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**GUIDE TO JULY 4**  
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Classic Harbor Lines' Yacht Manhattan is heading out this July 4.

## Rock the boat this July 4

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You'll pay a premium to view the pyrotechnics from the water July 4.

Ordinary cruise costs are doubled, and sometimes quadrupled, when the regular appeal of a summer night on the water is amplified by the lure of the magnificent Macy's fireworks display.

The Hudson will be transformed into nautical parking lot Wednesday night, when thousands of boaters jockeying for a seabird's eye view of the fireworks festival clog the river.

The Coast Guard issues a special July 4 advisory notice each year regulating all vessel movement between 6 and 11 p.m. This year, boats must make their way into designated viewing areas with thematically appropriate names like "Bravo" "Delta" or "Echo" sections, based on their size, by 8 p.m. Regular tugs, towboats and commercial vessels not there for fireworks gawking must be out of the regulated area by 6:30 p.m.

Alas, you won't be able to see the fireworks from the Staten Island Ferry: The last boat from both terminals departs at 7:30 p.m. with hourly service not resuming again until 11 p.m. Service is suspended in between, said the Department of Transportation "due to fireworks festivities."

Classic Harbor Lines boats is sending out at least five different boats, from the 1920s-style water taxis Catskill and Beacon at the \$275 per person end of the scale to the stately schooner and winner of the America's Cup, America 2.0 for \$475 a head. Passengers should know that the sails may not be raised due to the minimal "maneuverability" possible in the boat-jammed waters.

Tickets: \$275-\$475, with various drink and hors d'oeuvres packages. All cruises depart from Pier 62 in Chelsea but at various times. sail-nyc.com or 212-627-1825.