

Marine & Aviation Anchor Club

Branch No. 119

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Each Year the Marine and Aviation Anchor Club, Branch 119 of the Supreme Anchor Club of America Dedicates the "Annual Boat ride for God's Exceptional Children" in honor of a person (or Family) who has made a **major** contribution to the success of the Boat ride.

This years recipient is Retired Ferry Captain Richard A. Burdge. In 1986 the Boat ride consisted of 200 or so of "Gods Exceptional Chidren." We depended at that time on the Ferry Snack Bar Concessionaire to donate the Hot Dogs and Rolls..The Anchor Club donated the soda. It was a big hassle trying to procure the Hot Dogs and Rolls and then cook the hot dogs in time for the boat ride.

Enter Captain Richard Burdge. Captain Burdge mentioned that he was friends with the Patels of 7/11 on Victory Blvd. Perhaps they would like to donate the Hot Dogs. That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship, (or should I say Bountiful.)

The Patels donate 5,000 Hot Dogs,rolls, drinks,water,donuts,and snacks thanks to Captain Burdge

The Boatride has grown over the years to over 3000 Exceptional Children enjoying the ride.And thanks to Captain Burdge the Patel's donation kept pace with the numbers.

Had it not been for the foresight of Captain Burdge the cost of the Boatride would have been prohibitive.

So, Captain Burdge, The Marine and Aviation Anchor Club Thanks you, and the many thousand's of God's Exceptional children who have been the recipient of the Patels largess and Captain Burdge's foresight.