

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, Julie and Lawrence Fitzpatrick, while enjoying a day on their boat, observed a runaway boat northbound on the ocean without an operator; and

**WHEREAS:** The Fitzpatricks, fearing that the runaway vessel would strike nearby divers and boats in a busy area near the mooring buoys, chose to begin chasing the vessel in an attempt to stop it; and

**WHEREAS:** Without concerns for their own safety and after a  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile chase, the Fitzpatricks rode up beside the runaway vessel; and

**WHEREAS:** While Lawrence Fitzpatrick piloted his vessel, Julie jumped from their vessel onto the deck of the runaway vessel and was able to throttle back the engine and bring the vessel to safety; and

**WHEREAS:** The swift and decisive actions taken by the Fitzpatricks on that day, undoubtedly saved many lives and protected the properties of others.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach on behalf of the City Commission, hereby commend Julie and Lawrence Fitzpatrick for their heroic actions and let it be known to all that live and work in the Great City of Pompano Beach of their heroic actions.

**DONE, this 10th Day of November, 2009.**



  
LAMAR FISHER  
MAYOR

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**WHEREAS:** On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, Boat Captain Shane Creech, while operating the dive boat Coral Princess, observed a runaway boat northbound on the ocean without an operator; and

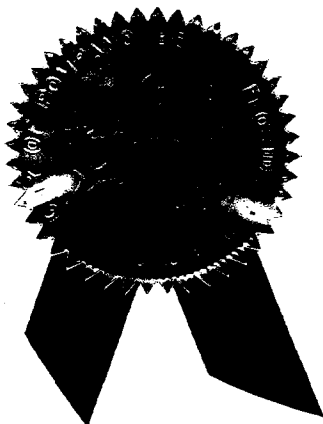
**WHEREAS:** Captain Creech notified the Broward Sheriff's Office Marine Unit via VHF marine radio of the runaway vessel and was able to provide a description; and


**WHEREAS:** Captain Creech, observing the Fitzpatricks had successfully commandeered the runaway vessel, now began rescuing the four juvenile occupants that were previously on the runaway vessel, and who had jumped into the ocean without life preservers; and

**WHEREAS:** Captain Creech was successful in his rescue of the juveniles from the ocean and who did not receive any injuries.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach on behalf of the City Commission, hereby commend Boat Captain Shane Creech for his swift and decisive actions in rescuing 4 victims and let it be known to all that live and work in the Great City of Pompano Beach of his heroic actions.

**DONE, this 10th Day of November, 2009.**



  
LAMAR FISHER  
MAYOR

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**WHEREAS**, the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade is the oldest, continuous boat parade in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade, a hometown tradition, represents family and recreational boating at its best; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year's Grand Marshall for the parade is the GOODYEAR BLIMP, who celebrates their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Pompano Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade has been a community project involving the City of Pompano Beach, Lighthouse Point, Hillsboro Beach and Deerfield Beach; the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; the Broward Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol, the Marine Industry Association, and the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce; and,

**WHEREAS**, boat owners, residents and businesses light up and decorate along the parade route from Lake Santa Barbara to Hillsboro Boulevard for the enjoyment of all who attend;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim Sunday, December 13, 2009, as:

## **POMPANO BEACH HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE DAY**

in Pompano Beach, Florida.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I urge residents to participate in the parade by decorating their vessels, residences and seawalls along the parade route, and joining the well wishers along the Intracoastal Waterway, Given under my signature and the seal of the City of Pompano Beach this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.



Lamar Fisher  
Mayor