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Join the Boat Parade for TI Bridge Opening Day

On Saturday, August 25, 2007, Treasure Island celebrates one of its most long-awaited moments, the official opening of the new Treasure Island C.W. "Bill" Young Bascule Bridge, with a community boat parade.

Boaters wishing to be part of the parade should contact parade leader Les Lathrop, Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club Dockmaster, at 727-367-4511.

The boats will sail through the drawbridge channel from north to south, said Lathrop. The parade will last around 45 minutes, but that "all depends on how many boats sign up for the parade," he added.

The boat parade starts at 11am on Saturday, August 25, 2007 with Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young activating the controls to lift the drawbridge open. The east side of the drawbridge will remain down providing a spectacular view of the boats as they pass through the channel.

Lathrop reminds boaters in the parade that:

- Power and sail boats should assemble at the green Intracoastal Waterway Channel Marker #19 (east of Isle of Palms and north of the Treasure Island Causeway Drawbridge) at 10am
- Radio communication for the parade coordination will be done on VHF Channel 68. Contact Lathrop on vessel named "Parade Control." The Treasure Island Causeway Bridge Tender monitors Channel 9.
- Boats can be decorated in any way. "Remember, folks, there will be a lot of TV coverage on our new bridge opening," he said.

A complete listing of The Treasure Island Causeway Bridge Opening Day ceremonies and schedule is available at www.mytreasureisland.org