



New Location For Jewelers

Oak Island Jewelers celebrates its new location with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held last week. Previously in the Food Lion Shopping Center, the business has moved into its own building at 4857-1 Long Beach Road. Pictured (from left) are Natalie Tyner, Little Miss Brunswick County; Sherri Marshall, president of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce; Renee Ward, Miss Brunswick County; owners Jeanne and Ray Carteret; Brunswick County Commissioner Wayland Vereen; and Renee and Michelle Carteret.

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Nine Complete CP&L Course

The nine graduates of Carolina Power and Light's Brunswick Nuclear Plant's 10-week Management Operations Systems Training (MOST) course stand in front of the control panels in the Control Room Simulator. Pictured (from left) are Larry Sellers, Operations; Mike Ciemnicki, Training Department; George Honma, manager of Licensing; Mario DeLaCruz, maintenance procedure writer; Carol Patterson, manager of Document Services; Mike Phleiger, mechanical maintenance supervisor; Jerry Crider, manager of In-Service Inspection; Chuck Raines, plant modification engineer; and Fred King, I&C supervisor. Their instructors, Doug Bernard and Jules Mucha, are seated in front. The course is designed to take students through the fundamentals and systems of nuclear power plant operations.

Forum On Easement Policy Opens Marine Expo in Wilmington Today

A forum today (Thursday) on the impact of a proposed state public trust easement policy on marine businesses opens the N.C. MarineExpo Trade Show and Conference in Wilmington.

The conference runs through Saturday at the Wilmington Hilton and Coast Line Convention Center and is open only to representatives of the marine industry. It offers an array of seminars on topics such as waste management, bottom washing, and marine insurance.

Today's forum is set for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Wilmington Hilton Ballroom. Mike Bradley, director of the N.C. Marine Trades Program at UNCW, will serve as moderator for the 12-person panel and audience discussion.

The forum offers an opportunity for those in the marina and other marine-related businesses to discuss a plan proposed by the state to impose lease or easement fees and terms on marine businesses with boat slips. Until recently North Carolina has not required easements for docks, piers or marinas extending into public waters, though it has required easements for certain other commercial or private uses.

According to a news release, the easement/fee proposal has sparked controversy in part because of the belief among some marine businesses that it would put them at an unfair trade advantage with similar concerns in neighboring states. While some other states charge marinas for easements, neither South Carolina nor Virginia do.

In Walker v. Coastal Resources Commission, the

N.C. Court of Appeals determined that construction of some private facilities in public trust waters cannot be permitted without easements from the state. The case involved a marina with approximately 150 slips encircling about six acres of public trust waters—waters held in trust by the state for public use and benefit. The court ruled it improper to issue a CAMA permit for development in Oriental harbor without an easement from the state.

Under current state law, easements or other interests in state property must be conveyed for fair market value except to certain public grantees such as local governments and to private entities not operating for a profit. The state Department of Administration and Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources (DEHNR) have begun work on a system for evaluating, charging and collecting payments for projects that make private use of the submerged lands of the state or otherwise have a significant impact on public trust waters.

According to a DEHNR memorandum, the goal is to protect public trust waters and ensure a fair return on use of the state's public lands for commercial purposes, while not unduly slowing development that is consistent with public trust doctrine and CAMA, and for which the developers are willing to pay a fair price.

For more information contact the University of North Carolina at Wilmington at 910-395-3195. The event is sponsored by the Division for Public Service and Extended Education, the SBTDC Marine Trades Program and the N.C. Marine Trade Association.

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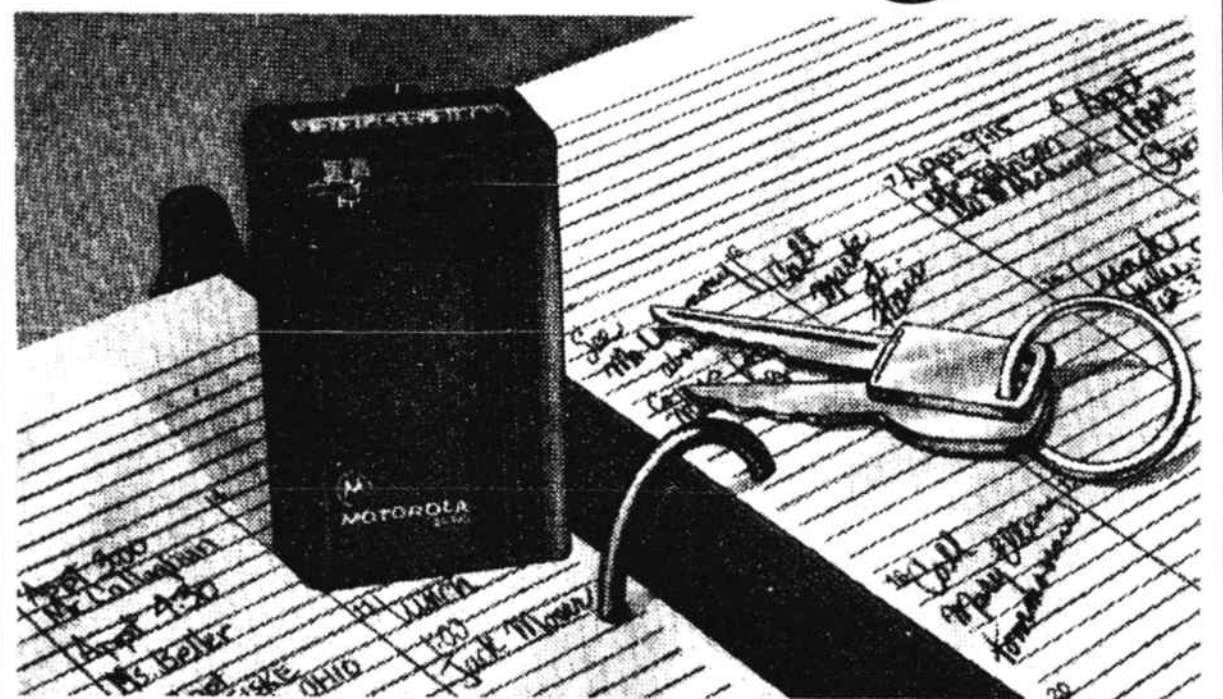
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