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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CITY OF SOUTHPORT **Southport Winterfest Flotilla Celebrates 29th Year of Lighting Up the Waterfront**

Southport, NC - The enchanting Southport Winterfest Flotilla, now in its 29th year, is set to illuminate the waterfront on Saturday, December 9, at 6 p.m. This cherished tradition, sponsored by Cape Fear Yacht Club, Downtown Southport, Inc., and the City of Southport, promises a dazzling display of Christmas lights reflecting off the serene waters.

A huge thank you to this years' registrants:

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Port</u>
USCG	RIB		USCG Station – Oak Island
Royce Potter	55'	Cape Point	Old Yacht Basin
Walter Faulconer	44'	Blast Off	St James Marina
Ken Harris	34'	Martinis & Dreams	Morningstar Marina
Bill Wagner	25'	Hooked On A Feeling	St. James Marina
Don Feather	44'	Sea Escape	Safe Harbor
Terry Hoben	27'	Dual Porpoise	Morningstar Marina
Marshall Crumpler	45'	Our Treasure	Safe Harbor
Jim Shinn	35'	Halcyon	Morningstar Marina
Chuck Archer	21'	Loco Jo's	Residence
A.J. Cascio	25'	Mac Daddy	Residence
Kimrey Jordan	21'		Residence
Michael Ray	44'	Southern Comfort II	Morningstar Marina
Josh Spence	26'	Playin' Hooky	Residence
<u>Sailboats</u>			
Walter Plaine	34'	Dream CATcher	St. James Marina
Doug Spencer	42'	Legacy	Deep Point Marina
Travis Gannon	36'	Delirious	Morningstar Marina
Richard Bandera	28'	Lucky Tiger	Old Yach Basin
William "Mickey" Finn	22'	Mona Lisa	Morningstar Marina

Residents and visitors alike are invited to bring chairs and blankets to the Southport Waterfront. The flotilla route will showcase an array of vessels, from Old American Fish to just before Deep Point Marina. The route will then wind its way back to Old American Fish and the Yacht Basin. Some vessels will proceed on past Oak Island and St James Marina to Midway Road Bridge, but they will be under each individual captain's command and control. The USCG may escort them at the USCG's discretion.

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Students from the Southport Elementary School Art Program will serve as judges, evaluating the sail, power, and paddle boats participating in the flotilla.

For more information and to register, visit cityofsouthport.com/winterfest-2023/.

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About Southport Winterfest Flotilla:

The Southport Winterfest Flotilla is an annual holiday tradition that brings together the Southport community to celebrate the magic of Christmas on the waterfront. Now in its 29th year, the flotilla continues to enchant residents and visitors alike with a stunning display of festive lights on the water.

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