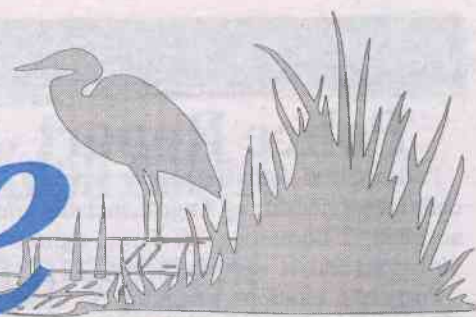


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## Ophelia Slams PKS

By Dick Reeves

What's worse, a category one hurricane that hangs around too long or a two or three that blows through in a hurry? The experts will be debating that for a while but many long-term residents I talked to believe that Ophelia was the worst yet to visit our shores. The good news is that there were no deaths or serious injuries; major property damage was minimal (Bill Strube had a tree crash through his roof – see right by Bob Ruggiero – and the Beacon's reach marina suffered major damage; the first responders and volunteer block captains acted promptly and admirably, according to Mayor Joan Lamson. She especially praised the volunteers and singled out Jay Kocher who manned the phones at the public safety building non-stop for a day and a half.

Building Inspector Chris Jones estimated total property damage including all structures

and cleanup at \$5 Million (Carteret New Times reported \$11 million) the appropriate figure will be submitted to the state and federal disaster relief agencies.

The overall story of destruction is graphically delineated on these pages by our official photographers Bill and Kathy Foy with thanks for getting one more on the record for the hurricane capital of the world.

EMS Director Bill Mathius reported that all went smoothly. Fire and EMS crews had all streets open to emergency vehicles within two hours after the winds subsided (i.e., 10 a.m. Thursday Sept 15). Pickups of the mountains of trash began on Tuesday Sept. 20 and should be long completed by the time you read this. (It is important to remember that material here has been submitted for publication on Sept. 20 so that everything you read is very stale news

at best. Hurricane Rita is building up in the Gulf as I write this and who knows what can happen in the next 30 days) Compared with Katrina and Rita, our damage, while personal, is relatively insignificant.

As usual, Carteret Craven and the telephone companies responded admirably with all services restored in 24 hours. A number of people have suggested that the local radio station in Morehead City, WTKF, 107.3FM, is a more dependable source of local information when the phones, TV and electric power are down.

I had hoped to have a report from Reggie on the golf course but he has been very busy on the mammoth job of cleanup and getting the course ready for play. You need only to have looked at the mountain of debris in the parking lot or review the photos on this page to realize the scale of this job.

## Tree on a Roof

By Bob Ruggiero

Local residents Bill and Lois Strube were rudely awakened during the height of the recent hurricane by a loud crash that literally shook their house. When they went to investigate the noise they found a limb and leaves of a live oak tree had pierced the roof of their residence allowing rain to pour into the living room. The rain caused the ceiling tile and wall insulation to fall into the room and was saturating both walls and carpet. Pine Knoll shores Fire/EMS and police personnel were canvassing the town seeking areas where help was needed. When they arrived, the rescuers surveyed the problem and called for a work crew who used a chain saw to remove the affected limb that had pierced their roof. The work crew also patched the hole in the roof, preventing additional damage within the living room. The Fire/EMS personnel are to be commended for their rapid response to the damage and the help that was offered to one family in need of assistance.

## Ophelia Beach Erosion

By Gregory (Rudi) Rudolph

The following provides a summary of the beach conditions along Bogue Banks in regards to Ophelia, a cyclone with slow movement, very high water levels from the lift and push from the storm itself and prolonged NE winds, and landfall at high tide. Although the Shore Protection Office was unable to drive the entire reach of Bogue Banks this morning, we did conduct drive-by spot check reconnaissance at various portions of the island. The legacy of this storm however for Bogue Banks will likely be the potentially record setting soundside flooding.

(a) We're please to report that in general, the beaches fared well. Dune erosion was very minimal and there are very few examples of scarping along the entire beach. In some areas the scarps were immediately covered, or "masked" by the wind-blown sand once high tide subsided. The attached picture taken at Bogue Inlet demonstrates this masking effect. The other attached pictures are taken along various stretches of Bogue Banks. There are some reports of some very minor dune scarping towards western Emerald Isle - we

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