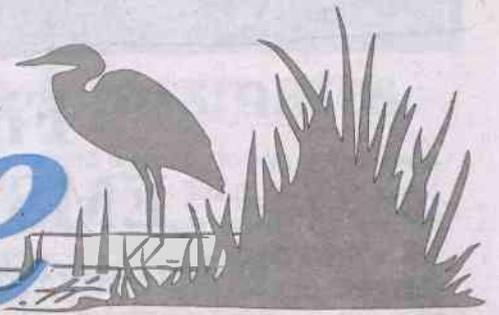


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## Replica of H.M.S. Bounty To Visit Morehead City

The famed Tall Ship *H.M.S. Bounty*, manned by Captain Robin Walbridge and a crew of 18, is coming to the N.C. Port in Morehead City. The North Carolina Maritime Museum and the Pepsi Americas Sail 2006 team are sponsoring this summer's visit of the *Bounty* as a spectacular preview of next year's much-anticipated tall ships event.

Visitors are invited to view and board one of the most celebrated ships in the world, arriving here after filming *Pirates of the Caribbean II* with Johnny Depp and embarking on an 11-city, eight-state East Coast tour. Originally built for the 1962 film *Mutiny on the Bounty* starring Marlon Brando, she has also been featured in many historical documentaries as well as the *Sponge Bob Square Pants* movie, released last November.

The *Bounty* will arrive on Thursday, July 14 and be open for public tours from July 15 through 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday). The event will include entertainment portside for adults and children alike, with food and refreshments on hand. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available exclusively at the North Carolina Maritime Museum. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

The original *Bounty*, commanded in 1787 by Captain William Bligh, was commissioned to sail halfway around the world from England to Tahiti to collect

sapling breadfruit trees and transport them to the West Indies. Owners of the burgeoning British plantations there needed a cheap source of food for the workers. After a grueling 10-month voyage, the captain and his crew arrived on the island, and remained on Tahiti for five months. Unfortunately for Bligh, some of his crewmembers had no intention of leaving their new-found paradise. A mutiny ensued on April 28, 1789, led by Fletcher Christian. It would be almost a decade before any of the survivors were found to tell the story of the events that have excited the romantic and adventurous for more than two centuries.

One of the most famous ships ever to sail the high seas, the magnificent three-masted sailing vessel was replicated expressly for the film *Mutiny on the Bounty*. She began life with the laying of her keel in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on a snowy February day in 1960.

Above decks, the *Bounty* is a faithful copy of the original, from rope davits to 10,000 square feet of canvas on the square-rigged masts. Captain Bligh's vessel was 85 feet long and carried a crew of 62. The new *Bounty* is 118 feet in length, an increase made necessary because of space required for movement of cameras during filming. Her beam is 30 feet, six inches, with a 14-foot draft. Her tonnage is 480 gross and 128 net. More than 400,000 board feet of lumber, about half of it American oak from New Jersey, was used in her planking. The biggest timber used was in the main mast, which is 27 inches in diameter and 65 feet long.

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## Leatherback Turtle Makes Historic Visit to PKS to Nest

By Peggy Sagmiller

On Monday, May 16 a female Leatherback sea turtle hauled her 500 plus pound body mid-beach to nest! By 4:30 p.m., in broad daylight, eggs were being deposited at least two feet deep. What an amazing spectacle this was! As the eggs were laid, the huge turtle moaned, grunted, and sighed as 'tears' ran from both eyes. After depositing her clutch, she slowly moved down the beach into the ocean.

This is the first nest of the season in Pine Knoll Shores, the second nest of the season in North Carolina, and the first ever confirmed Leatherback nest on Bogue Banks. As the exhausted mother swam across the sandbar, onlookers gave her a round of applause!

In the past five years, Leatherback sea turtles have laid an average of one nest per year in North Carolina, usually at Cape Lookout or Cape Hatteras. This may be because the land

juts out into the ocean at these points.

The Leatherback is the largest turtle of any kind in the world, and one of the two largest reptiles. A mature adult can weigh more than 1,500 pounds. They are the deepest divers of all sea turtles, going down to a depth of more than one kilometer. The most wide-ranging of sea turtles, they are comfortable in water of zero degrees Centigrade, and can travel all the way to the Arctic Circle.

Leatherback sea turtles are listed as *endangered* by the U.S. Endangered Species Act. Our usual summer visitors, the Loggerhead sea turtles, are listed as *threatened*.

On Tuesday, May 31, the second nest of the season was laid in Pine Knoll Shores. Our third nest came in on Sunday, June 5. Both of these are Loggerhead nests. Our 2005 season seems to be off to a great start.



Endangered young leatherback sea turtle laying first nest of the season in PKS. The turtle was estimated to weigh more than 500 pounds.

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