



The September edition of the Shoreline was in the latter stages of going to press when Hurricane Bonnie hit our area in late August; however area residents may be interested in knowing how the aquarium fared during "the storm that wouldn't leave."

Aquarium Director Jay Barnes stayed at the aquarium during Bonnie and gave an after-the-fact report to the staff. Fortunately, the facility suffered no damage during the storm, and only scattered limbs were tossed about the property. There were also a couple of minor roof leaks. No large trees fell near the facility. Most vulnerable trees had either been taken by Bertha and Fran, or cut last winter after suffering pine beetle damage.

Power was lost at approximately 2:30 a.m. Thursday, August 27, and restored at about eight o'clock that night. The Aquarium's back-up generator ran flawlessly during the storm, providing power to water pumps and air systems, which kept all aquarium tanks operational. Numerous trees were downed on the two nature trails and both trails had to be closed until debris could be cleared.

The WITN-TV weather station on the Aquarium roof recorded a storm total of 12.73 inches of rain with a 24-hour maximum of 10.67 inches. The barometric low was 29.08 inches, recorded at approximately 3:00 a.m. August 27. Unfortunately the weather station's anemometer was improperly calibrated and peak winds could not be recorded; however, the Aquarium's second weather station, owned by WCTI-TV, recorded

gusts in the 80-90 mph range.

The Aquarium's fall calendar has arrived, so join us for marsh walks, beach trips, Cape Lookout excursions, nautical craft classes and other exciting activities during these beautiful days of autumn. For a complete schedule, stop by the Aquarium and pick up a calendar, or call 247-4003.



## PKS Women's Club

Friday, October 23 is the date of the next PKS Women's Club meeting at Town Hall, 9:30 a.m. is the gathering time with business meeting to follow at 10:00 a.m. The Lunch Bunch will go to The Plant after - please sign up before the meeting with Ellen Sullivan if you want to go. Beth Johnston will present a Fashion Show for our program this month.

Each year the Women's Club makes contributions to chosen charities. In August for the 1997-98 year, the following donations were given:

Habitat for Humanity	\$100
Hospice	\$100
Martha's Mission	\$100
Broad St. Clinic	\$200
Domestic Violence	\$200
Helpline	\$200

More cookbooks have been printed. See any member to order a copy for \$6.00.

For other information about the Women's Club and its activities, call Marian Goetzinger at 726-9879.

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