

37th
 ANNUAL
Blessing of the Fleet
 Sunday, August 7, 2005
 2:00 PM on the Kemah Boardwalk

The first Blessing of the Fleet occurred in 325 AD. During the Council of Nicaea, a mass assembly of prestigious Christian clergyman, the Blessing was included as an auxiliary event. The first Blessing was for a bountiful catch, the safety of the men and boats, and that there would be enough fish left in the ocean to reproduce for the following catch. The Blessing was a joyous occasion, since prior to this event openly practicing the Christian faith could result in death.

"Celebrating with the boats and crews who bring us the worlds finest shrimp, American wild-caught shrimp"

BOAT PARADE & BLESSING @ 2:00 PM

AWARDS CEREMONY @ 4:30 PM

Bring your family and friends down to the Kemah Boardwalk to witness the festive boats and their colorful crews as they parade down the channel in celebration of this time-honored tradition.

Whether you are a participant or a spectator, this is one event you won't want to miss.

Awards	Shrimpers <40'	Shrimpers >40'	Yachts <40'	Yachts >40'	Undecorated Shrimpers	Non-Fishing Commercial
1 st Place	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	Plaque	Plaque	\$250.00	\$250.00
2 nd Place	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	Plaque	Plaque	\$150.00	\$150.00
3 rd Place	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	Plaque	Plaque	\$100.00	\$100.00

ONLY ENTERED BOATS CAN COMPETE FOR AWARDS. ALL PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN THE DAY OF THE EVENT AT A CEREMONY FOLLOWING THE BLESSING AT THE FOUNTAIN ON THE BOARDWALK AT 4:30 PM
 Additional Entry Forms are available at the Kemah Boardwalk Marina 281-334-2284, Kemah Visitor Center 281-334-3181, Kemah City Hall 281-334-1611, or go online at "www.kemah.net."

Return Entry Form and \$5.00 registration fee to one of the above places and get your number that must be displayed on your boat to be in the Blessing of the Fleet Boat Parade. It's that easy.

Entrants to meet out in Clear Lake no later than 1:30 PM to be lined-up for parade.

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37th Annual Blessing of the Fleet Entry Form

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Captain: _____ Name of Boat: _____

Power Sail Other: _____

Commercial Fishing/Shrimp Commercial Charter Pleasure Craft Personal Water Craft

Length: _____ Year: _____ Builder: _____ Model: _____

I CERTIFY THAT MY VESSEL MEETS ALL U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS AND THAT AS CAPTAIN I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT AND MY CREW AND PASSENGERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS AND THOSE OF ANY PERSON ON MY VESSEL. I ALSO AGREE THAT AS CAPTAIN OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED VESSEL I WILL BE HELD IN ACCOUNT FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENTS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please type or print and return with entry fee to: B. O. F., Box 847; Kemah, TX 77665

The Kemah Website <http://www.kemah.net/>

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Blessing of the Fleet (\$5.00)

*****PLEASE RETURN ENTRY FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. *****

Entry No.
