

***Mardi Gras of Southwest La. Inc.***

**2024 MERCHANT'S PARADE ENTRY FORM**

**7:00 PM FRIDAY FEBRUARY 09, 2024**

PARADE CHAIR: REBECCA MOSS \* 337-425-8623 \*

4180 Weaver Rd. Lake Charles, La. 70605

ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB. 1, 2024

MANDATORY DRIVER / LT MEETING @5:30 PM ON PARADE DAY

1. ENTRY FEE \$100.00 PER ENTRY (2 FLOATS=\$200 / 5 CARS=\$500)
2. LINE UP WILL BEGIN @ 4:00 PM BEHIND THE CIVIC CENTER. MUST BE IN LINE AND READY TO ROLL BY 530 PM. NO EXPLICIT MUSIC ALLOWED.
3. YOU MUST INFORM ALL PARTICIPANTS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.
4. ALL ENTRIES REQUIRE A FLOAT LIEUTENANT 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. A SAFETY VEST MUST BE PURCHASED FROM MGSW FOR \$5. THIS PERSON WILL RIDE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE DRIVER OF THE VESSEL ON THE FLOAT/TRAILER.

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ # OF ENTRIES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_

FLOAT LIEUTENANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DJ CONTACT INFO: (NAME/#) \_\_\_\_\_

PARADE CHAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE OR DENY ANY ENTRY. / NO REFUNDS

NO 4 WHEELERS / MGSW WILL TRY TO ROLL RAIN OR SHINE

**DO NOT THROW THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**TRASH, GLASS, SILLY STRING, ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO ITEMS, GUNS OF ANY KIND, FIREWORKS, HOOLA-HOOPS, SEXUALLY EXPLICIT ITEMS**

**THROWING ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL RESULT IN FINES, REMOVAL AND SUSPENSIONS**

**IF YOU ENCOUNTER ISSUES ON PARADE DAY YOU MUST CONTACT REBECCA MOSS ASAP**

STAGING AREA FOR FLOATS & DJ'S ONLY – YOU MAY NOT OFFLOAD OR PARK

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. ALL FLOATS/DRIVERS MUST BE READY TO ROLL 1.5 HOURS BEFORE PARADE TIME! If there is a delay, we must know about it. Contact Rebecca Moss immediately.
2. Drivers **MUST** always remain with the vehicle. **DO NOT** leave the vehicle for any reason. **Zero tolerance alcohol** rule for drivers. We reserve the right to test and remove any driver under the influence at any level. **DO NOT** unhook in line up area. You must enter with vehicle pulling vessel.
3. You must have 2 exit ladders (large floats) and fit the size of float. At least 1- 10lb fire extinguisher on board. Generators must be properly ventilated.
4. All participants must provide their own approved throws.
5. Throws need to be thrown to the back of the crowd for safety.
6. No showing of various body parts from the float.... You will be prosecuted.
7. Once parade has started **DO NOT STOP** unless it's an emergency.
8. Once parade has started all riders must remain on float. Do not get on and off.
9. All floats must stay **OFF** route until start time. (Line up only)
10. Drivers may not throw from the driver's window. Passengers may throw.
11. Once parade crosses Ryan & Sale all music must be shut off and no more throwing. If your music is not shut off or you throw after that point you will be fined.
12. All parades organized by MGSW are under the direction of the parade chair Rebecca Moss and her assigned committee. Fines and or suspensions will be enforced for violations to these rules. Parade ends when you return to your starting point or head South @ Ryan & Sale. You must provide and display a large S in window to travel South.
13. No DJs, trailers, carts, cars, etc. will be allowed in line up area. The only vehicles allowed in line up area are what is participating in the parade. **DO NOT UNHOOK IN LINE UP.** Breaking barricades, jumping grass areas to enter line up will get you removed, fined & suspended. **YOU MAY NOT OFFLOAD ANYWHERE ON THE ROUTE.**
14. Any unbecoming conduct to MGSW will be considered a violation to rules.
15. **NO VULGAR OR EXPLICIT MUSIC ALLOWED.**

**\*\*Failure to follow these rules & regulation will result in krewe, individual or organization be fined a minimum of \$500.00 and or suspended from future events not limited to parades. Multiple violations will result in higher fines and punishments.**

Acknowledgement of rules: \_\_\_\_\_ (int)

These rules must be provided to all your participants. It is your responsibility to make sure they are followed.