

Mariners' Hymn

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
3. Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



12th Annual Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday June 21st , 2020

Ceremony at 3:00 PM

Instructions to Mariners | 12th Annual Blessing of the Fleet | *Sunday, June 21st, 2020*

1. On shore activities begin @ 1500 at MYC, Captains & guests requested to stay aboard the vessels in marina. Ceremony will be performed on North deck of club (along breezeway). Non-mariners asked to gather in circle, socially distanced.
2. Vessels will join the procession from their normal mooring or slip, enter at the end of the line as it passes. Flag officers will lead procession.
3. Do not cut into or across the line.
4. All vessels to stay a minimum of 4 boat lengths behind.
5. Do not interfere with normal flow of traffic, allow non-participating boats to enter the flow.
6. Stay slow & safe!
7. As boats leave the harbor and enter the gulf, clergy will be on F Dock offering prayers for safety of mariners.
8. Once completely past the end of the channel, vessels free to either head into the sound or return to the harbor. For safety, do not attempt to turn around before RED Bell #4.
9. Communications: all vessels are requested to monitor VHF channel 72, instructions/warnings will be announced. MYC Dock Staff will monitor VHF channel 68 / 203.783.0065.

Flotilla 73 will monitor VHF channel 13 or 16.

For additional information, contact Fleet Captain Sarah S. Ferrante
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Order of Events



3:00 | Three Ships Bells signals call to boats

Opening Remarks (brief)

- ❖ *Commodore, Ken Herbert*
- ❖ *Fleet Captain, Sarah S. Ferrante*
- ❖ *Event Chair, PC, Doug Jones*

- **National Anthem** *U.S. Coast Guard Band*
- **Celebratory Remarks** | *Mayor Benjamin G. Blake*
- **Blessing, The Clergy** | *Rev. Kristina Hansen & Rev. Matt Lindeman*
- **The Mariners' Hymn** *U.S. Navy Band's Sea Chanters (verses 1 & 4)*
- **Announcement to Mariners** *MYC Fleet Captain*
- **Stars & Stripes Forever** *U.S. Military Band*

3:15-3:30 | Boat owners proceed to queue

4:00 - 8:00 | Members Father's Day Celebration reservations required.

