

Plans Outlined for Sixth Christmas Afloat Parade

The Port of Los Angeles will be aglow with the spirit of Christmas Saturday evening, Dec. 21, when the Sixth annual Christmas Afloat Parade of lighted boats proceeds down the Harbor's Main Channel to the delight of an expected 30,000 viewers.

Sponsored jointly by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Los Angeles, Christmas Afloat is one of the country's largest decorated and lighted boat parades, ranking among the top annual Christmas pageants in the Southland which are still free to the public.

Al Atchison, San Pedro realtor and chairman of the Christmas Afloat Parade committee, has announced

that interested owners of private boats, or groups (including cities and communities) wishing to enter a lighted and decorated boat in the parade, are invited to contact the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, 390 W. 7th Street, San Pedro, for entry applications. The parade committee has set Dec. 6 as the deadline.

"MOST ENTRIES," according to Atchison, "furnish and decorate their own boat, but some owners may want to offer their boat to a group wishing to decorate a boat thus provided."

The parade committee especially encourages the participation of boats sponsored by organizations, communities, and commercial and in-

dustrial firms, the chairman added.

In outlining the ground rules for acceptance of entry applications, Atchison pointed out that although boats are decorated at the expense of the owner or sponsoring group or organization there is no entry fee required.

BOATS must be at least 20 feet in length, must be under power, and shall meet Coast Guard safety equipment requirements.

Awards will be made in various categories of entry according to type of sponsorship and size of craft. All entrants will receive a plaque for participation, with a sweepstake award to the best entry.

'Funny Girl' to Open Oct. 31 in Long Beach

Long Beach Civic Light Opera's on-stage production of "Funny Girl" opens a seven-performance, two-weekend run Oct. 31 in Municipal Auditorium — just three weeks and a day after the West Coast premiere of the screen version of "Funny Girl."

Long Beach CLO is delighted with the timing. The multi-million-dollar Columbia release, starring Barbra Streisand as the tragicomic Fanny Brice, has been released on the East Coast to rave reviews.

A Streisand performance is extremely difficult to follow but Carolyn Thomson, Long Beach CLO's "Funny Girl," will not be embarrassed by the inevitable comparisons. Miss Thomson, a willowy, ebullient 21-year-old Whittier girl, played the title

role in the Rio Hondo Junior College production of "Funny Girl" last summer. Memorable tunes from the Jule Styne score include "People," "You Are Woman, I am Man," "Don't Rain on My Parade" and "I'm the Greatest Star."

Performances of "Funny Girl," opening Long Beach CLO's 21st season, are scheduled for Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2, 8, and 9 at 8:30 p.m. Matinees on Nov. 3 and 10 begin at 2:30.

Tickets are on sale at the CLO box office and all Mutual Ticket Agencies.

Townsend Will Nominate Maritime Academy Cadet

Young men from the South Bay area have been invited to compete for appointment to the California Maritime Academy.

Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-67th District) disclosed that he is entertaining applications from male high school graduates, 17 through 22 years of age, who reside in his district, for nomination as candidates for appointment to the academy.

To be eligible for admission, the candidate must be a citizen, unmarried, of good character, and he must meet the prescribed mental and physical requirements. "Eligibility is not dependent on

race, color, creed or national origin," Townsend pointed out.

The state-operated academy is located in Vallejo, on the north shore of the Carquinez Strait. Over a three-year period of residence, the academy educates and trains young men as officers of the American Merchant Marine. The graduate receives his federal license plus a state-approved bachelor of science degree in either nautical science or marine engineering. He may also, if qualified, receive a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Each state senator and assemblyman representing an

odd-numbered district has an appointment available to the Academy in 1969. From among Townsend's nominees, the candidate standing highest among such nominees in the entrance competition will become the appointee from the 67th District.

Additional appointments may be made from among Townsend's nominees if fully qualified and depending on their relative standing in the entrance competition and on the number of vacancies.

Those interested should communicate with Assemblyman Townsend at 18436 S. Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance.

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