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Marco Island Christmas Island style Street Parade

On a beautiful Marco Island Saturday evening, our Marco Island Sportfishing Club participated in the annual "Christmas Island Style Street Parade", trying to repeat our First Place finish of the last Christmas parade.

Bright and early Saturday morning started at John and Anne Marchetti's house. The volunteer decorators were greeted with tables of muffins, sweets and fresh coffee.

The decorators were Gloria and Ken Robertson, John Baker, Paul Kampmeyer and John & Anne. While they were busy decorating the boat, Ron Linn was decorating his Jeep in preparation to tow the boat. This year he added a huge blow-up fishing Santa Claus affixed to the rooftop.

As the darkness neared, the walkers and boat riders anxiously assembled in the staging area off San Marco Ave., loading their bags with packaged Swedish Fish to be given to the children parade watchers.

The walkers were Ken Robertson, Howard Laskau, Joe Perino, Anna Hutchings, Tim and Ruth Cross and Marvin and Delores Constanzer.

Gloria Robertson looked fabulous dressed as a Christmas tree!!!! A true hit of the parade.

Festive riders on the boat were Anne Marchetti, Patty Arcidicono, Diana Perino, Janice Laskau and Carol Schwalje.

And lets not forget the tow crew and street parade committee: Ron Linn, John Marchetti and John Baker.

We did have technical issues with several blown fuses from the abundance of lights, but John M. and Ken R. got us past the judges stand all lit up.

A special thanks goes out to John Marchetti for the use of his boat, Ron Linn for his beautiful Jeep towing the boat, Jay Jones for the use of his trailer and Pete Arcidicono for shuttling the walkers and riders. Although First Place was not in the cards this year, a fun time was had by club participants and parade viewers alike!

Get involved next year! Merry Christmas!