

NIGHT CRUISE GUIDELINES

If you've never been out on the lake at night or were always afraid of not making it back to shore before sunset, then this first-time experience is for you. Or if you've already cruised at night, here's an opportunity to participate in the company and safety of other boats around you on familiar waters.

RULES and GUIDELINES

(The safety of our participants is our number one priority)

1. Keelboats and powerboats are invited to participate, a minimum of two people onboard each boat,
2. Attending the Skipper Meeting is mandatory to review the guidelines and describe the routing we will cruise.
3. The cruise will last about 60 minutes at a planned speed of 2-3 knots,
4. Prepare your boats in daylight,
5. Participating boats must have the required navigation lights, tested and operational,
6. A VHF radio is required,
7. Lifelines must be attached,
8. When embarking and disembarking from the boat, be sure to have the boat's hull resting against your slip and the area well illuminated,
9. Life jackets must be worn by all onboard and tethering to a safety line is recommended,
10. The Skipper of the boat must remain at the helm at all times,
11. Have a flashlight or headlamp for every crew member. Red lights are best to illuminate the cockpit. Don't over-illuminate your cockpit with a bright white light when on the water. Dim your navigation screens and cabin lights.
12. Leaving the cockpit to walk on the deck must be avoided, but should this be required for safety reasons, the crew leaving the cockpit must be tethered to a safety line,
13. If removing and installing fenders requires crew to walk on deck, leave your fenders attached. If you don't want to drag 6 fenders, reduce the number when prepping your boat,
14. Sailboats will cruise under power,
15. Review your MOB drill. Should we experience a MOB, don't rush to the MOB boat. This may prevent them from maneuvering or keeping the MOB in sight. Light up the search area with your lights without blinding the MOB boat,
16. Limit to a minimum the work required to put your boat away after returning. This is to minimize movement on the boat decks and docks.