 12-mile Parade route with millions of lights, music, and excitement for over a million spectators.



Winterfest® Inc. is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization producing world-class events that celebrate and promote Greater Fort Lauderdale and its businesses through the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade—a 12-mile Parade. The Parade is a cherished community tradition since 1971 and incorporated in 1988. The Parade brings vacationers around the globe to enjoy the “Best Show on H2O” with an economic impact of over \$50 million to this area.

Collaborates with local, state, and federal agencies—including

- the U.S. Coast Guard
- Fort Lauderdale Police, Marine, and Fire Rescue
- Broward Sheriff's Office both land and marine
- FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)
- Florida Highway Patrol
- Homeland Security (including but not limited to FBI and CIA)

—to ensure safety on land, sea, and air during the free annual Parade each December.

Engages more than 500 personnel, including

- 20% of the police
- 2 Boats, 5 Land crews for Fire Rescue detail
- 20 Ham Operators
- 15-25 Control Boats
- 16+ Dock walkers
- 8 Bridges and 8 Bridge Tenders (one train bridge)
- 8 Tow Boats
- 35 Certified Emergency Volunteers
- 3,000+/- Spectators at Las Olas Intracoastal Promenade Park Parade Night
- 150+ Volunteer force the night of the parade (350+ throughout the year)
- 120 Board and Advisory Members
- 130+ Sponsors
- 3 Full-time Staff Members
- 1-3 Interns throughout the year

Partners with WSVN 7 and ABC-Miami to create a one-hour televised special that reaches audiences worldwide.

Contributed over \$600,000 in donations to auctions and fundraisers, supporting a wide range of local nonprofit organizations. Serves as a fundraising platform, helping charities raise millions, including one that earned over \$1.4 million through Parade-related events.

Helps nonprofits participate in the Parade, providing exposure to millions of spectators and creating unforgettable experiences for guests of organizations like the Freedom Waters Foundation and Florida Children's Theatre.

Dubbed the “*World's Most Watched Boat Parade*,” Winterfest® continues to make waves with a \$50 million annual economic impact and recognition as Florida's #1 one-day live spectator event, a Top 5 Holiday Parade by USA Today, and one of the Top 20 Parades in the World.

Produced by the nonprofit Winterfest® Inc., this South Florida tradition unites the community with show-stopping creativity, volunteer spirit, and global reach — all showcased in a one-hour TV special with WSVN 7 and shared worldwide.



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## WINTERFEST<sup>®</sup> LAUNCH PARTY

### DECKED OUT OPENING NIGHT *soirée*

**Oct. 25, 7-10 PM**

The GrayRobinson, P.A. Winterfest<sup>®</sup> Launch Party – Decked Out Opening Night Soiree with “Yacht Rock of Ages” Glamour kicked off the 2025 season on October 25, 2025, at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa. Guests will celebrate the upcoming Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest<sup>®</sup> Boat Parade with a message from this year’s Grand Marshals and the unveiling of the Riverwalk cover and commemorative poster by Romero Britto. Culinary favorites from Casa Calabria, 3030 Ocean, Eddie V’s, Green Cheetah Catering, Mimi’s Ravioli, Ocean Prime, Sea Level, Tower Club, and Truluck’s paired perfectly with cocktails from Republic National Distributing Company featuring Deep Eddy Vodka, 1800 Tequila, J.F. Haden’s Liqueur, Stella Artois, and LaCroix mocktails. The night rocked with MC Drew from Y-100, Captain Lee, and Furious 5 sponsored by Ocean Manor Resort, as lasers, cold sparkles, and confetti filled the air. Guests shined at Carroll’s Jewelers’ Bling Bar and captured memories with Great Healthworks and Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi photo ops. Led by Alyssa Lovitt of I LOV-ITT Consulting, Robyn Vines of GrayRobinson, Winterfest<sup>®</sup> President & CEO Lisa Scott-Founds, and Event Director Dawn Diehl, the night was a sparkling start to another magical Winterfest season – captured by WSVN Channel 7, ABC-Miami, and EyeOnSouthFlorida.

#### FEATURED RESTAURANT



#### PICTURE PERFECT PARTNERS



#### PHOTO BOOTH



#### BLING BAR



#### RESTAURANTS



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**FLIFF**  
Fort Lauderdale  
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## DISCO DOCK PARTY AND AFTER PARTY PIANO BAR



**Nov. 8, 7 PM • \$100 per ticket**

Winterfest®, along with the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival at Fort Lauderdale's most amazing mansion party. Live entertainment, DJs, and various surprises.

Dress code: Disco Chic



**Joe DiMaggio**  **Children's Hospital®**

## FAMILY FUN DAY – FREE EVENT

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



**Nov. 23, 10 AM – 3 PM**

Esplanade Park is the place to be for FREE fun for kids all ages! Families will enjoy:

- Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic
- Ice Cream sampling from Publix
- Stoked on Salt Ocean Conservation Village
- Catabella Express Train, Polar Express
- Entertainment by School of Rock
- Broward College Snow Mountain
- Pet Healthworks Pet Rescue Row and Fifth Third Bank Puppy Kissing Booth
- Water Taxi Rides
- City of Fort Lauderdale Kids Zone
- Free Bicycle Helmets from Epilepsy Alliance
- Giveaways and activities with samples of lemonade from Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, Ave Maria, and SO MUCH MORE!



**BONUS: The Museum of Discovery & Science will open for FREE after this event (Free Admission from 3-5 PM)**

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FIFTH THIRD





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# WINTERFEST

BLACK TIE BALL



PRESENTED BY

**Broward Health**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

**RNDC**

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

**DECEMBER 6 STARTING AT 5:30 PM**

Step into the sparkle of Studio 54 as the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Black Tie Ball, presented by Broward Health in association with Republic National Distributing Company, transforms the night into a disco dream celebrating 54 years of Winterfest magic. The Welcome Reception, sponsored by Fision Fiber Optics by Hotwire Communications, features a dazzling ice bar with Santa Margherita wines, Deep Eddy Vodka, J.F. Haden's Liqueur, and Botanist Gin. Guests will unwind in the PEOPayGo/COMPEO Red Lounge before hitting the dance floor to Professor D, a 16-piece band from New York courtesy of the Jordan Kahn Music Company.

The evening includes an online silent auction presented by Daoud's Fine Jewelry, featuring over 200 prizes, plus live auction highlights such as a Romero Britto Art Studio experience, jewelry from Daoud's Fine Jewelry, a kitchen by U.S. Brick & Block System, dinner with Captain Lee aboard the M/Y Savoir-Faire, getaways from Ocean Manor Beach Resort, Lago Mar Beach Resort & Club and trips to Key West and Pink Sands Harbour Island Bahamas.

Produced by the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, the gala honors 2025 Belle of the Ball Sonda Dane of Supreme Lending and 2025 Commodore Britt Lanier of TWO MEN AND A TRUCK. Co-chaired by Susan Renneisen of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and Shane Strum of Broward Health, this glittering celebration promises a night of style, rhythm, and community spirit.

Tables of 10 (\$4,000–\$6,000) and tickets (\$400) are limited – visit [WinterfestParade.com](http://WinterfestParade.com) to secure your place on the dance floor.





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## 2025 CO-GRAND MARSHALS

Romero Britto  
and  
Montell Jordan



Brought to you by In association with



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## GRAND MARSHAL RECEPTION

### SPONSORSHIP IS YOUR TICKET IN Special Performance by Montell Jordan and Yacht Rockettes

The 54th Annual Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade is set to shine brighter than ever, led by two global icons. Montell Jordan, R&B legend, inspirational performer, and community advocate. Known for the anthem "This Is How We Do It," Jordan brings not only a legendary career but also a passion for community, outreach, and connection. Romero Britto, internationally acclaimed artist whose bold, joyful style has captivated the world. His vibrant, signature artwork will resonate the look and feel of Winterfest® 2025. From shirts to the showboat décor, Britto's art will be everywhere turning the Parade into a living masterpiece.

### SPECIAL GUESTS



Ryan Cabrera



Chris Kirkpatrick  
of \*NSYNC



Jr. Captain Sydney,  
representing Chiari's  
Little Warriors



Captain Lee  
The Official Captain  
of Winterfest



Yacht Rockettes



Skip Ahoy  
Winterfest Mascot



Lou Schieffelin  
Miss Florida USA



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## PREVIOUS GRAND MARSHALS - TO NAME A FEW...

(Top L-R) Huey Lewis, Pitbull, Deborah Norville, Regis Philbin, Kim Kardashian, Alonzo Mourning, Tracey Morgan, Kelly Ripa, Jim Belushi, Shaquille O'Neal, Flo Rida, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Nick Cannon, Big & Rich, Bret Michaels, Mario Lopez, Taylor Dayne, Joey Fatone, Chris Kirkpatrick and Boys II Men, Jack Wagner, Stanley C. Panther and Viktor E. Rat

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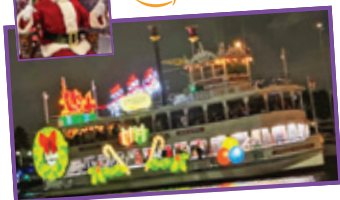
## CELEBRITIES AND CELEBRATIONS

More than 1 million people will be watching the  
"Best Show on H2O!"

And it starts with a BANG on  
board the Fireworks Barge.



amazon Santa Showboat



billiehoos music

Drew on the Radio



Drums of Polynesia Entry



Toys For Tots



RNDC



Salute to the Military



Very Muir-y Christmas



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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO ENTER OUR CONTESTS**



## CHANCE TO WIN A WINTERFEST WEEKEND

Weekend at the Guitar Hotel • Airline Certificate from JetBlue

Tickets onboard the Grand Marshal Showboat

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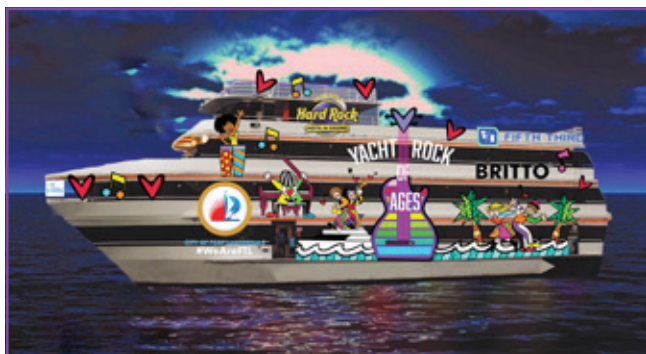


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## BE A PART OF THE “BEST SHOW ON H2O”

### TO ENTER YOUR BOAT IN THE PARADE:

Simply scan this QR Code

Visit [Winterfestparade.com](http://Winterfestparade.com)

Or email [info@winterfestparade.com](mailto:info@winterfestparade.com)  
to have an application sent to you



**December 13, 6 PM**

**Staging / Start Location:** New River – entries are docked from the Stranahan House west to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

**Parade Route:** Along the New River in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, up the Intracoastal to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach. There are 12 miles of shoreline to catch the Parade from your favorite spot! Boat Categories: private, charter, commercial, showboat, barge, classic, non-profit, sailboat and preshow (paddleboard, kayak, and gondola).

## ENTER YOUR BOAT STARTING AT \$30

### PRIVATELY-OWNED

Vessels with no corporate signage entry fee is only \$35 and includes:

- Non-Motorized Pre-Show (No Signage –paddleboarders, kayaks, row boats and vessels under 20 feet.
- Private Entry (No Signage 20 ft and over)
- Classic Boats

### Non-Profit \$ 30

- Non-Profit signage ONLY on private vessel)

### COMMERCIAL ENTRY

Privately owned vessel with Corporate Signage – not a charter boat:

- 20' - 39' \$250
- 40' - 59' \$500
- 60' and over \$1000

### TOUR BOAT/CHARTER BOAT

Any boat charging for charter with or without corporate signage:

- 20' - 39' \$500
- 40' - 59' \$1000
- 60' and over \$1500



**Showboat (Guaranteed Television in one-hour special on WSVN , affiliate stations and Bally Sports) \$8000 Includes tickets to events.**

All entries will receive a complimentary digital photograph, two tickets to the Captains' Cup & a well-stocked goodie bag and Chevron gift card.

Note: All boats must provide proof of insurance before being considered for parade participation.

Special thank you to Boat Parade Chairman - Cliff Berry





## NEW TIMES BRIDGE OPENINGS & CLOSINGS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

### WATERWAY CLOSINGS WILL BE IN EFFECT:

- New River closes at **2:30 PM** to non-Parade vessels from the Fork near Little Florida, West of Cooley's Landing, East to Marker 9
- Intracoastal Waterway will close to boaters:  
**4:50 PM** from Port Everglades to Oakland Park Bridge South  
**5:50 PM** North of Oakland Park Bridge to Lake Santa Barbara
- Parade staging/Line Up **3:00 - 4:30 PM** ALL Parade Vessels, New River
- Preshow: **5:30 PM** / Parade Start Time: **6:00 PM, SHARP** and will remain closed until Parade passes



### NO ANCHORING ZONES

- No anchor zones" will be enforced throughout the New River and Birch State Park.
- Visit [www.winterfestparade.com/where-can-i-anchor-a-spectator-boat](http://www.winterfestparade.com/where-can-i-anchor-a-spectator-boat) to view the route

### (Bridge times are approximate)

### UP

### DOWN

7th Avenue Bridge .....	5:30 PM .....	8:00 PM
FEC Railroad Bridge .....	5:30 PM .....	8:00 PM
Andrews Avenue.....	5:30 PM .....	8:00 PM
Third Avenue Bridge.....	5:30 PM .....	8:00 PM
Las Olas Boulevard .....	6:30 PM .....	8:30 PM
Sunrise Boulevard.....	7:00 PM .....	9:00 PM
Oakland Park Boulevard .....	7:30 PM .....	9:30 PM
Commercial Boulevard .....	8:00 PM .....	10:00 PM

VISIT [WINTERFESTPARADE.COM](http://WINTERFESTPARADE.COM) TO SEE THE CURRENT BRIGHTLINE SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 13TH

*brightline*

## WINTERFEST® TELEVISION SPECIAL

**ONE HOUR SPECIAL:** The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade will be livestreamed with the support of WSVN Channel 7.



**SOUTH FLORIDA:** Watch the Winterfest® Television Special on WSVN 7 and ABC-MIAMI.

### WSVN:

Friday, 12/19/25	7:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, 12/25/25	5:00-6:00 AM
Thursday, 12/25/25	12:00-1:00 PM
Thursday, 1/1/26	5:00-6:00 AM.
Thursday, 1/1/26	12:00-1:00 PM

### ABC MIAMI ASVN:

Thursday, 12/25/25	5:00-6:00 AM
Thursday, 1/1/26	5:00-6:00 AM
Thursday, 1/1/26	12:00-1:00 PM

**BOSTON:** Sister stations, WHDH and WLVI will air the Parade.

### WLVI:

Thursday, 12/20/25	4:00-5:00 PM
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### WHDH:

Thursday, 12/25/25	10:00-11:00 AM
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**SEE IT LIVE LOCALLY:** The 'World's Most Watched Boat Parade' can be seen live on Fort Lauderdale's city station Comcast Channel 78. Check our website for details and video highlights of events throughout the season from EyeOnSouthFlorida.





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Nicklaus  
Children's

Where Your Child Matters Most™

## PARADE VIEWING AREA

PRESENTED BY



**Dec. 13, Gates open at 4 PM, Parade arrives @ 6:30 PM,**  
**LOCATION: Las Olas Intracoastal Promenade Park**  
**80 Las Olas Cir., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316**

**TICKETS: \$40 adults/\$35 children**



**Reserved Seating \$60**

Enjoy an up close and personal view of the Parade from this location. A festival atmosphere will include performances by the Shane Duncan Band on the City of Fort Lauderdale Stage. Your favorite Coca-Cola products will be available for purchase along with food vendors in the Stella Artois Culinary Courtyard. Sampling by LaCroix. Interactive games, fun for the whole family, and take photos with Santa. Parade commentary from iHeart, will be heard throughout the area. Seating will be provided for each guest. Special thanks to Chairman, David Greenberger.

FROM Out of Town? Spend the weekend at a hotel.



Shane  
Duncan  
Band



## WHERE TO WATCH THE PARADE DECEMBER 13

### 1 ST. NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HEALTH SYSTEM PARADE VIEWING AREA

IN ASSOCIATION WITH B.B.I.D.

GATES OPEN AT 4 PM

**Las Olas Intracoastal Promenade Park**

- Enjoy the Parade from the best seats on land
- Tickets \$40 adults/\$35 children? Reserved Seating \$60

### PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE TODAY!

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera or go to  
[winterfestparade.com/events/parade-viewing-area](http://winterfestparade.com/events/parade-viewing-area)

### RIDE SHARE TO THE PARADE!

Hotels around the Parade Viewing Area will be hosting shuttles  
to the viewing area. Ride Share is encouraged.



## SPEND THE WEEKEND WITH WINTERFEST®!

A variety of weekend getaway packages are available to enjoy the  
beauty of Greater Fort Lauderdale and the Parade.

Scan the QR Code for a variety of Parade experiences.



### TITLE SPONSOR

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[seminolehardrockhollywood.com](http://seminolehardrockhollywood.com)

No Parade Viewing



### BOOK YOUR PARTY WITH A NEW RIVER VIEW

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### OFFICIAL VIEWING HOTEL

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# Yacht Rock of Ages







## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

### YOU BE THE JUDGE

Your vote decides who wins! Whether you're watching from home, the shore, or aboard a boat, cast your vote for your favorite parade entry and you could win round-trip travel on

**jetBlue**

Download the Winterfest® App, scroll through parade entries, and vote daily through January 8. Each boat has an assigned number – details available at WinterfestParade.com.

Celebrate creativity, spirit, and design – and honor the hard work of our amazing participants.

### JUDGES INCLUDE:

**Rear Admiral Adam Chamie**

U.S. Coast Guard, Sector 7

**Mayor Dean Trantalis**

City of Fort Lauderdale

**Paul Castronovo**

iHeart Media

**Debbie Danto**

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

**President Jonathan Lickstein**

Broward, Palm Beaches & St. Lucie REALTOR®

**President & CEO Stacy Ritter**

Visit Lauderdale

**And YOU!**

*Be part of the judging team – along with community leaders – and help crown this year's People's Choice winner!*

**Official Rules: [winterfestparade.com/peoples-choice-award](http://winterfestparade.com/peoples-choice-award)**



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## VIP VIEWING AREA



HOSTED BY



RIVERSIDE HOTEL  
ON LAS OLAS BOULEVARD

### December 13, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

The Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade makes its "Official Start" at one of Fort Lauderdale's most iconic locations – Tunnel Top Park, overlooking the historic Stranahan House and Riverside Hotel. More than 500 community leaders and sponsors will gather to enjoy an unforgettable evening filled with elegance, energy, and excitement.

Guests will sip cocktails and savor culinary creations from a variety of local restaurants, while mingling with Parade judges, WSVN's television crew, and fellow supporters of this cherished community tradition.

A special thank you to Holy Cross Health for their continued support in making this exclusive experience possible.

This is a sponsor-only event, offering unparalleled views of the Parade, premium hospitality, and a front-row seat to all the action in the Judging Area.

Join the Winterfest® family of sponsors and be part of the magic where the Parade begins!

- Chairs: Alyssa Lovitt, Nicole Covar & Gary Correll



## ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS AT HOME WITH WINTERFEST®

Our website is a family's do-it-yourself holiday dream with recipes and ornament making videos to make anyone a pro! The Winterfest® Workshop is filled with fun ways to inexpensively bring the holidays into your home.

**DECORATING IDEAS • GAMES • RECIPES • HOLIDAY CONTESTS AND MORE**



## STORYTIME WITH SANTA

PRESENTED BY

**Joe DiMaggio**  **Children's Hospital.**

Register on [winterfestparade.com](http://winterfestparade.com) today to enjoy Storytime with Santa from the comfort of your home via Zoom on December 18 at 7:00 PM. The first 100 households to register will receive a complimentary book from Santa's library. Forgot to register?

Don't worry, the reading will be available on various social media platforms and [Winterfestparade.com](http://Winterfestparade.com).



*Are you on the list for Storytime?*

## STAMP IT – 2025 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE PICTORIAL POSTMARK

Winterfest® is working again with the Fort Lauderdale United States Postal Service to create a pictorial postmark. This 2025 mark will be available to postmark stamped envelopes and postcards. Winterfest® will have postcards available at the Nicklaus Children's Health System Winterfest Parade Viewing Area.

The postmark will be available for 30 days starting December 13, 2025.



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## SANTA

### DROP OFF YOUR LETTER INTO BROWARD HEALTH SANTA MAILBOXES

Broward Health is going to help you get your letter to Santa. Look for Santa Sightings and mailbox locations on the Winterfest® website

You might even catch the Jolly Ol' Man himself walking along our beautiful downtown area.



## TRACK SANTA

**Download our FREE APP** Created by The Media Lab, Inc.

Watch as Santa's Sleigh, delivered by Amazon aboard the Jungle Queen, and the Grand Marshal Showboat featuring our Grand Marshals (sponsored by Fifth Third Bank), make their way along the Parade route.

Visit [winterfestparade.com/santa](http://winterfestparade.com/santa) or search Winterfest Santa Tracker in your App Store.



## GET YOUR PHOTO ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Upload your images using **#WinterfestFL25** **#WinterfestFL**



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# PARADE PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEER EVENTS

## MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING



**December 9, 5:30-7:30 PM**

Before the big night, all Parade participants are required to attend the Captain's Meeting at the Captain's Quarters inside Suntex Marina at Bahia Mar. This important session will cover rules, regulations, and lineup details presented by the U.S. Coast Guard, Fort Lauderdale Marine Patrol, Broward Sheriff Office, and Parade organizers – ensuring everyone is prepared for a smooth and safe event.

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## CAPTAIN'S CUP

**February 2026**

Join us as we thank and congratulate the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade's winners, participants, and sponsors. Live entertainment, cocktails, dinner and more!



## VOLUNTEER PARTY

**March 2026**

Volunteers – We're celebrating YOU in March 2026 at House on the River, Fort Lauderdale! It's our way of saying thank you for your amazing commitment. Watch your inbox for details. Join Winterfest and volunteer today!

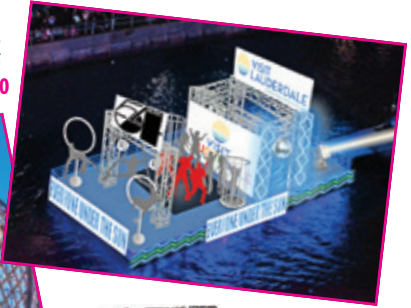




## YACHT ROCK OF AGES



Finale Entry #100



Extreme Holiday Entry



Show your School Spirit







## 2025 JR. CAPTAIN PROGRAM

### Congratulations Sydney Salas representing Chiari's Little Warriors



The Winterfest® Foundation proudly announces 13-year-old Sydney Salas, representing Chiari's Little Warriors, as the 2025 Winterfest® Jr. Captain. This inspiring program – powered by FPL and moved by TWO MEN AND A TRUCK – celebrates young leaders who embody courage, compassion, and community spirit. Born with Chiari Malformation, a condition in which part of the brain extends into the spinal canal, Sydney has faced unique challenges including headaches, dizziness, balance issues, and spinal curvature. Instead of letting her diagnosis define her, Sydney turned her experience into purpose. She founded Chiari's Little Warriors, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children living with Chiari Malformation and raising awareness through education and outreach. Each September, her organization hosts a walk that brings families together to share stories, build connections, and remind one another that they are not alone.

This year marks the 17th anniversary of the Jr. Captain Program – a legacy that continues to honor extraordinary young individuals like Sydney. Through this tradition, Winterfest® celebrates resilience, hope, and the enduring power of community as we prepare to welcome Sydney aboard as the 2025 Jr. Captain of the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest® Boat Parade.



**TWO MEN  
AND A TRUCK®**  
MOVERS WHO CARE.®



### 2025 JR. CAPTAIN NOMINEES



**SEBASTIAN (15)**  
Aden Perry Good  
Samaritan and  
Scholarship Fund



**JULIO (16)**  
SOS Childrens  
Village



**CALVIN (10)**  
Ann Storck  
Center



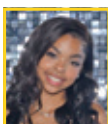
**JOSHUA (15)**  
Junior  
Achievement  
of South  
Florida



**CADAE (10)**  
Salvation  
Army



**MAURO (10)**  
Epilepsy  
Alliance  
Florida



**ISABELLA (16)**  
Make-A-Wish  
Southern Florida

All nominee entered into the 2025 Jr. Captain Contest will ride on the Santa Showboat presented by Amazon





# FANTASY BOAT STUDENT ART CONTEST

It's time for young artists to set sail on their imaginations! The Winterfest® Foundation Fantasy Boat Student Art Contest invites students to create their very own Fantasy Boat with a character – either on paper using crayons, pencils, or paints, or digitally with Microsoft Paint.

## ARTWORK SPECS:

- Size: 8.5" x 11"
- Submit electronically (hi-res JPEG or PDF) or mail/drop off to the Winterfest® office.
- **Deadline:** February 15, 2025

## AWARDS:

- **First Place:** Laptop (one per grade category: K/1, 2/3, 4/5)
- **Second, Third & Honorable Mentions:** Visa Gift Cards
- **Plus:** Prizes for winning schools!

## SPECIALTY AWARDS:

- **Character Award** – Presented by the creator of POMP, SNOW & CIRQUEumstance
- **Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation Award**
- **Museum "Lionfish" Award**

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** Hosted by the Museum of Discovery & Science – all participants and their immediate families are invited to attend.

Award Ceremony Date to be announced - Contest ends February 15, 2026

*For Rules & Release Forms: [WinterfestFoundation.org](http://WinterfestFoundation.org)*

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**NEIL GOLDBERG'S POMP,  
SNOW, CIRQUEUMSTANCE**



AWARDS PRESENTED BY



**Joe DiMaggio  
Children's Hospital®**



**CRAIG ZINN**  
AUTOMOTIVE GROUP



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SPECIAL PRIZES BY



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Character Ideas

Founded in 2017, The Winterfest Foundation 501(c)3 was created to focus on education, arts and culture in public places, water safety and assisting other charitable efforts.

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## ENTER YOUR DECORATED HOME OR BUSINESS - LIGHT THE WATERWAY



Residents with the best in decorations will be invited to the Winterfest® Captain's Cup Awards Party to receive an award as well as:

- Sing along with the Merrioke Boat & see your Party on the screens
- Vote for your favorite decorated home/business and Parade entry for the chance to win prizes

## FESTIVE PET COSTUME PHOTO CONTEST

**WIN \$250 GIFT CARD IF YOUR PET RECEIVES THE MOST VOTES!**

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