

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY PIER - PIER #3
PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING MARINA



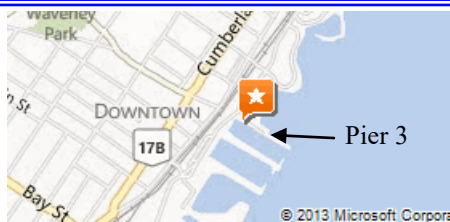
10:30 - Macgillivray Pipe Band will perform
11:00 - Service of Blessing with a parade of vessels

In the Blessing of the Fleet we ask God to give seafarers help to deal with dangers: good training; a clear mind; physical strength and courage; people who can be counted on; a well maintained vessel; well maintained aids to navigation; and favourable weather.

Vehicle parking in north end of park, Sister Cities parking lot.

Boaters are invited to take part
for VESSEL INSTRUCTIONS
see reverse

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Vessel Instructions for the Blessing of the Fleet

The Blessing of the Fleet takes place at the Lookout on east end of Pier 3 - the Royal Canadian Navy Pier at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina Park, approximately 48° 26' 58" N 89° 12' 41" W.

Service Pamphlet

The pamphlet with the service and information about Thunder Bay's marine community will be available the Friday prior to the Blessing. Vessel operators are encouraged to pick up a copy of it from the Marina Boater Services Building.

Service of Blessing and Parade of Sail

The Macgillivray Pipe Band will play a tattoo at 1030.

By 1100, vessels should assemble in the bay north of Pier 3.

At approximately 1100, the service will start at the Lookout. Once it starts, vessels in the parade of sail should precede south at a suggested vessel speed of 5 knots, coming close aboard the vessel anchored at the Lookout at Pier 3 at approximately 1115 and the Parade of Sail should begin.

The order for the parade of sail is:

- Harbormaster's vessel
- Commercial vessels
- Commercial fishing vessels
- Government vessels: Coast Guard
- Recreational vessels under power
- Recreational vessels under sail
- Canoes and kayaks
- NWO Lake Superior Sail Centre vessels

Vessels are blessed as they pass the anchored vessel off Pier 3 by being sprinkled with water.

Once a vessel has been blessed, it should proceed south and disperse with regard for other vessels. Vessels participating in the parade of sail are reminded to exercise proper seamanship to avoid collisions.

Cancellation due to Weather

If a decision to cancel the Blessing of the Fleet is made the day before the event, a notice will be posted on www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay.

On the day of the Blessing of the Fleet, in the event of winds being in excess of 20 knots (37 km/hr), heavy rain or lightning it will be cancelled at 1015 and a notice will be broadcast on the VHF radio, monitor channel 16.

You may send Canon Ed Swayze your cell phone number so that you can be called in event that the Blessing of the Fleet is cancelled due to weather.

Communications

Someone with the Blessing of the Fleet will have a handheld VHF radio: channel 16 will be monitored and the call sign is "Marina Lookout" .

Between 1100 and 1115, the service of blessing will be broadcasted on Channel 71.

During the Blessing of the Fleet, the Mission can be contacted at (807) 344-8241.

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