

Harbor Springs Area Historical Society
12th Annual Blessing of the Fleet JUNE 27, 2024

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.



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.

PROGRAM Monitor channel 73 to hear full program

5:30 pm: Flagship 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: Flagship blows its horn to indicate start of event

Welcome broadcast on marine channel 73, followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" by Harbor Springs Community Band

Invocation by Fr. James Bearss

Memorial Wreath Toss by Honorary Commodore Dick Babcock

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 LTBB of Odawa Jiimaan (canoe), kayaks, canoes, SUP's
NM Sloop Fleet followed by Little Traverse Sailors
- ② All Sailing Craft (**MUST** be under power)
Emmet County and Harbor Springs Marine Patrol
- ③ Power Boats

Final Blessing by Fr. James Bearss

Flagship sounds horn to end the 12th 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.

WEATHER SAFETY EVENT PARAMETERS

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.



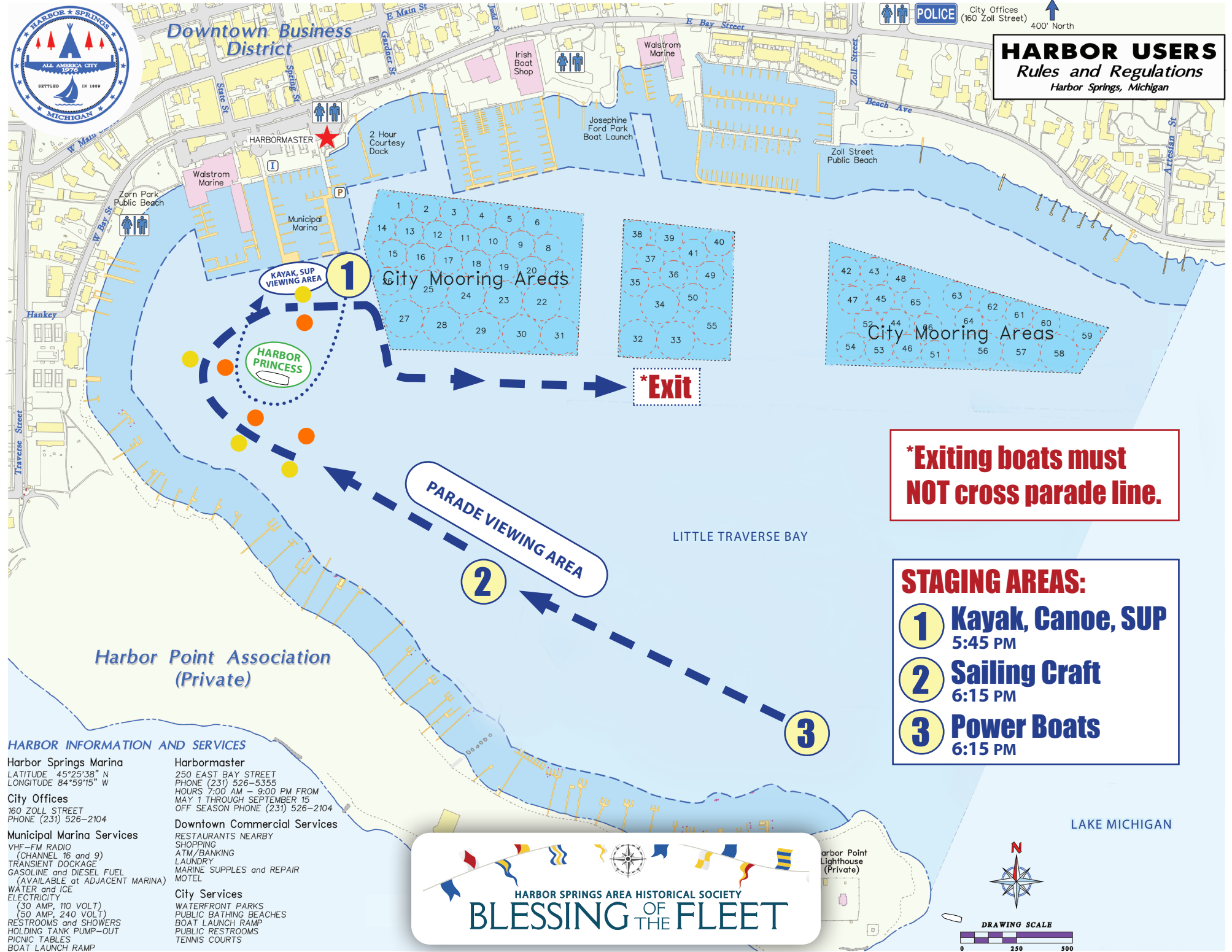
Downtown Business District

HARBOR USERS

Rules and Regulations

Harbor Springs, Michigan

City Offices (160 Zoll Street) 400' North



***Exiting boats must NOT cross parade line.**

- STAGING AREAS:**
- 1 Kayak, Canoe, SUP**
5:45 PM
 - 2 Sailing Craft**
6:15 PM
 - 3 Power Boats**
6:15 PM

HARBOR INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Harbor Springs Marina
LATITUDE 45°25'38" N
LONGITUDE 84°59'15" W

City Offices
160 ZOLL STREET
PHONE (231) 526-2104

Municipal Marina Services
VHF-FM RADIO (CHANNEL 16 and 9)
TRANSIENT DOCKAGE
GASOLINE and DIESEL FUEL (AVAILABLE at ADJACENT MARINA)
WATER and ICE ELECTRICITY (30 AMP, 110 VOLT) (50 AMP, 240 VOLT)
RESTROOMS and SHOWERS
HOLDING TANK PUMP-OUT
PICNIC TABLES
BOAT LAUNCH RAMP

Harbormaster
250 EAST BAY STREET
PHONE (231) 526-5355
HOURS 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM FROM MAY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15
OFF SEASON PHONE (231) 526-2104

Downtown Commercial Services
RESTAURANTS NEARBY
SHOPPING
ATM/BANKING
LAUNDRY
MARINE SUPPLIES and REPAIR
MOTEL

City Services
WATERFRONT PARKS
PUBLIC BATHING BEACHES
BOAT LAUNCH RAMP
PUBLIC RESTROOMS
TENNIS COURTS

