

This Week's Tide Table

DECEMBER

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	23	3:20	3:39	9:37	9:50
Friday	24	4:12	4:32	10:32	10:40
Saturday	25	5:01	5:22	11:23	11:28
Sunday	26	5:49	6:08	-----	12:11
Monday	27	6:35	6:53	12:15	12:55
Tuesday	28	7:16	7:35	12:58	1:39
Wednesday	29	7:58	8:17	1:41	2:21

ADJUSTMENTS

SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.
 LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.
 BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.
 SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.
 LITTLE RIVER—subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide.

Pollution Prevention Symposium Topic In Jan.

What more should be done to prevent coastal waters from being polluted by agricultural and forestry operations?

That is the question the N.C. Coastal Futures Committee, farmers, foresters, state officials, researchers and conservationists will try to answer at a symposium Jan. 13 at Vernon G. James Center Research and Extension Center in Plymouth.

Titled "Emerging Laws, Regulations and Incentives: Rural Best Management Practices and Coastal Water Quality," the event is part of a coastwide effort to improve coastal resource management programs.

"Existing pollution control programs for agriculture in North Carolina boast impressive statistics," said a spokesman for the N.C. Coastal Futures Committee. "Since 1984, almost 14,000 farmers have volunteered to install Best Management Practices (BMPs). Statewide, the program has kept almost 3 million tons of soil from washing into our waters. It also has helped farmers apply 789 million gallons of animal waste to their fields, which spared the state's rivers, streams and lakes from 73 million pounds of nitrogen and phosphorus.

"In spite of these impressive efforts, a study in 1990 by the N.C. Division of Environmental Management found that agriculture still accounts for 60.7 percent of water quality problems on the state's coast. And as a major land use in the coastal zone, forestry contributes to coastal water quality problems as well."

Symposium participants will hear presentations about the latest monitoring of coastal water quality; recent scientific studies that have looked at the relationships between rural land uses, best management practices, and coastal water quality; and emerging state and federal nonpoint pollution control programs.

Efforts to clean up Chesapeake Bay in the 1980s also will be discussed as a possible model for North Carolina to follow.

Present at the symposium will be members of the N.C. Futures Committee, the panel appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt to recommend improvements to the North Carolina coastal zone management programs. Eugene Tomlinson of Southport, who is also chairman of the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission, is a member of the committee.

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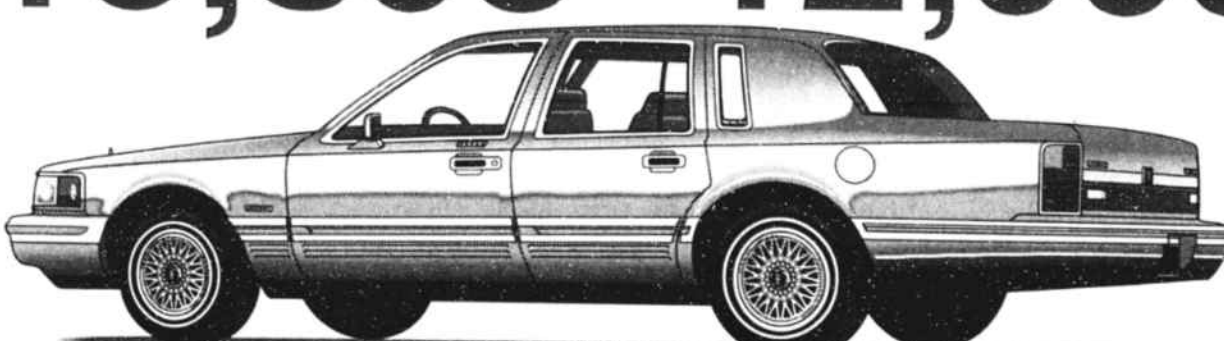
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