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Each year, during December, the Shelton Yacht Club looks forward to presenting The Lighted Boat Parade. Boats, decorated with lights, leave the Oakland Bay Marina at 6:00 PM and travel around the shores of Oakland Bay before heading down Hammersley Inlet. The parade usually goes about half a mile past Libbey Point and then turns around and returns to the Oakland Bay Marina.

Many of the houses along the route, and The Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast, throw parties to coincide with the Lighted Boat Parade. The houses are decorated on the water side and in full view from the boats. The party goers stand outside the homes and flash lights, light fireworks, and sound air horns as the decorated boats pass by, showing their appreciation for the parade.

Participation in the Lighted Boat Parade <u>is not limited</u> to Shelton Yacht Club Members. Participation is open to all competent boaters. If someone is interested in participating, the boater should leave a message at the yacht club's phone number: 360-426-9476. We will get back to you promptly with all of the information you will need. At the current time there are 13 boats signed up to be in the 2016 parade.

This year the Lighted Boat Parade leaves the docks of the Oakland Bay Marina at 6:00 PM on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

It should be noted the Lighted Boat Parade is dependent on weather. As always, if it is not safe to navigate the route the parade will be canceled. Hammersley Inlet can be challenging during good weather during daytime hours. No one wants to put lives or their boat at risk if the weather is deemed dangerous.

If we can provide any further information you may leave a phone message at 360-426-9476 or you can e mail the club at SYC@SheltonYachtClub.com

We look forward to providing a safe and very entertaining parade for 2016!

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