

# Blessing of the Fleet - Friday, June 4, 2010

## Final Parade Instructions

*Issued by Commodore Michael Fortenbaugh VHF CH 69 or 917-816-3799 (do not call unless emergency)*

1815 -1830 - Vessel rendezvous in vicinity of Pier A on the Hudson River. Stay clear of Statue of Liberty ferry operations which load from the Battery, directly to the southwest of Pier A.

1830 - America's Cup 12 Meter "America II" begins parade north (identify America II - 65 feet, dark blue hull, big "Moet" logo on mainsail if sail is up). Parade goes up Battery Park City esplanade on Manhattan shore. Other vessels fall in line after America II .

Maintain the speed and distance from the seawall which is appropriate for your vessel. The closer you are, the better it is for people on land to see. You may overtake and pass vessels if you wish. Slower vessels should stay closer to the seawall and faster vessels further away. If passing vessel, pass them to the west (your starboard to their port).

1830 until 1930 - All vessels in the harbor are invited to pass between the orange buoy positioned approximately 100 yards off North Cove and the tall ship Pride of Baltimore II which will be docked in slip S1 inside North Cove. As you pass this imaginary line, your vessel will be blessed by the Spiritual representatives. Please blow your horn, wave your flags and otherwise, make yourself known. After you pass the orange buoy, turn hard to port giving the buoy enough berth so as not to catch the anchor line on your feet or props. Once in the middle of the Hudson, you may disperse heading north or south. If heading north, do not go direct from the buoy as you might interfere with ferry operations at the ferry terminal just north of North Cove. First proceed west to the center of the Hudson before turning north.

1925 - The Clipper City and Shearwater will be the final vessels to be blessed and will pass in front of the Official Reviewing Stand just before 1930. - END INSTRUCTIONS

