

# Winners, Photos, and Wedding Proposal from North Carolina Holiday Flotilla

*32nd Annual NC Holiday Flotilla and 11th Annual Enchanted Airlie Launch Holiday Season*

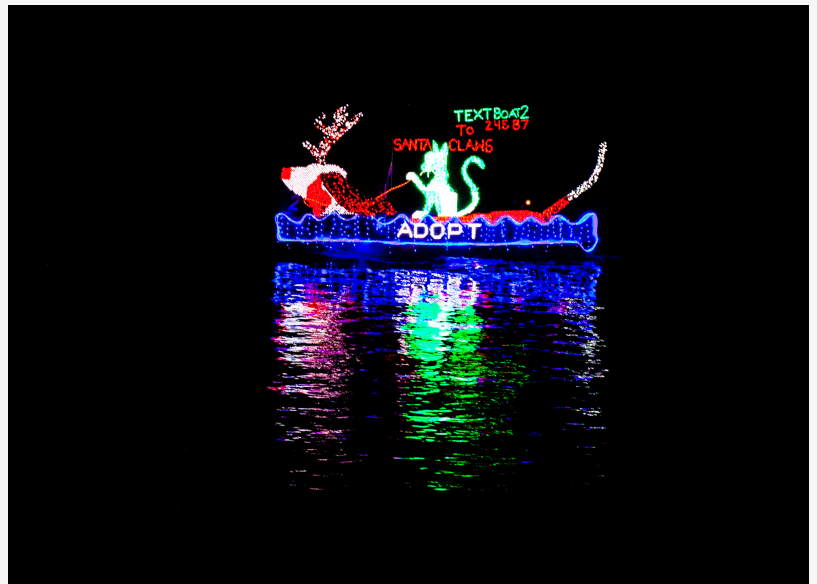
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NC, USA, November 29, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Large crowds gathered Thanksgiving week in Wrightsville Beach for the 11th season opening of Enchanted Airlie and the 32nd Annual North Carolina Holiday Flotilla. Opening nights at 67-acre Airlie Gardens were completely sold out, with holiday light and sound shows continuing through December 22.

Saturday's holiday flotilla followed a 4-mile route, idling past an estimated 50,000 visitors, and passed the judges' viewing stand at Blockade Runner Beach Resort. Twenty-three yachts, sailboats and motorboats, each competing for cash, prizes, and bragging rights, were brightly decorated with thousands of twinkling lights in a variety of holiday themes.

In a first for the North Carolina Holiday Flotilla, Captain Mike Hamby of Wilmington used his holiday decorated boat as a surprise wedding proposal. When passing his girlfriend on the parade route, Captain Hamby flipped a switch lighting up the words: "Sharon, will you marry me?" Sharon Edelstein of Wilmington accepted the surprise proposal via cell phone.



Best of Show, 2015 NC Holiday Flotilla, Photography by Brad Austin Butler



2015 People's Choice Award, NC Holiday Flotilla, Photo by Brad Austin Butler

See photo of Captain Hamby's Boat and all 2015 NC Holiday Flotilla winners [here](#)

Flotilla evening ended with a stunning 4,000-round fireworks display by Zambelli International, illuminating the night sky, and showering the waterway with sound and color.

Text voting continued this year, with Crowd Favorite and People's Choice Awards determined by

spectators.

Fall weather conditions for the week were ideal, with clear skies, highs in the 60s and 70s, with lows mostly in the 50s.

2015 winners include:

Category: Best of Show  
Captain: Brent Jernigan  
Vessel: Craig Cat  
Theme: Merry Marlin

Category: Peoples Choice  
Captain: Ava and Scott Werstein  
Vessel: Cash  
Theme: Santa ClawsFurtilla

Category: Crowd Favorite  
Captain: Lindley College  
Vessel: That's What Sea Said  
Theme: Snow Wars

Category: Best Powerboat 31ft. and over  
Captain: Christopher Bishop  
Vessel: Bella Mare  
Theme: Santa's On Vacation December 26th

Category: Best Powerboat 23ft. - 31ft.  
Captain: Mark Dillon  
Vessel: Summer Salt  
Theme: Top Gun

Category: Best Powerboat 22ft. and under  
Captain: Chris Spivey  
Vessel: 5 o'clock Somewhere  
Theme: Here We Come a Whale-sa-ling

Category: Best Sailboat  
Captain: Dean Grey  
Vessel: Bird  
Theme: Patriotic Christmas

Category: Best Costumes & Crew Spirit  
Captain: Patric and Christina Hudson  
Vessel: Charlie  
Theme: Have an Awesome Lego Christmas

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2015 NC Holiday Flotilla, Zambelli Fireworks, Photo by Brad Austin Butler

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