Venetian Night Sails Into Navy Pier September 6

Venetian Night: Broadway on Parade begins at 8:30 p.m. with fireworks immediately following

CHICAGO – A longtime favorite festival in Chicago, Venetian Night, makes a spectacular return at Navy Pier on Saturday, September 6 with Broadway on Parade! Spend the day at Navy Pier before gathering lakeside on the Pier’s South Dock to watch this FREE aquatic parade of illuminated boats followed by a dazzling fireworks show.

The Venetian Night parade begins at 8:30 p.m. when boats will process from the East End of Navy Pier along the South Dock toward the city. A Navy Pier fireworks display will light the night sky at the conclusion of the parade.

Up to 20 participating vessels will be decorated in the theme of your favorite Broadway musicals including Wicked, The Wiz, Little Mermaid, South Pacific, Annie, Phantom of the Opera, Lion King, Chicago and Motown while being accompanied by music from the popular shows. Spectators will also have the chance to vote for their favorite Venetian Night boat on Navy Pier’s Facebook page.

The Chicago Yachting Association (CYA) presented the first Venetian Night decorated boat parade in 1958 and it became an annual summer tradition held at Monroe Harbor, with fireworks provided by the City of Chicago eventually adding to the event. Over the years,
CYA continued organizing the event with the City of Chicago Office of Special Events and drew crowds along the shoreline of nearly one million people. After being canceled in 2009, the event was resurrected by CYA in a smaller format in 2012 and 2013 to celebrate the opening of the new 31st Street Harbor. Navy Pier is proud to partner with CYA this year to bring this Chicago tradition to the half mile stretch of Navy Pier’s South Dock for Chicagoans and visitors from around the world to experience.

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