



Photo by Jim Harper

Fourteen sailing vessels, most of them local, participated in the initial Port Charlie's Waterway Rock-et Regatta Sunday to the delight of crews as well as spectators who watched from the Southport shore.

Primary elections are next Tuesday

Brunswick County voters -- Democrats and Republicans alike -- will go to the polls Tuesday to nominate candidates for the 1992 fall general election.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. that day, according to Brunswick County Board of Elections supervisor Linda Britt. In the Southport-Oak Island area, voters will cast their ballots at the following locations:

- Southport I -- Jaycees Building on Fodale Avenue.
- Southport II -- American Legion Hut on West 9th Street.

- Oak Island I -- Caswell Beach Town Hall.
 - Oak Island II -- Long Beach Recreation Center.
 - Boiling Spring Lakes -- Rescue squad building.
- According to Britt, there are 29,921 persons eligible to vote in Tuesday's election, including 17,691 Democrats and 10,783 Republicans. "Unaffiliated" voters number 1,447, she said.

While the elections supervisor said the normal turnout for a primary election in Brunswick County is about 50 percent, she does not anticipate that good a response this

election year.

"I don't expect it to be as high this year. People don't seem to be pleased with the candidates this time. They seem to be dissatisfied with government in general," Britt said.

"I'd be delighted if we vote 40 percent in Brunswick County. That's sad, but that's how I see it."

A breakdown of Brunswick County voters by precinct, party affiliation, sex and race appears on page 1B as part of The State Port Pilot's extensive pre-election coverage. Board of commissioners and board of education candidate profiles, a report on the register of deeds election, district races that involve Brunswick County and sample ballots are included in section B.

District 3, which includes the Southport-Oak Island area, has several interesting races.

In the Democratic primary for board of education, former county manager William D. (Billy) Carter, former school principal Carlton L. Sligh and former assistant

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County's ABC board pushes consolidation

The county ABC board Tuesday took a firm stand in favor of a merged, countywide system of liquor stores and said it would "entertain a serious overture from any municipal system regarding the issue of merger."

In a statement after Tuesday's meeting the board said it favored a countywide system "if such a system's fiscal component is equitably managed."

Only 23 percent of the county population lives inside a municipality that operates an ABC store, the statement said.

"The remaining 77 percent of Brunswick County's citizens must enjoy the benefits of ABC profits through the county ABC board," said the document released by county board chairman John Ramsey.

"Therefore the elimination of duplicative expenses in administration, such as audit costs, as well as warehousing and law enforcement, which enforcement is preponderantly directed and funded by county personnel, can benefit the entire population of Brunswick County."

Ramsey said his board issued the written statement to prevent misunderstanding and misinterpretation.

Representatives from local municipal ABC boards stressed their opposition to consolidation during an informal meeting with Rep. David Redwine (D-Brunswick) last week at the Ship's Chandler Restaurant in Southport.

"The county would be entering into an agreement where they can do nothing but win and we can do nothing but lose," Long Beach ABC board chair-

man Ben Thomas said during that meeting.

Thomas presented Redwine with a resolution stating Long Beach's absolute disagreement with consolidation. Southport, Yaupon Beach, Boiling Spring Lakes, Belville, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach have all passed similar resolutions.

The conflict between the county and municipal ABC boards began last year when the county announced plans to build an ABC store at River Run Shopping Center. Municipal ABC boards complained that a county store at this location would take much of the business away from the local

stores. When Southport, Long Beach, Yaupon Beach and Boiling Spring Lakes asked Redwine for help, he pushed a one-year ban on construction of any county store within seven miles of a municipal store. This legislation will end on June 30, and municipalities are now asking Redwine to make the ban permanent.

Redwine said he will be accepting alternative solutions to the conflict until June 1.

"If no one comes up with another solution, I suppose what I'll have to do is re-extend the sunset clause," said Redwine.

Aldermen approve police car purchase

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Encouraged by a real-life incident involving alderman Bill Delaney, the Southport board Tuesday night voted to purchase a new police vehicle for \$11,100 to replace one which Delaney said "wouldn't start."

In the incident described by Delaney he held a drunk driving suspect at bay with his vehicle while awaiting the tardy arrival of the old police cruiser.

The alderman's account started about 7 p.m. Saturday, when he and his son were in the yard of their home on Cottage Lane.

Delaney said he saw a car drive westward past his house at an estimated 70 miles an hour, go out of control in the turn at Stevens

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VIC proposes changes for food distribution

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

Having one central agency and location for emergency and crisis food distribution would help control abuse of the system, and would result in more available food for the people who really need it, said Pete Barnett, executive director of Brunswick County's Volunteer & Information Center, Inc. (VIC).

Therefore, Barnett said he is requesting the board of social services to support a transfer of the North

Carolina Department of Agriculture's Commodities Program from the department of social services to VIC.

Three times a year, the federally funded program is responsible for distributing nearly \$15,000 worth of food rations to over 3,000 low-income people throughout the county.

However, members of the social services board said Monday afternoon they needed more information on how VIC would carry out the program, and agreed to request a plan of action from Barnett.

"I'd like to at least see his plan," said

board member Eulis Willis.

Social services director Jamie Orrock said transferring the commodities distribution program to VIC would help the already over-burdened social services staff.

Two DSS employees devote three days every three months to distributing the food, and at least an additional two days to paperwork, said fraud investigator and commodities program supervisor Shirley Weston.

"For the DSS staff members involved, the change would represent an opportunity to reallocate certain hours to other, more pressing duties," said Barnett. "Specifically, for those who need food, such a consolidation would equip VIC with intimate familiarity having to do with all recipients of governmental, and most charitable, food sources.

While DSS is reimbursed for the costs of distributing the food, VIC could recover 15 percent of the total value of the food.

However, according to Barnett, VIC's primary purpose is to make sure nobody in Brunswick County is hungry. And, he said, that goal would be accomplished more readily if VIC were in charge of all emergency food distribution.

Another concern raised by the board of social services is the amount of fraud involved in the program. In this particular program, all the information provided by the applicant is taken at face value, unless DSS has a reason

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for variable cloudiness on Thursday, then partly cloudy on Friday with highs in the 70s both days. Saturday and Sunday, expect fair skies and warmer weather, with highs reaching into the 80s.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, APRIL 30	LOW
5:57 a.m.		12:05 a.m.
6:18 p.m.		
	FRIDAY, MAY 1	
6:41 a.m.		12:42 a.m.
7:01 p.m.		12:47 p.m.
	SATURDAY, MAY 2	
7:23 a.m.		1:27 a.m.
7:45 p.m.		1:29 p.m.
	SUNDAY, MAY 3	
8:06 a.m.		2:11 a.m.
8:27 p.m.		2:12 p.m.
	MONDAY, MAY 4	
8:51 a.m.		2:54 a.m.
9:14 p.m.		2:56 p.m.
	TUESDAY, MAY 5	
9:38 a.m.		3:41 a.m.
10:03 p.m.		3:44 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	
10:31 a.m.		4:31 a.m.
10:57 p.m.		4:36 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.



A baby possum is jostled off the back of its mother as she trots across the parking lot behind the Southport City Hall last week. The family was collected

by city workers and deposited in a safe, suburban location.