

Calendar of coming events

With the coming of spring, the South Brunswick Islands gears up once again to welcome its round of guests from everywhere. This annual visitation, extending from Easter through Labor Day, marks us as truly fortunate. Spring and summer are, for us, more than seasons of flowers, fishing and fun; they are also opportunities to make new friends and to show off our attractive county and its array of special events.

This year there are unique differences in this picture. Oh, yes, the same exciting festivals appear on our calendar; golf courses and beaches abound as ever; so does the sunshine and so do smiling local faces.

However, all our pleasures are now enjoyed in the context of world turbulence. As we go to press at Easter time, there is tension, apprehension, and sadness as we consider the hundreds of thousands of our finest young people in a military mode in the Persian Gulf. Concerns of life and death can affect recreation in contrasting ways: our lively participation may be somewhat dampened, but we also have a keener appreciation for those light-hearted pursuits that we need as a balance to work, responsibility and distress.

The South Brunswick Islands and all of Brunswick County, therefore, offer the following joyous opportunities, aware of the world's burden of grief but also recognizing how much we need to play together and enjoy the world of nature that always speaks of renewal and hope.

ENJOY!!!

April

CONCERT, by Jacquelyn Culpepper, soprano, Oak Island Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, April 27, 7:30 p.m. Free.

May

- NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY**, Hatch Auditorium, May 3, 8 p.m.
- CONCERT**, by soprano Jacquelyn Culpepper, place to be announced, May 11, 7:30 p.m. Free.
- JAZZ FESTIVAL**, Moose Lodge, Long Beach Rd., May 18, 7:30 p.m. Free.
- BAND CONCERT**, Lord St. Gym, Southport, May 19, 3-5 p.m. by Brunswick County Band. No admission charge.
- KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT** at Little River, May 17-19, sponsored by North Myrtle Beach Rotary Club, Cash prizes, \$14,000. Contact John Schwab, (803)249-3333.
- BLUE CRAB FESTIVAL**, Little River, SC, May 18-19, sponsored by Little River Chamber of Commerce. Entertainment, crab dishes and other food, arts and crafts, beauty pageant, golf and fishing tournaments, children's entertainment. Call (803)249-6604.
- MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE** at U.S. Battleship North Carolina Memorial in Wilmington, 5:15 p.m. May 27, with military music and speaker. Write or call Capt F. S. Conlon, USN (Retired) P.O. Box 417, Wilmington, NC 28402, or call (919)762-1829.
- GRAND STRAND—SUN FUN KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT** sponsored May 30-June 2 by the Grand Strand Salt Water Anglers Association, with most profits going to the state for reef development off the Grand Strand Coast. Registration fee \$275 per boat. Cash prizes of \$145,000. Call (803)238-0485.

June

- THE SOUND & LIGHT SPECTACULAR "The Immortal Showboat,"** June 1 through September, tells the dramatic story of the battleship U.S.S. North Carolina in World War II. Continues through Labor Day. Write or call Capt F. S. Conlon, USN (Retired) P.O. Box 417, Wilmington, NC 28402, or call (919)762-1829. Admission charged.
- SHALLOTTE POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT**

held June 7-8 at Tripp's Fishing Center, with registration June 6 at the fire station. For more information, call 754-6985.

July

- N.C. FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL** sponsored in Southport July 1-4 by the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, features a parade, riverfront fireworks exhibition, entertainment, 10K run, military displays, skydivers, concerts, arts and crafts. Write or call the chamber, Rt. 5, Box 52, Southport, NC 28461, (919)457-4964.
- FIREWORKS EXHIBITION** at the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Memorial, Wilmington, July 4. Write or call Capt F. S. Conlon, USN (Retired) P.O. Box 417, Wilmington, NC 28402, or call (919)762-1829.

August

- POOR BOY SHARK TOURNAMENT** at Hughes' Marina, Shallotte Point, Aug. 22-24, awards prizes to the best shark catches; also, fish fry and entertainment. Write John Watkins, Hughes Marina, Rt. 6 Box 716, Shallotte, NC 28459 or call (919)754-6233 for information.
- SOUTH BRUNSWICK ISLANDS KING CLASSIC**, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, in Little River, Shallotte and Lockwood Folly inlets, sponsored by Saltwater Sportsman's Classics and the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce. Call (919)754-6644 for information.

September

- WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT** will be held Sept. 19-22 at Wrightsville Beach. For more information, write the tournament at P.O. Box 659, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480 or call (919)256-9911.
- OLE TYME FESTIVAL**, Leland Park, September 21, 9 a.m. -6 p.m., with old-fashioned costumes, crafts, food and entertainment. Call Jean Speight (919)371-9411 for information.

October

- 12TH ANNUAL U.S. OPEN KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT**, Oct. 4-6 at Southport Marina, offers more than \$103,000 in cash prizes. For more information, call the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, (919)457-6964.
- 12TH ANNUAL ARTHUR SMITH KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT**, Vereen's Marina, Little River, SC, Oct. 16-19, with registration Aug. 22. Write or call the tournament at P.O. Box 3113, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, (803)249-1523.
- THE N.C. OYSTER FESTIVAL**, held Oct. 18-19, at Sea Trail Plantation, Seaside, features oyster roast, live entertainment, street dance, family games, tall tales, arts and crafts show and the N.C. Oyster Shucking Championship. For more information, call or write the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1380, Shallotte, NC 28459, (919)754-6644.
- N.C. FESTIVAL BY THE SEA**, held at Holden Beach, Oct. 25-27, features entertainment, arts and crafts, parade, and other events. Call (919)842-6433 for more information.

December

- COLONIAL CHRISTMAS** at Brunswick Town State Historical Site. An open house Dec. 8 will feature period decorations, food and entertainment, followed by candlelight vespers at the ruins of St. Philips Church. For more information, write or call the site at P.O. Box 356, Southport, NC 28461, (919)371-6613.

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