



69th Annual Beaufort Water Festival
July 11-20, 2025
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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT 2024 HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Join us as we partner with the City of Beaufort to celebrate another festive holiday season on the Beaufort River. The 2024 Holiday Boat Parade takes place Saturday, December 7, 2024, in historic downtown Beaufort!

This is a **FREE EVENT!** - All Recreational and Commercial Boats are Welcome

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

WHO: Come one, Come *ALL*... Large Boats and Small!

WHAT: Each boat must have lights. Participants are encouraged to be creative in designing the boats for the parade.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN FIVE (5) CATEGORIES:

- Best Decorated Power Boat Under 25'
- Best Decorated Power Boat 25' & Over
- Commercial Boats
- Best Decorated Sailboat Under 30'
- Best Decorated Sailboat 30' & Over

*** Each class must have at least two (2) entries to be eligible for prizes. ***

WHERE & WHEN: The lead powerboat will arrive at the seawall at the Waterfront Park by 6:00 p.m.

Powerboats and sailboats will gather in the river on the other side of Buoy #240 at 5 p.m.
The lead boat will arrive at the seawall at the Waterfront Park by 6 p.m.

Boats will make two passes by the seawall.

Maintain parade formation while passing the waterfront. Please be considerate of the boats around you!

More details will be provided at the mandatory Captain's Meeting.

WINNERS: A winners list will be sent to local news outlets and will be posted online.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING: There will be a mandatory meeting for all boat captains at Safe Harbor's Port Royal Landing Marina on Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m.

Boat numbers will be issued (for judging), and safety procedures will be discussed.

PARTY: All boat parade participants are invited to attend an afterparty at Safe Harbor's Port Royal Landing Marina.

Dinner will be provided.

Winners will be announced at the afterparty at Safe Harbor's Port Royal Landing Marina.

Please contact Safe Harbor Marina if you need a slip for the evening or for the party.

Type of Boat: Power Sail Commercial

Captain's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Boat Name: _____ Length of Boat: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street State Zip

Boat Theme and Description of Decorations: _____

Attending Afterparty: Yes No Number Attending: _____

*Applications must be received no later than Saturday, November 30 to be eligible for prizes.
The number of boats participating will be limited to a safe number.*

I certify that my boat or vessel is seaworthy and that as Captain, I will be responsible for it and my crew and passengers. I have all equipment required by the Coast Guard for a vessel of my size on board and a life jacket or flotation device meeting Coast Guard approval for each of my passengers. Also, I understand that I am responsible for my actions and those of any person on my vessel, before, during, or after this event. I further agree to follow the directions of the United States Coast Guard, the Beaufort Water Festival, and the Beaufort Water Search and Rescue while participating in this event.

The boat owner, boat captain, guests and crew agree to hold harmless the Beaufort Water Festival, the City of Beaufort, Downtown Operations and Community Services, and all event sponsors, named and unnamed, and associates for any damages or injuries or any civil liability resulting from their participation in the 2024 Holiday Boat Parade.

Signature of Boat

Owner or Captain: _____ Date: _____

Passenger: _____ Date: _____

Passenger: _____ Date: _____

Passenger: _____ Date: _____

Passenger: _____ Date: _____

Passenger: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed applications to:
Beaufort Water Festival
Attn: Water & Air Coordinator
PO Box 52
Beaufort, SC 29901
Or email to John Turbeville at jpturbeville@yahoo.com.