

# DAFFODIL PARADE JUDGING CRITERIA FOR 2026

## CLASSES:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies will be awarded in the following classes: Theme and Flagship
- 1st place trophies will be awarded in the following classes: Youth Theme and Youth Flagship

## Theme:

- Vessels decorated to meet the theme *"Bloom Where the World Takes You"* using daffodils (minimum 500, maximum 3,000) and other decorations

## Flag Ship:

- Vessels carrying bridge officers from participating clubs. Vessels to be decorated with daffodils (minimum 500, maximum 3,000) and other club identifiers (flags, pennants, banners)

## Youth Theme:

- Vessels operated and decorated by a club's youth program to meet the theme *"Bloom Where the World Takes You"* using daffodils (minimum 500, maximum 3,000) and other decorations.

## Youth Flag Ship:

- Vessels carrying youth officers from participating clubs. Vessels to be decorated with daffodils (minimum 500, maximum 3,000) and other club identifiers (flags, pennants, banners)

## JUDGING CRITERIA:

- **Theme and Youth**, will be judged on the following criteria:

	<u>Points</u>
<b>ORIGINALITY</b>	10
<b>GENERAL APPEARANCE</b> (balance, neatness)	10
<b>THEME DEPICTION</b> (expression of theme)	10
<b>USE OF DAFFODILS</b> (creativity, not quantity)	10
<b>COLOR PRESENTATION</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>POSSIBLE POINT TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

- **Flag Ship** will be judged on the following criteria:

	<u>Points</u>
<b>OVERALL NAUTICAL APPEARANCE</b>	10
<b>SHIP COMPANY AT ATTENTION</b> (no salute)	10



<b>PROPER SALUTING BY FLAG OFFICERS</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SIMILARITY OF CREW DRESS</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>PROPER USE OF SIGNAL FLAGS</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>USE OF DAFFODILS</b>	<b><u>10</u></b>
<b>POSSIBLE POINT TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

**Judging:**

- Judging will take place as the vessels leave the basin, taking a hard-starboard turn to pass in review of the judging stand adjacent to the TYC flagpole. Note: Boats can participate in the parade in a “non-judged” category. These boats will not be graded.

**Important:**

- Each vessel can only be judged in one class, but each club may enter multiple vessels in multiple classes. We encourage everyone to participate but if you have not met the criteria for any of the classes above, you will be not eligible for these awards