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**Blessing of the Fleet Parade event Commodore Liz Plasket of the Coconut Point Yacht Club, has announced that the 2017 Annual “Blessing of The Fleet”, the 46th anniversary, is scheduled for February 11,2017. We need to let everyone know that the St. Lucie River and its Marine Related Industries are united as ever. Commercial Fisherman, Yacht Clubs and boaters of all types are encouraged to - Decorate your Boat and participate in this long standing tradition. This year’s theme of “Save our River – Stop the Discharges!” will continue to focus attention on our waterways. The almost year long Lake O discharges has passed and we need to remind everybody how Blessed we are to have the St. Lucie Estuary in our Back Yard! Leave a Clean Wake and enjoy the waterways of the Indian River Lagoon and our Beautiful Estuary!**

**This year we will have sponsorships available. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the “Riverkidz” for educational purposes.**

**<http://riverscoalition.org/riverkidz/>**

**The parade will again be on the North Fork of the St. Lucie River in Stuart and will involve seven local yacht clubs, the St. Lucie River Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, independent boaters and commercial craft. Boats are encouraged to congregate no later than 12 noon in the North Fork, North of Harbor Ridge, with the yacht clubs at their assigned buoyed marker flags and the independent boats and commercial craft at marker flag “S”.**

**The parade will start at approximately 12:30PM and head south along the eastern side of the river’s channel, passing the review boat.**

**The multi-denominational Clergy aboard the Review Boat will bless the parade of boats as they sweep by the channel side.**

**The list of Clergy will be announced shortly!**

**All independent boaters, cruisers and commercial fishing craft skippers are invited to join the “Blessing” parade by staging near marker flag “S” at the north east end of the staging area and listening for instructions from the Power Squadron command boat on VHF channel 78. Use channel 78 for Staging instructions only.**

**Visit our official website for further information, and parade route map. ([www.theblessingofthefleet.com](http://www.theblessingofthefleet.com)) or like us on Facebook. We will be using our FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Lucie-River-Blessing-Of-The-Fleet-and-Marine-Parade-Inc/499128546802004> to keep everybody informed and up to date!**

**Yours truly,**

**The St. Lucie River Blessing of the Fleet and Marine Parade, Inc.**