

Blessing the Boats...

In many religious traditions...especially in Celtic Spirituality
Blessings were power laden words to safeguard and strengthen
people in difficult time or to express their joys...
Blessings brought grace and protection to families...
Gratitude for the changing seasons...
And words to bless home and animals, and the tools of work...
And especially to sea faring people the blessing of their
boats...WE bless these boats today with good intention...

Bless these boats...powered by paddle...wind or motor...
May these boats find calm waters...
To enjoy stunning sunsets...
And nights full of stars...

Bless these boats...that will take to familiar places you love...or
to new discoveries of shore and places yet unexplored...

Bless these boats...and the joy boating brings...
May you have times of solitude...
Times with family and friends...
Perhaps watching your children and grandchildren
Grow and thrill to life on the water...

Bless these boats...and the expertise of the boaters...
and the people who love to be on the water...
enjoying the created world...
that God called "good..."
May God bless these boats...
And bring joy to us
On this first day of summer. Amen.