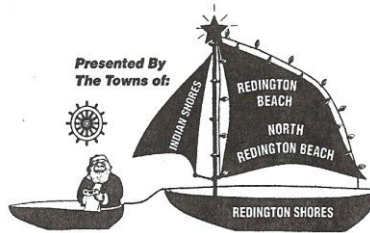
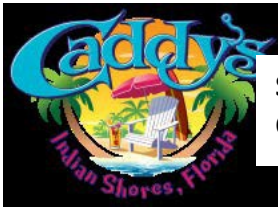


**REDINGTON BEACHES
AND
INDIAN SHORES
CHRISTMAS BOAT
PARADE**



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th IS THE DATE FOR REDINGTON BEACHES/
INDIAN SHORES 2023 CHRISTMAS LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

***Cash Prizes To Be Awarded to Top Boats in 3 Categories
Caddy's @ Indian Shores Will Continue to Host Post-Parade Awards Event***

Redington Beaches & Indian Shores, FL; – The Redington Beaches/Indian Shores Christmas Boat Parade Committee has announced that the 2023 edition of the annual Holiday Boat Parade will be held, weather permitting, on Sunday, December 10th, 2023. The boat parade date is earlier this year because of December's highest tides, which is important for the boats due to relatively shallow depths in some of the canals along the parade route.

The Holiday Boat Parade will end, as usual, at the Caddy's Indian Shores Restaurant on Gulf Boulevard in Indian Shores. Prizes will be awarded at the free and family-friendly Post-Parade Awards Party at Caddy's. The general public is invited to attend.

This year, the committee will be awarding cash prizes of \$500/\$300/\$200 to the top three boats in each category; categories are organized based on boat lengths. Judging criteria will include decoration theme, crew enthusiasm, and overall display presentation. Judging of the Redington Beaches/Indian Shores Boat Parade is done by local residents who volunteer to represent their respective towns.

Participating boats are requested to rendezvous just north of the Tom Stuart (Madeira Beach) Causeway at approximately 5:45 PM, for the 6 PM start of the parade.

Caddy's General Manager at its Indian Shores location, Keary Britt, says he and his staff are "excited to host the annual Redington Beaches/Indian Shores Holiday Boat Parade again and to welcome participating boaters and local residents and visitors."

The parade is sponsored, jointly, by the towns of Redington Beach, North Redington Beach, Redington Shores and Indian Shores. Each town provides initial financial support that is supplemented by private cash donations and, usually, prize merchandise donations from local businesses.

The Captains' meeting for participating boats will be held jointly with the Madeira Beach parade meeting at Madeira Beach City Hall on Thursday, December 7th, at 6:30 PM. This is a different location from past parades, selected for the convenience of the boat captains since Madeira Beach's Boat Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th. Boat Captains are urged to attend the Captains' Meeting in order to review route details and to pick up their numbered parade entry boards.

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As in previous years, the boats will cover a route following the Intra-Coastal Waterway from just north of the Tom Stuart Causeway Bridge (Redington Beach) to “Caddy’s - Indian Shores” restaurant in Indian Shores. It meanders into the creeks and canals that branch off the ICW, passing along the shoreline of each of the participating communities. Optimum viewing locations – which always get crowded early – include: ROC Community Park in Madeira Beach; the 161st Avenue causeway in Redington Beach; Del Bello Park in Redington Shores (just north of Seabreeze Restaurant); and, the Park Boulevard Boat Ramp in Indian Shores.

The awards ceremony will take place at “Caddy’s – Indian Shores Restaurant,” the major sponsor of the parade, following the arrival of the last boat parade participant. Following the tradition of previous boat parades, Marcus Winters and Barry O’Connor, two of the owners of “Caddy’s – Indian Shores” have graciously extended an invitation to all participants to dock their boats overnight in the restaurant’s floating docks, based on availability. According to Keary Britt, general manager of the restaurant, “We’re very excited to continue hosting the Redington Beaches/Indian Shores Boat Parade for 2023 and many years to come.” Caddy’s will provide a complimentary meal for the boat crews attending the Awards Party.

Major prizes, consisting of gift certificates and cash, are given to the top three boats in each category. The three judging categories are based on the lengths of the participating boats; typically, the categories break at approximately “less than 25 feet,” “25 – 35 feet,” and “over 35 feet.” The Committee tries to put equal numbers of boats in each category.

Entry forms for the parade are available now at the Town Halls and Web sites of the participating towns. Entry forms will also be distributed to local marinas for boaters to pick up. They will also be available at the Parade Captain’s Meeting. Entry forms and parade information is also available on the Committee’s Facebook and Instagram pages: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RBISboatparade/>, and Instagram: search for “RBISBOATPARADE”.

The Boat Parade Committee has also allocated up to \$25 per boat for the rental of portable generators to operate the decorative lighting used by the boats. Boat captains should submit a copy of their rental receipt in order to claim reimbursement.

For further information about the Redington Beaches/Indian Shores Boat Parade, call Redington Beach Town Hall, (727) 391-3875, Web: www.townofredingtonbeach.com.

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