

Holden Beach lovers will delight in this book of remembrances!

This new book is a wonderful collection of tales and experiences during the early days at Holden Beach. Read about catching, barehanded, large speckled trout; building a road with a Model A Ford; enjoying a fish stew at the fish camps; or waiting in line for the ferry on Sunday afternoons.



The author, Franda Dobson Pedlow, has owned a vacation home at Holden Beach since 1946. Now a retired teacher living in Richmond, Va., she tells what Holden Beach was like in the early days—through tales of the earliest residents as well as her own first-hand accounts.

Sand and Sea Fever will be available during the Festival By The Sea at several locations. To order by mail, send \$10 plus \$2 shipping to: *Sand and Sea Fever*, 11720 Rexmoor Dr., Richmond, VA 23236.

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THE SWEET AND THE SCARY will be contestants in this year's Festival by the Sea Halloween Carnival costume contest. Shown here are last year's winners in the 8-13 age group. They are (from left) Tracy Gibbs and Joey Ward, tied for third place; Daniel Kempton, first place; and Charity Henry, second place.

Put On A Scary Face; It's Carnival Halloween Costume Contest Time

The celebration of Halloween and the Festival by the Sea go way back together.

After all, the festival evolved from a children's carnival held every Halloween at the old Surfside Pavilion.

This year, organizers of the annual Festival by the Sea Halloween Carnival on Friday night hope to begin a whole new tradition, with a revamped carnival designed to focus on the popular Halloween costume contest, plus games, information booths and a bigger-than-ever raffle.

The costume contest has grown in participation and popularity annually. In 1991, 85 children competed. Last year, 120 children from infants to 13-year-olds competed

with a clever array of costumes ranging from the oh-so-sweet to the truly scary.

Missing this year, and from now on, will be the haunted house, which carnival coordinator Martin Feldt said was scrapped because it was too scary for the little ones and too attractive to rowdy teenagers.

Instead, there has been an improvement in the carnival games, a beefing up of the raffle, and the addition of information booths from such organizations as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), the Optimist Club and Turtle Watch, Feldt said.

This year's dozen or so carnival games will include darts, fishing, a pumpkin toss, Nerf basketball and

something called the "duck pluck."

Between 35 and 50 prizes will be raffled this year, as opposed to last year's 20. They will include fishing equipment, fishing trips, kites and meals in local restaurants.

"It's a whole new look," Feldt said of the fair, which is "changed from this point forward."

The games and information booths open at 6 p.m. Friday night at Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Sabbath Home Road, off the Holden Beach causeway.

If you're bringing little ones to register for the costume contest, come early. Registration is from 5:45 until 6:45. Signing up early will help organizers start the judging on time.

The contest begins at 7 p.m.

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