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Venetian Night: Broadway on Parade comes to Navy Pier September 6

*Boat Parade begins at 8:30 p.m. with fireworks immediately following*

**CHICAGO** – Venetian Night makes a spectacular return on September 6 with Broadway on Parade at Navy Pier! This **FREE** aquatic parade of illuminated boats is followed by a dazzling Navy Pier fireworks show.

Gather on Navy Pier’s South Dock in advance of the **Venetian Night parade that starts at 8:30 p.m.** **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 and will be accompanied by music from the popular shows. The boats will travel from the East End of Navy Pier along the South Dock toward the city with a Navy Pier fireworks display at the conclusion of the parade. Spectators will also have the chance to vote for their favorite Venetian Night boat on Navy Pier's Facebook page.

Navy Pier is proud to partner with Chicago Yachting Association to bring this popular Chicago tradition to the half mile stretch of Navy Pier’s South Dock. The Chicago Yachting Association in partnership with the City of Chicago presented the first Venetian Night decorated boat parade in 1958 and it became an annual summer tradition held at Monroe Harbor.

Over the years, Chicago Yachting Association 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 brought back by Chicago Yachting Association in a
smaller format in 2012 and 2013 to celebrate the opening of the new 31st Street Harbor and will now be held for the first time at Navy Pier in 2014.

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