

## Kayak for the Warrior Events

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A beautiful morning kicked off our signature event, the kayak and paddleboard race on Saturday, June 2. Setup at Garner Park began the night before as tents were pitched and other items staged by Dom Baccollo and his crew. As kayakers and paddleboarders registered, Garner Park was a beehive of activity early in the morning. Marines from Cherry Point jockeyed kayaks from cars to the water. As on-site registration was taking place, Susan King and her crew organized the raffle. The ladies from Pine Knoll Shores Realty set up for the lunch, which included barbecue from Roland's in Beaufort. Lee Sullivan took care of t-shirts, and the Hope For The Warriors table and the Navy Federal Credit Union table were set up—and much more.

We were able to do electronic timing again this year by Queen City Timing. A huge thank you goes to David Anderson of E-Z Docks, who donated the floating docks for the equipment.

Mayor Ken Jones began the ceremonies with the Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks after the presentation of the colors by the US Coast Guard Honor Guard. An invocation was given by Marian Goetzinger. The pre-race briefing was executed by Ted Goetzinger, and the elite group of racers was signaled to start. These were individuals who felt they could do the 3.2-mile course in 35 minutes or less. The paddleboarders took off in the second group, followed by the more leisurely kayakers. We had nine wounded warriors take part in the race—which is what it's all about.

While times were being tallied, the raffle winners were announced and folks enjoyed a barbecue lunch, complete with coleslaw, baked beans and brownies and Italian ice.

The fastest winning time this year in the Elite division was 30:53, posted by Lee Jones. Congratulations to him and to all the competitors. The winners in each category were as follows:

Allen Williford was our overall Warrior winner. The Warrior winner time is calculated by taking a racer's raw time and subtracting one second for each dollar he or she raises. The complete list of raw times and Warrior times can be found on our Facebook page, Kayak for the Warriors, on our website at k4tw.org, or at queencitytiming.com (click on 2018 results).

Female 17 and Under	Time	Male Under 17	Time
1. Addison Eury	1:03	1. Caleb Thomas	50:46
2. Lauren Eury	1:11		
Female 18 to 64		Male 18 to 64	
1. Cindy Moeller	44:49	1. Thomas Cariker	39:05
2. Julia Farmer	48:35	2. Rufus Ward	42:18
3. Terri Everett	48:37	3. Jerry Shortridge	42:28
Female 65 and Over		Male 65 and Over	
1. Dorothy Steenland	50:25	1. John Bedford	37:23
2. Martha Edwards	55:33	2. Bruce Hamilton	40:38
3. Betty Bowman	1:00	3. Bill Steenland	49:11
Female Paddleboarders		Male Paddleboarders	
1. Jessica Mayo	43:25	1. Joe Hunt	36:44
2. Julia Nicholls	45:50	2. William Hunt	39:18
3. Christa Kreutz	54:38	3. Walter Cox	40:30
Tandem Kayakers			
1. Pam Smith/ Thomas Smith	40:15		
2. Melissa Ehlers/ Carolyn Brady	43:00		
3. Sarah MaryAnn Tormey/ Patrick Tormey	43:48		

The responsibility for the three events was divided among three very competent and dedicated individuals who were tasked with making all this work. Thanks to Robert Holman (5K Beach Run), Celeste Lindley (Warrior Reception and Auction), and Sam Scudder (race-day activities). You folks did an outstanding job. Take a look at the great photos taken by Mindi Byrd, Amy Mansfield, Cathy Martin and Jenn Lotz Williams on our website, Facebook page, and in this issue of *The Shoreline*. We also had a drone, manned by Chris Losack, taking videos of these events. Those shots are awesome. Thanks, also, to our additional volunteers for the innumerable hours they put in—and who do this year after year and make it better and better.

At press time, the final tally of funds raised has not been made, but we are in the process of gathering all our information, and we should have a total soon.

Do you have ideas on how the beach run/walk, auction or kayak/paddleboard race day could be better? If anyone has comments or suggestions, we welcome them. Please send them to [suggestions@kayakforthewarriors.org](mailto:suggestions@kayakforthewarriors.org). Believe it or not, planning has already begun for next year. If you are interested in helping in any way, let members of the Parks and Recreation Committee or current volunteers know. We would love for you to join us.

See the Town Crier pages in this issue for photos of the events.

## Fishing & Hunting



By Richard Seale

### June and the longest days

On Bogue Sound the summer sun has snuck its way northward. For early rising walkers in Pine Knoll Shores and for evening fishermen at McNeill Park, sunrises and sunsets occur across the sound and the sun's light from these turn the surface of the sound's waters incredible hues of orange and red. The Summer Solstice for 2018 was on Thursday, June 21, at 6:07 a.m. Sunrise was at 5:56 a.m., and sunset was at 8:26 p.m. The sunrise occurred at 61 degrees northeast and set at 299 degrees northwest. The day was 14 hours, 29 minutes and 21 seconds long. Of course, there is a pretty long period of pre-sun first light and twilight too. And then the days started getting shorter as we head back into fall and winter.

It is light enough outside that I am normally awake around 5:30 a.m. Bolstered with a cup of tea in hand, a seat on the deck allows me to enjoy the concert provided by the birds singing their songs as they greet the coming day. The concert's encore is finally watching the sun come over the trees at the CMAST building.

As of June 10, we can visually confirm that there is at least one osprey chick in the B-S McNeill osprey nest. Momma and Poppa ospreys, our local "fishermen," acted differently on May 28, and we guessed an egg had hatched. The adults seemed to be tearing food into small pieces and bending down to feed something. Today we could see the chick's head and watch it open its bill to receive food from Momma. As a reminder, please give the nest platform some space. Kindly remind others to stay away if you see them get close to the nesting platform.

The usual summer Spanish mackerel population can be found along the beaches. Trolling rigs weighted with 2-ounce torpedo sinkers or #1 or #2 diving planes are good bets. Gold, silver, sparkly green or chartreuse yellow spoons at the end of 5- to 10-foot fluorocarbon leaders, towed at 5 to 8 knots, usually turn the trick. At times, I will tie on a diving plug minnow, which is a plastic 3- to 4-inch minnow-shaped lure with a plastic lower "lip," which makes the lure dive below

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