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Decked Out for Flotilla 2019

By Sherri Robinson
Contributing Writer

Celebrating the 36th year, Wrightsville Beach, the home of the North Carolina Holiday Flotilla, outdid herself much to the delight of kids from one to 92. Banks Channel came alive with boats of all types, shapes, and sizes beautifully and creatively lit to welcome the 2019 Holiday season.

"Our 36th-anniversary brought perfect weather with thousands of excited visitors and residents who came to see what the NC Holiday Flotilla is all about," said Linda Brown, Flotilla Chair. "Twenty uniquely decorated boats and a spectacular fireworks display capped a weekend full of family-oriented events. Our 36th Flotilla was a huge success."

The traditional Sunday morning Captain's breakfast took place at Wrightsville Brewery, where these seven awards went home:

The award for Best in Show went to the boat La Pachanga Tres captained by Chuck Ohnmacht of Wilmington, whose theme was "Stick Man Christmas."

The People's Choice award went to the boat Chaos, captained by Joshua Reda, with the theme

"Santa Sleigh."

The Costumes and Crew Spirit award went to the boat Stellar, captained by Dean Brennan and themed "Stellar Nights."

The award for Best Boat 31 Feet and Over went to J&B, captained by Bob Bleecker and themed "Palm Tree Island."

The award for Best Boat 23 To 31 Feet went to Escape, captained by Zac Schnell and themed "Grandma's Walk."

The award for Best Boat 22 Feet and Under went to HR Nightmare, captained by Lisa and Andy Almeter and themed "Baby Shark."

Finally, the award for Best Sailboat went to Stress Relief, captained by Billy McGrew, themed "Peace on Earth."

As the boat parade concluded, the estimated 50,000 spectators we treated to a phenomenal fireworks barrage lighting up the sky with every color in the rainbow. Zambrini fireworks, masters of pyro artistry, did not disappoint. A long and entertaining display captured ooh's and ah's with squeals and applause lighting the way for that jolly guy in the red suit to float in later in the month.



Wrightsville Beach hosts Lt. Robert Wynn Remembrance Service

The Town of Wrightsville Beach and the Wrightsville Beach Fire Department are organizing a remembrance service honoring the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty of Wrightsville Beach Fire Lieutenant Robert Wynn. Lt. Wynn's life was cut short while protecting Wrightsville Beach from a rapidly spreading fire at the Doak Apartments in the early morning hours of December 6, 1981.

The entire community is invited to attend the service at Wynn Plaza, located at the corner of Causeway Dr. and Waynick Blvd. in Wrightsville

Beach. Wrightsville Beach Firefighters will march into the Plaza led by the Wrightsville Beach Fire Department Honor Guard and a bagpiper. The service will be comprised of an invocation, brief remarks, a wreath presentation, and a fire service salute. The service is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

This evening will also usher in the continuing legacy of Wrightsville Beach Fire and Rescue's service to the community with the graduation of nine new volunteer firefighters into our ranks.

Wilmington Police Chief Retires After More than Four Decades of Law Enforcement Service

After more than 15 years of service to the City of Wilmington, Police Chief Ralph Evangelous will officially retire from his post on February 1, 2020. Evangelous' retirement comes after setting a number of career milestones in his nearly 50 years of service as a law enforcement officer. The veteran "Top Cop" began his career in Southborough, MA. He then served as Police Chief in Athol, MA, Gardner, MA and then went on to serve as Chief of Police in Temple, TX from 1995 to 2004 before coming to Wilmington, NC.

Evangelous is credited with numerous accomplishments and contributions to this community. Among those include completing the state of the art Police Training Facility to include an indoor shooting range, the downtown Police Headquarters, establishing the southeast Division Headquarters on S. College Road. Chief Evangelous is also responsible for leading the agency's efforts in reducing Part 1 crime for several consecutive years to include historic lows in 2018 and 2019.

And his interest in cutting edge technology led to the development of our real-time

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Inching their way around the world

By Sherri Robinson
Contributing Writer

Bill and Dannelle Saunders are a retired couple from New York, Buffalo, to be precise, who have chosen to inch their way around the world on their Knysna 440 Sailing Catamaran S/V Caterpillar. This dynamic duo set a goal over 15 years ago to retire early and travel the world on a sailboat. Their son Drew just finished his master's degree and is going to sail with them for a year or so.

The real journey began in 2017 in Annapolis, Maryland. The Saunders ventured to the sailing mecca for the fall sailboat show. They spent the first few days checking out all of the exhibits and see what kind of cool gear we want to add to Caterpillar. Then they registered for what they call "Cruisers University," which is a fancy way of saying they have a whole bunch of seminars and classes on all kinds of things related to sailing and cruising. Luckily, the "graduated" from "Cruiser's University."

Dannelle says, "Nothing generates questions like selling everything you own and sailing around the world. Except maybe being abducted by aliens. That would generate more." She reports the question they get asked most often is why they chose to sell all they owned and set off on a world adventure upon a catamaran. She is quick to answer that question, "Well, we're not rich, but we love to travel. We want to see the world. We can't afford to fly everywhere and stay in hotels, so we decided to take our home with us."

Bills says the second most frequently asked question is how much sailing experience do you guys have. Well, these Saunders have a lot of experience with small powerboats. They've owned a couple of them through the years and have done a lot of water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, and just generally hanging out on a boat. Bill also worked on the Marine Law Enforcement unit with the New York State Police full time for several years and was trained on all types of boat handling. Bill looks a bit like a small boy on Christmas morning describing his getting to operate a hovercraft and an airboat while in State Police service.

While the sailing portion is relatively new to Dannelle and Bill, they are old hands at all of the navigation, rules and the marine environment. Bill had been on a few sailboats and worked on them a little when he worked at a marina in his younger days. He's also read a lot and watched a lot of YouTube videos about how to sail. We were cautioned, not to laugh, you can learn a lot from books and videos. Back in Buffalo, Dannelle took sailing lessons learning to navigate on Lake Erie. "But, at some point, you just gotta get out there and do it!," said Dannelle.

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'Tis Time to Forsake the Bake

By Sherri Robinson
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Ready or not the Holidays are upon us and, in this short readying season, luckily, the 5th Annual Wrightsville Beach United Methodist Church Cookie Walk takes place Saturday, Dec. 7. It really 'tis time to forsake the bake with more than 17,000 cookies to choose from, all homemade with the proceeds benefit local missions. Expect elaborately decorated holiday and Christmas sugar cookies, classic Christmas cookies, cheese coins, fudge, homemade candies and more. Last year there were even some pound cakes and loaves of banana bread. Although the most popular treat may be the homemade dog biscuits, they sell out early.

According to event spokeswoman Nancy Rock, "The Cookie Walk began as a Midwestern holiday tradition but has become a Wrightsville Beach staple." Five years ago, the Wrightsville Beach United Methodist Church Circle of Hope adopted the tradition that is currently staged by the United Methodist Women, annually. Unlike a cookie swap that requires participants to bake cookies then trade with others, the cookie walk features tens of thousands of cookies for participants to select and take home or gift to others. All the cookies are homemade, made by volunteer bakers from the church's congregation baked to raise funds for local missions.



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The Rooster is Crowing

By Sherri Robinson
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Beach & Barn Group has raised almost a quarter of a million dollars in a private equity offering, according to a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Beach & Barn is a Wrightsville Beach-headquartered clothing company, and its brand logo, a rooster on a surfboard, is crowing. The money was raised from seven investors through debt and other security options, although there is no word on what those funds are earmarked to fund.

Beach & Barn was started in 2015 by Rusty Meador, an entrepreneurial carpenter who wasn't much of surfer but loved the ocean and had very fond memories of his grandmother's porch in Martinsville, Virginia shucking corn. Originally a carpentry firm, Beach & Barn, retooled to become a clothing and accessories producer with an ever-popular surfboarding rooster logo. Having toiled as a carpenter many years, Meador remembered the advice from a client, 'Carpentry is hard, why not sell your hats and t-shirts?' He dismissed the advice initially, "I didn't know hats and t-shirts; I did know he was right - carpentry is hard, tiring work - and I knew his kids were bugging him to ask me for a hat and a t-shirt, so I figured I was doing at least one thing right," said Meador.

The beach, the barn, they're part of who Rusty Meador is, those places gave him a strong work ethic and healthy respect not to waste play time either. That surfing rooster is the metaphor for the gifts the Beach & Barn gave. The logo choice is unusual, and that's all by design. Where's that barn on the beach? Why is that chicken surfing? The master plan, when it comes to the brand, is in inspiring people to think and question and identify with a brand on their terms. Meador sees this happen daily, at red light after red light. He sees the folks in the car behind him looking around, stressed, pressed, and none too happy, but then they see the sticker, that rooster riding the surfboard, those frowns are turned upside down. "That sticker took them someplace. It stirred up some memory they'd forgotten or some emotion that's been buried. That's Beach & Barn."

Beach & Barn carries its Port City Polo shirts, T-shirts, hoodies, hats, and stickers with its logo, as well as its Center Console line featuring boating symbols. Beach & Barn sells its products online and at more than 25 retailers in Wilmington, Jacksonville, North Carolina, Atlanta, Charleston, South Carolina, and Delaware, among other locations. This marks the first time the company has raised money through a private equity offering.

Beach & Barn employs a full-time product designer and developer formerly with Patagonia, the success model for Meador. They continue to build a retail presence and are working on building a bigger wholesale footprint, as evidenced by the launch of sub-brands with Center Console

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PLANNING BOARD, HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town of Wrightsville Beach is now accepting applications from Town residents who are interested in serving on the Planning Board, the Historic Landmark Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The Town is also accepting applications from Town residents and representatives from the Town's business community who are interested in serving on the Wrightsville Beach Marketing Advisory Committee. Appointments will be made by the Board of Aldermen at their January 2020 meeting.

Applications are available on the Town's website (towb.org) and at Town Hall, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. January 3, 2020.

For additional information, please contact Sylvia Holleman: 239-1771 or sholleman@towb.org.

Minority & Women Business Enterprise Program Aims to Increase Economic Diversity



County Manager's Message

BY CHRIS COUDRIET
New Hanover County Manager

By County Manager Chris Coudriet
Earlier this year, New Hanover County began working on an update to our Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program to help ensure a higher rate of MWBE participation in all aspects of the county's contracting and procurement programs, including construction projects, supplies, and material purchases, and professional and personal service contracts.

The updated program went into effect in November and is now a

much larger part of our everyday purchasing procedures. I believe this is an important step to boost entrepreneurs and increase economic diversity in New Hanover County.

According to the most recent Census data from 2012, there were 2,022 minority-owned and 4,721 women-owned businesses out of a total of 14,935 in Wilmington. Those numbers have undoubtedly increased in the past seven years with the help of advocates who are empowering and supporting women and minority entrepreneurs.

New Hanover County is a key player in those advocacy discussions and, with the support of our Commissioners, we are working on ways to help make our community more inclusive and more welcoming to diverse workers and businesses.

Improving the MWBE Program is one of the most important initiatives we've launched for this effort. The revised policy requires a documented, good-faith effort by employees to include MWBE vendors with each new bid or quote that is obtained. And our employees now have more resources and direct access to a MWBE vendor list that currently includes more than 200 firms.

Our outreach to grow this vendor list is taking place now as we work to recruit additional MWBE businesses not currently in our directory. If you are a MWBE, please enroll in our vendor self-service system. You can find that information, and an overview of our MWBE Program on our Finance website here. And if you know of a potential MWBE business, please tell them about this program.

In Fiscal Year 2019, the county spent \$6,430,000 of our \$79,250,000 in goods and services with minority businesses. I look forward to seeing a noticeable increase in that number in the years ahead.

As New Hanover County works to increase the diversity and number of higher wage jobs throughout the county, we believe these policy and procedure enhancements will be important to support business growth and economic diversity in New Hanover County.

It takes all of us being intentional and inclusive, so I hope you will take a look at your own business or organization and think about ways you can enhance your practices to help boost entrepreneurs. Let's be purposeful to include opportunities for all.

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"Journalism will kill you, but it will keep you alive while you're at it."
— Horace Greeley

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 - Pakistani tongue
 - Word with foster or health
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 - *Car safety invention
 - Caspian Sea, e.g.
 - They flock together?
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 - *Bakelite was first one made from synthetics
 - RNs' org.
 - Like a pumpkin on Halloween
 - €
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 - Columbus Day mo.
 - Unlock
 - Without, in Paris
 - Limestone landscape forms
 - Broke bread
 - *Synthetic for a diabetic
 - Putin's currency
 - *Willis Carrier's invention conditioned it
 - *Aspartame-based sweetener
 - Hard tale to believe
 - *Scuba diver's gear
 - "It's still Rock and Roll" to him
 - The Colosseum, e.g.
 - Stage part
 - Bohemian
 - Gold coating
 - Fishing rod attachment
 - Sticky stuff
 - Make a choice
 - Big Bang's original matter
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 - Irish word for Ireland
 - Sushi restaurant "burner"
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 - Egg on
 - Opposite of paleo-
 - Perugia region
 - Make less refined
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 - Antediluvian
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 - Relating to Quechuan people
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 - Four-legged friends
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 - All worked up
 - Apple leftovers
 - Multicolored horse
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 - But not always
 - Like some suspects?
 - Crème de cassis plus wine
 - Like Ferris Bueller
 - Monet's water flower
 - Out of focus
 - Provide with gear
 - Cover with a story to tell?
 - Beginner
 - Charlie Parker's sax
 - Golden Fleece ship
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New Hanover County Health & Human Services Board to consider rule prohibiting e-cigarettes, asks for public comment

The New Hanover County Health and Human Services Board will consider the adoption of a rule that would prohibit the use of tobacco and the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (e-cigarettes), at the regular Health and Human Services Board meeting on Tuesday, December 17, at 8 a.m. at the Health and Human Services building located at 1650 Greenfield Street in Wilmington. The drafted rule prohibits the use of tobacco and e-cigarettes in county, town and city-owned buildings, vehicles and grounds, as well as in public places in New Hanover County, like restaurants, bars, entertainment venues and sidewalks.

The proposed rule would be a local regulation under the provision of the Health and Human Services Board, and an addition to the already existing local tobacco ordinance and the NC Smoke-free Restaurants and Bars Law.

The public is invited to review this proposed rule and provide comments and feedback by noon on Monday, December 16. The Health and Human Services Board will review the drafted rule and comments at the December 17 meeting before voting. View the proposed rule and provide feedback here. Copies of the proposed rule can also be obtained at the New Hanover County Department of Public Health located at 2029 South 17th Street, Wilmington NC, 28401.

If favorable, the rule will move to the Board of County Commissioners for their review and approval at a subsequent regular meeting before becoming effective.

For more information, visit Health.NHCgov.com.



Festival in the Park

Photos by Sherri Robinson

This year's edition of The Festival in The Park and Car Show was extraordinary with something for everybody. Featuring the most new unique vendors in its history, there were over 80 booths to visit offering everything from homemade ornaments from the Harbor Island Garden Club to a brand new concept for the weekend boater by Fender Buddy. Two authors signing novels. Five food trucks. A kid's playground worthy of an amusement park. Almost a hundred classic cars and the Shriner's Choo Choo circling the parking area loaded with train-loving tykes.



■ SAIL

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While on vacation, they chartered a boat for a week in Turkey and another vessel for a week in Greece but returned to the safety of the harbor every night. Ironically, the Saunders' first real "sail" happened when they bought SV Caterpillar in St. Maarten and sailed her back to North Carolina. That first excursion took nine days at sea, nothing like easing into things. On that maiden voyage, they hired an experienced captain and crew member to assist and teach. Happily, all survived. According to

While on vacation, they

Dannalie, "It turns out that if you can figure out how to get those sails up and get the boat pointing close to where you want to go... the wind usually does the rest."

Chronicling their journey, they have created a Facebook page for following and to keep friends and family members up to date on their progress and antics. Join the cruise by following on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SVCaterpillar/>. So far, in North Carolina, they've visited Oriental, Swansboro, Wrightsville Beach and Southport. We caught up with them in Banks Channel, and, Nov. 18, they departed Southport bound for Jekyll

Christmas Ornaments

Just in time for Holiday Shopping, the Wrightsville Beach Foundation has come up with a beautiful new idea. They are

offering the inaugural Christmas Ornaments for sale on their website to benefit several projects. This ornament is one of several important fundraisers needed to achieve the ongoing mission of the Wrightsville Beach Foundation, to promote partnerships among residents, visitors, and the Town of Wrightsville Beach in an effort to enhance recreational opportunities while helping preserve and improve our beautiful coastal environment and to provide financial assistance within the county to educational and care giving organizations in need, especially during times of natural disaster.



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This is how it works, doors open at the "Cookie Walk Church" located at 4 Live Oak Drive, Wrightsville Beach at 9 a.m., but, judging from past years, expect a line to form as early as 8 a.m. or 8:30. Once the doors open, participants are handed a box and a glove. There are no admission costs shoppers need only walk around filling their box or boxes with cookies. Boxes are weighed and priced at \$8 per pound. The event will be open until noon or until the last cookie leaves. Should anyone need assistance making selections or with mobility issues, the United Methodist Ladies are there to help.

All proceeds from the event go to local missions benefiting women and children in the community. In 2019, local organizations receiving contributions where: the Methodist Home for Women, Domestic Violence Shelter, Phoenix Hometown Hires, Kelly House, Coastal Horizons Center, Nourish NC, A Safe Place, WARM, Inc., and Campus Ministries with a small portion donated to the Wrightsville Beach United Methodist Church Youth Group supporting their mission projects. Every dollar we raise goes to local ministries, Rock said.

For more information, visit www.wrightsvilleumc.org.

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and the Port City polo line.

"The polo and our new Agri-coastal t-shirt they're our first

premium products," says Meador.

As their website boasts, their products are 100% American grown and sewn. But the most important thing to remember about Beach & Barn is they are "a growing company that loves small towns and large bodies of water."

■ CHIEF

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crime center, created to give officers real-time data while responding to calls. His push for officer safety helped to equip all patrol officers working in the field with the latest body-cameras, implemented Shotspotter - a gunshot recognition system and Predictive

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Church Services NEAR THE BEACH

<p>LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BOARDWALK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) Rev. Patrick Thomas Rabun, pastor 2 W. Fayetteville St., 910-256-2819, ext. 100 www.littlechapel.org Sunday School (for all ages): 9:15 a.m. Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided.</p>	<p>BETH SIMCHA MESSIANIC JEWISH CONGREGATION Congregational Leader/ Rabbi Marty Schilsky 7957 Market St. Wilmington, N.C. 28411 910-681-0117 Shabbat Services 10:30 a.m. Saturday</p>	<p>ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Patrick A. Keane 1011 Eastwood Road, 910-392-0720 Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. en Español Monday Mass: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Masses: 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Mass: 8:30 a.m. Thursday Mass: 8:30 a.m. Friday Mass: 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration with Benediction at 9 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. ANDREW'S ON-THE-SOUND EPISCOPAL The Rev. Richard G. Elliott, rector 101 Airlie Road, 910-256-3034 Monday-Wednesday at 8:30 a.m 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., Celtic Service 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>ST. TERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Trent Watts 209 S. Lumina Ave., 910-256-2471 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.,</p>	<p>WRIGHTSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Doug Lain, senior pastor 4 Live Oak Drive, 910-256-4471 Worship Services: 8:15, 9:45, 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH BAPTIST CHURCH John McIntyre, senior pastor 601 Causeway Drive, 910-256-3682 Traditional Worship: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages: 10:10-11 a.m. Contemporary Service: 11:10 a.m to 12:20 p.m</p>	

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Board of Commissioners
Makes History, Elects Female
Chair & Vice-Chair

Every December, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners elects its chair and vice-chair. At the December 2 board meeting, Commissioner Julia Olson-Boseman was elected as chair and Commissioner Patricia Kusek was elected as vice-chair. This is the first time in the history of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners that two women of separate parties will hold both the chair and vice-chair positions. "This is a momentous day for New Hanover County, to have two women elected to lead the board," said Chairwoman Olson-Boseman. "I look forward to the coming year and the work this Board of Commissioners will accomplish on behalf of our community and our citizens."

'Twas the night
before Flotilla



Community Cooler

BY SHERRI ROBINSON

'Twas the night before Flotilla, when all along our shore,
 Captains and kids gathered to see what was in store;
 The Elf Patrol sang favorite holiday tunes,
 While Filmwerks lit colorful jingle noons;
 The children all gathered awaiting Santa Clause,
 When the Town tree lit up with thunderous applause,
 And at the Blockade Runner Mrs. Clause did await,
 For Jimmy & Keaton to safety out of the gate,
 Captains listened while keeping secrets of design,
 Weary volunteers anxiously waited for more wine.
 A bountiful buffet was served-fuel for dancing feet,
 Festive bartenders while overworked, just couldn't be beat.
 Jack Jack 180 brought the ballroom magically to life,
 Causing fellows to dance with sweethearts and an occasional wife;
 John hawked flotilla sweatshirts and tees,
 While the Blockade Runner staff and valets did everything to please.
 As Jack Jack 180 sounded the last notes,
 Everybody scattered to gather the next night to marvel at boats,
 With the 36th NC Holiday Flotilla in safely and successfully in the sack,
 Can't wait 'til next year when it all comes back!

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