

Press Release

2012 Blessing of the Fleet

The **44th annual "Blessing of the Fleet"** will be held Sunday May 6th, at 2:00 on the Clear Creek Channel, along the Kemah Boardwalk. Colorfully decorated boats of all types, shapes and sizes will parade past the Cadillac "Authentic Mexican Restaurant" where they will be blessed by the officiating priest and minister.

Bring your family and friends down to the Kemah Boardwalk to witness the festive boats and colorful crews as they parade down the channel in celebration of this time honored tradition. Whether you enter your boat or just enjoy the parade, this is one event that you won't want to miss!

Along with the Blessing, the **4th Annual 2012 "Texas Shrimp Gumbo Cook-Off Contest"** takes place Saturday May 5th, (8AM – 8PM) in the Kemah Lighthouse District, behind the Kemah Visitors Center. Entry is Free for spectators to this family friendly event. Entry fees for contestants are only \$50.00. All contestants will be provided with 5 lbs. of Texas "Wild Caught" headless, shell-on shrimp to be used in their contest recipe. Teams can enter as late as the day of the event, but advance registration is preferred. Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third place. Entry forms are available at the locations below.

Whether you want to have your boat blessed in the parade, put a team together for the shrimp gumbo cook-off, or just come down for the weekend and enjoy the fun, make Kemah your destination for the first weekend in May.

For more information or to get a parade or cook off entry form visit: www.kemah.net or you can pick up one in person at the following locations: Captain Henry's Seafood Market (281-334-2275), Kemah Boardwalk Marina (281-334-2284), Kemah Visitor Center (281-334-3181), or Kemah City Hall (281- 334-1611).

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