

Boats blessed by village priest in Old Harbor prior to pop slurping contest, other 4th fun

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This article is about Independence Day in Old Harbor. If you don't know where Old Harbor is, it is on Kodiak Island.

On the 3rd of July, we have all the booths set up and ready. We also have a bunch of people who go pick grass and stick it in a pile by the booths. We have flags all down the roads and balloons all over the place.

On the 4th of July, the older kids to down and decorate every boat in the harbor. Then after

that, we all go to church. After church, almost everybody in the village goes down to the boat harbor and gets on a boat. All the boats take off. We go past the dock so we can have the priest bless the boat. Then we have a race.

After that, we all go down to the area where the booths are and we have all these contests like the egg toss, apple bobbing, fastest pop drinker, who can eat a pie the fastest without using their hands, pudding-eating contest, water bal-

loon toss, and a race up and down the hill. When all of that is done, we have the booths open up again and we play games at the booths. We have 10 booths. While that is all going on, there is a raffle ticket drawing and we find out who won. We also have a queen. They have bingo for kids on the 4th of July also. Then, in the night, we have a dance.

That is how the 4th of July is celebrated in Old Harbor.

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