

# VENTURA HARBOR HOLIDAY PARADE & EVENTS



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(Ventura, CA) – The Ventura Harbor presents the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Ventura Harbor Boat Parade of Lights & Fireworks, Friday & Saturday, December 12 & 13, at 6:30 pm and Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, December 13 from 1- 5 pm. Decorated boats and holiday décor throughout the Harbor kick off this year’s “Holidays Around the World” theme.

The two-day celebration features a Parade of Lights Carnival on the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn, visits by Santa & Mrs. Claus for last minutes gift requests at the Carousel Stage, fabulous seaside boutiques for unique and one-of-a-kind gifts and works of art, and delicious waterfront dining. A fireworks display lights up the night following the Parade of Lights each evening.

Arrive mid-day on Saturday for Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, December 13 from 1- 5 PM. Free visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus and their live reindeer (bring own camera for photos), Victorian Carolers, Toy Soldier Band, faux snowfall, craft stations, face painting, holiday characters, and boutique shopping make Winter Wonderland a fun traditional holiday experience for all ages! Savor seaside at this free event and explore the sixteen seaside boutiques for holiday finds. Harbor restaurants are overflowing with good cheer for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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Get up close to the boat parade with public cruises offered by Island Packers (Reservations: 805-642-1393) and Ventura Boat Rentals (Reservations: 805-642-7753) to view the lights from the water.

Admission to the Parade of Lights on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13 along with Winter Wonderland & Holiday Marketplace on December 13 is free. Parking is free in Ventura Harbor Village, along Spinnaker Drive, and in the Ventura Harbor beach lots. Arrive early for best parking and shopping throughout the Harbor Village. Dinner reservations are recommended or arrive early to dine in venues throughout Ventura Harbor.

The 2014 Parade of Lights sponsors include Ventura Port District, Four Points by Sheraton Resort and Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ventura Harbor and Andria's Seafood Restaurant & Market.

Boater Applications are available by calling (805) 477-0470 or online at [VenturaHarbor.com](http://VenturaHarbor.com) and [VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://VenturaHarborVillage.com). No charge to enter a decorated watercraft and includes an 8 x10 keepsake photo, awards, prizes, and Boaters Brunch at The Greek at the Harbor Restaurant!

Returning this year is the prestigious People's Choice Award, voting takes place on Ventura Harbor's Facebook page. View parade entries on the "2014 People's Choice Award" album, posted December 13, and vote.

Visit [www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/Parade](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com/Parade) or call (805) 477-0470 for more information or get updates on Ventura Harbor Facebook and Twitter.

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