

Christmas boat parade lights up Cedar Key waters

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CEDAR KEY – The annual Christmas boat parade in the Gulf of Mexico just off the shore of Dock Street in Cedar Key brought about a dozen boats to be in the procession on Saturday night (Dec. 12).

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Perfectly framed by the concrete dock before it back too dark, the boat decorated with a minion theme is seen. The crew of this boat had cute minion knit caps on too. They are noticed going up to Steamer's Clam Bar and Grill on Dock Street after the parade. Steamer's is where many island visitors enjoyed part of their day, evening or night while they were on Cedar Key.

Boats of different makes and sizes were decorated with garland, lights and other markings. There was even airboats in the mix.

Santa Clam (Tom Leibert) saw children at a special place in the park. The Cedar Key Aquaculture Association hosted the event.

Cedar Key Lions Club members assisted. The association offered free chili, hot cider, hot cocoa and Coca-Cola to people.

The spirit of a nighttime Christmas boat parade was plentiful and the island teemed with Christmas partying later in the evening. A good time was had by all.

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