

Calendar of coming events

Whatever your favorite form of entertainment, chances are you can find it in the South Brunswick Islands or without venturing more than 30 minutes to an hour away.

Fishing? Enter a local tournament or grab your gear and head to a local pier, dock or river.

Music? Food? Arts and crafts? Try the Blue Crab Festival in Little River later this month.

Golf? Check out the area's multitude of top-knotch courses.

History? Visit one of the area's excellent museums or historic sites.

Take a boat ride, sample local seafood, or learn a new hobby, such as windsurfing or crabbing.

But don't feel pressured to do much at all. Feel free to simply ramble, or relax in a porch rocker, perhaps with a good book. Let your cares fade away with the lapping of the waves and the caress of ocean breezes.

Enjoy spring in the South Brunswick Islands!

April

THE ROBERT RUARK CHILI COOK-OFF, sponsored by the Robert Ruark Foundation, offers assorted chilis for tasting and competition, arts and crafts and live afternoon entertainment, Franklin Square Park, Southport. For more information contact Bette Leggett, (919) 457-5494.

OVER THE OAK 10K run and one-mile walk, sponsored by Dasher Memorial Hospital, Southport. For more information, contact Gene Des Lauriers, (919) 457-5271.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY presents a concert of classical music at the West Brunswick High School Gym, N.C. 130 West, Shallotte, Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Brunswick County Public Library locations in Southport, Shallotte and Leland, or at the door before the concert, \$10 general admission; \$8 for senior citizens and students.

May

GROUP SAX performs jazz, sponsored by the Brunswick Arts Council, Moose Lodge, Long Beach Road, Southport, May 2, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT and tours of the U.S. Coast Guard vessel *Diligence*, at Fort Johnson, Southport waterfront, sponsored by the Southport Bicentennial Celebration Committee, May 3. Call the Bicentennial Committee, (919) 457-7927.

CATHLEEN PARTLOW DEAL, cellist, will perform as part of the BCC Spring Concert Series, teaching auditorium, ALS Building, Brunswick Community College, U.S. 17 north of Supply, May 5, 7:30 p.m. No admission charged.

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH ROTARY King Mackerel Tournament will be held out of Harbourgate Marina, May 8-10. Contact John Schwab, by writing c/o Pelen Inc., P.O. Box 729, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29597 or calling (919) 754-6274.

LITTLE RIVER'S BLUE CRAB FESTIVAL offers arts and crafts galore, continuous entertainment, food and fun for children and adults, on the waterfront, May 16-17, Little River, S.C. Call the Little River Chamber of Commerce, (803) 249-6604.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY sponsored by Cape Fear Chapter No. 78, DAV, May 25, 11 a.m., at Old Smithville Burying Ground, corner of Rhett and Moore streets, Southport, with Rep. Charlie Rose as the keynote speaker. For more information call Commander Al Hancock, (919) 457-4364.

MEMORIAL DAY will be observed at the *USS North Carolina* Battleship Memorial, Wilmington, May 25, at 5:45 p.m., with Brig. Gen. Henry M. Hobgood, chief of staff, Headquarters, TAC, Langley AFB, Va., and Oxford, N.C., native, as guest speaker. Write or call Louann Olason, P.O. Box 417, Wilmington, N.C. 28402 or call (919) 251-5797.

June

THE SOUND & LIGHT SPECTACULAR "The Immortal Showboat" tells the dramatic story of the battleship *USS North Carolina* in Pacific Theater of World War II. Continues June 5-Sept. 7. Admission charged.

SUN FUN KING MACKEREL FISHING TOURNAMENT offers more than \$160,000 in all-cash prizes, with fishing out of Murrells Inlet, Little River and Georgetown inlets, S.C., Lockwood Folly Inlet and Southport City Dock, June 4-7. Contact Donnie Griffin, tournament chairman, Grand Strand-Sun Fun King Mackerel Tournament, P.O. Box 15861, Surfside Beach, S.C. 29587, (803) 238-0485.

SHALLOTTE POINT VFD FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT at Tripp's Fishing Center, Shallotte Point, benefits the fire department. Registration June 11 at the fire station. For more information call the center, 754-6985.

July

N.C. FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL offers a parade, riverfront fireworks, arts and crafts, a

10K run, concerts and other live entertainment, military and historical exhibits, games and activities for children and adults, July 1-4. Write or call the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, Route 5, Box 52, Southport, N.C. 28461 (919) 457-6964.

A FIREWORKS DISPLAY will be held at the *USS North Carolina* Battleship Memorial, Wilmington, overlooking the Cape Fear River, 9 p.m., July 4.

August

POOR BOY SHARK TOURNAMENT at Hughes' Marina, Shallotte Point, Aug. 13-15, awards prizes to the best shark catches, with fish fry, entertainment, Write John Watkins, Hughes Marina, Route 6, Box 716, Shallotte, N.C., or call (919) 754-6233 for information.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT will be held Sept. 17-20 at Wrightsville Beach. For more information write the tourney at P.O. Box 864, Wrightsville Beach, N.C. 28480 or call (919) 256-3581.

September

SOUTH BRUNSWICK ISLANDS KING CLASSIC will be held Sept. 4-6. For information contact the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1380, Shallotte, N.C. 28459, (919) 754-6644.

A LABOR DAY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL will be held Sept. 5 at Middleton Park, Long Beach, by the Oak Island Arts Guild. For more information contact Joan Wilson, (919) 278-4551.

OLD TYME FESTIVAL will be held at Leland Park in this month. For more information call Jean Speight, (919) 371-9411.

October

U.S. OPEN KING MACKEREL TOURNAMENT offers cash prizes for anglers and live entertainment at the awards ceremony, Oct. 1-3, Small Boat Harbor, Southport. For more information contact the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, Route 5, Box 52, Southport, N.C. 28461, (919) 457-6964.

THE FANTASTIC SHAKERS will be featured in a beach music concert at the *USS North Carolina* Battleship Memorial, Wilmington, 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Admission charged. Contact Louann Olason, (919) 251-5797.

THE NORTH CAROLINA OYSTER FESTIVAL features oysters and other seafood, live entertainment, 10K, 5K and one-mile runs, arts and crafts, a tall-tale telling contest, 1993 festival logo contest, and the N.C. Oyster Shucking Championship, Oct. 16-17, Sea Trail Plantation, Seaside. For more information contact the sponsor, South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1380, Shallotte, N.C. 28459 (919) 754-6644.

THE NORTH CAROLINA FESTIVAL BY THE SEA features a Halloween carnival, a parade, live entertainment, foods, arts and crafts and a street dance, as well as kite-flying, surfing, sandcastle-building, volley, horseshoe pitching and other events for competitors of all ages, at Holden Beach, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Call the Greater Holden Beach Merchants Association, (919) 842-6483 for more information.

November

ENJOY THE ARTS at the Robert Ruark Festival in downtown Southport, Nov. 27-28, sponsored by the Robert Ruark Foundation. Contact Bette Leggett, (919) 457-6964.

CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA is the theme of a month-long holiday celebration at Southport-Oak Island, with a flotilla, Dec. 5 parade, home tours, concerts and other activities, starts Nov. 28. For more information contact the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, Route 5, Box 52, Southport, N.C. 28461, (919) 457-6964.

December

A PARADE welcomes the Christmas season to Shallotte, with plenty of floats, clowns and other entries along Main Street, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. For more information contact Shallotte Town Hall, 754-4032.

ENJOY A COLONIAL CHRISTMAS at Brunswick Town State Historic Site, N.C. 133 between Southport and Wilmington, with period costumes, music, food and decorations, followed by a candlelight vesper service in the ruins of old St. Philip's Church. For more information call the site at (919)

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE will be held in early December at Fort Fisher State Historic Site, Kure Beach, with traditional decor, special music, refreshments and tours. For more information call the site, (919) 458-5538.

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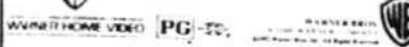


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