

Aquarium Fishing School To Be Held March 14

The third annual "Get Hooked" Fishing School on March 14 at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores covers all the angles.

Experienced anglers conduct presentations on all aspects of the sport. Sessions include Jimmy Price on inshore flounder fishing; Dean Lamont on fly fishing; Dr. Bogus on pier and surf fishing; Jeff McBane on fishing the Crystal Coast; Joe Malat on reading the beach; Bryan Goodwin on inshore drum fishing; Jeff Cronk on inshore trout fishing; and Eddie Cameron on offshore king mackerel fishing.

Registration for the day-long course began January 2. The registration fee before February 20 is \$40; after that \$50. North Carolina Aquarium Society members receive a 10 percent discount. Registration ends March 10.

The fee covers participation in up to five sessions, a catered lunch, drawings for fishing gear and free goodies. Agencies and businesses of interest to fishermen and boaters will also be on hand. All sessions are at the aquarium.

For more information contact Wayne Justice at 247-4003, ext. 227. To register, contact the registrar at ext. 257.

The Great Carnac



Johnny Carson's swami headdress might have been more elaborate, but Town Manager Brian Kramer's take off on Carson's famous Carnac the Magnificent character brought down the house at the holiday gathering of town employees and volunteers.

Calling All Kayakers

Plan to Paddle for a Good Cause

It will be "On Your Mark! Get Set! Paddle!" next June 13 when the Pine Knoll Shores Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) sponsors its second annual Kayak for the Warriors race on the waters of Bogue Sound along the PKS shoreline.

The inaugural event last year raised \$700 for the Hope for the Warriors organization, a group at Camp Lejeune whose members have dedicated themselves to the mission of making sure the sacrifices of wounded servicemen and their families are not forgotten. They sponsor activities and provide many kinds of help to enhance the quality of life for wounded warriors and their loved ones.

Organized rather hastily last year, the first kayak race attracted eight participants and a smattering of spectators who cheered the paddlers on as they stroked their way from the starting point off Garner Park to the finish line at the Beacon's Reach Marina, a distance of approximately four miles.

Now that the organizers have gotten their feet wet, so to speak, they have already launched a campaign aimed at greatly increasing the number of racers and spectators. With a lot more time to plan and publicize the event next summer, the racing field could be oversubscribed. With that thought in mind, initial plans are to limit the field to 40.

Town Manager Brian Kramer, who is helping RAC members spearhead the effort, feels 40 slots could be filled easily and is moving to make sure kayaking enthusiasts in Pine Knoll Shores are aware of the opportunity and are in a position to take advantage of it. The campaign to publicize the race got an early start when it was arranged to have representatives of Hope for the Warriors at an information booth in the town hall during the reception following the annual Christmas parade December 6. Kramer has asked town residents interested in participating to e-mail him if they are next-to-certain that they will join the paddlers. The contact will not serve as an official race registration but will give RAC an idea of the level of interest among PKS kayakers.

The race raises funds for Hope for the Warriors through an entry fee (last year it was \$30) and from donations from spectators during the race and at events surrounding the race. A procedure to accept donations at town hall was also arranged last year and will be in place this year as the race date draws closer.

It is a little early for specific details but not too early to mark the date on your calendar and plan to be there in one capacity or another. If you plan to enter, dust off those paddles and get ready to get in a lot of practice when the weather permits.

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