

Harbor Springs Area Historical Society
14th Annual Blessing of the Fleet JUNE 25, 2026

Flagship: *Harbor Princess* – Little Traverse Bay Ferry Company

MAINTAIN COURSE • MAXIMUM SPEED OF 5 KNOTS

MONITOR MARINE RADIO CHANNEL 73 FOR PARADE PROGRAM & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY

Harbor Springs Police Department Marine Patrol and designated parade marshals will be out in the water.

INDICATED BY RED FLAGS:

EVENT STAFF

Sailing Craft: **MUST** be under power

Kayaks, Canoes, SUP's: launch at Josephine Ford Park on E. Bay St., arrive at *city dock* staging area by **5:45 pm**.
See map for marked locations.

PROGRAM **Monitor channel 73 to hear full program**

5:30 pm: Harbor Princess sets for buoy placement of parade route

On shore, at the end of city pier, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Woodland Singers conduct a water ceremony.

6:00 pm: Harbor Princess blows its horn to indicate start of event

TUNE TO MARINE CHANNEL 73:

Welcome Announcements by Honorary Commodore, Dave Lyle

Invocation by Fr. Roman from Harbor Princess

"Star Spangled Banner" by Harbor Springs Community Band

6:15 pm: Parade line up. Boats gathered by class. *See below & map.*

6:20 pm: Parade begins in this order (see map for staging location):

- ① Odawa Jiimaan (canoe), kayaks, canoes and SUP's
- ② Sailing Craft (**MUST** be under power) – led by NM Fleet, J70s, Alerions, Little Traverse Sailors and others
- ③ Power Boats – led by Emmet County and HS Marine Patrol
- ④ Final Boat – HS Marine Patrol with fire hose

Final Blessing by Fr. Roman from Harbor Princess

Memorial Wreath Toss from City Pier by Dave Lyle

Harbor Princess sounds horn to end the 14th Annual Blessing of the Fleet parade

BE ALERT - During the event, vessels will be operating in close quarters. Each participant is expected to assume liability for safe operation of their vessel. Cross traffic, vessels on moorings and non-participating vessels may present navigational hazards. This is an at-your-own-risk event. With your help, we will work to ensure a safe event; however, the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society and its event partners assume no liability expressed or implied.

In the event of weather emergencies, the City of Harbor Springs and Blessing of the Fleet committee will determine appropriate safety actions. Boaters and spectators on-site will be informed if conditions cause changes in programming.

The Parade **will continue rain or shine**, except in the event of emergency safety conditions, such as excessive wind, lightning, or heavy rain that obscures visibility. Boaters boat at their own risk.

Monitor radio channel 73 for ongoing program and parade information.

ROUTE (SEE MAP):

The Boat Parade will be in a clockwise direction, which passes between the *Harbor Princess* and the end of the City Dock. Pass by on the north side (dock side) of the *Harbor Princess*, for your blessing while moving.

For power boats and sailing craft, YELLOW and ORANGE channel markers will be placed, to direct your route to the west of *Harbor Princess*, where you will pass for your Blessing.

Proceed past the city dock, staying between the yellow and orange buoys.

Note: parade marshals will have flags, and may direct you for safety, or to adjust your pace to avoid gaps in the parade.



t)  400' North

Harbor Springs, Michigan



3 Power Boats
6:15 PM

LAKE MICHIGAN



DRAWING SCALE

