

Spectators line the docks at Calabash as boats are readied for nautical parade to Little River.

THE BRUNSWICK BEACON



PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES on the boat entered by Calabash Seafood Hut are, from left, Gail Thomas and Darlene Milligan. The boat captured the

prize for the best decorations in the 0-20 ft. category. It is owned by Tink Coleman of Calabash.

Boat Parade, Other **Events Raise Funds** To Feed Hungry

Proceeds from the first Calabash-Little River Boat Parade and associated activities Saturday will feed about 200 families for Christmas, an organizer said Tuesday.

All total, about \$2,800 was raised, according to Terri Canupp. She and her husband, Ken, initiated the fund-raising effort to help feed the hungry children in Brunswick County and

Horry County, S.C.

"It's a start," Canupp said of the results. "We learned a lot and had a lot

Highlight of the day's activities was the parade of boats decorated for Christmas. A dozen boats pulled out of Calabash shortly after 1 p.m. and set a course down the Intracoastal Waterway for Little River, S.C., where they passed a judging stand.

Plaques were awarded to the best

decorated boats in three classes.

In the 0-20 ft. class, a boat owned by Tink Coleman of Calabash and sponsored by the Calabash Seafood Hut won the honor.

In the 21-40 ft. class, Martin Feldt's boat, representing the town of Holden Beach, was the winner.

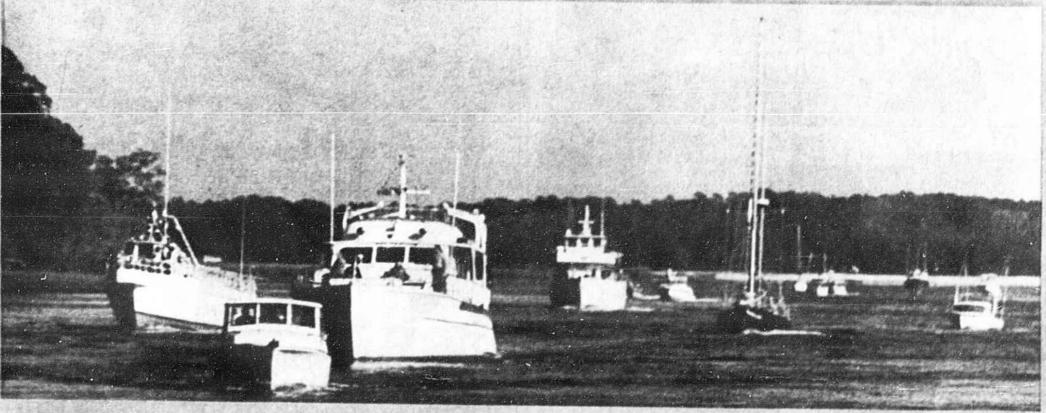
In the 41-100 ft. class, the winner was Swift Ship I out of Little River.

Large crowds lined the docks at Calabash to watch the boat parade leave on its short voyage and the flotilla was welcomed at Little River

by a large crowd. A couple of Coast Guard Auxiliary boats patrolled in front and back of the procession. Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan and a sheriff's deputy provided escort in a small boat.

In strip boat races, first prize was

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A dozen boats of all sizes arrive in Little River to pass in front of the judging stand.