

Calendar

Programs & Events

2021

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PLEASE NOTE

This schedule is tentative due to changing COVID-19 restrictions. All museum programs through March 31 will be held virtually. Watercraft Center Courses will be held in person.

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The Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center Courses

SCHEDULED COURSES

Classes 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Advance registration required. Watercraft Center Scheduled Courses are also available on-demand. Call (252) 504-7758. Friends of the NC Maritime Museum (FoM) receive a 10% discount.

Introduction to Wooden Boat Building Course

Jan. 30–31, Feb. 27–28, Mar. 20–21, May 22–23, June 26–27, Jul 10–11 & 17–18, Aug 7–8 & 28–29, Sept. 11–12, Oct. 9–10, Nov. 6–7, Dec. 11–12.

Students explore the art of boatbuilding in this two-day hands-on course, beginning with lofting, and moving on to the setup, steam bending and different methods of creating the backbone of small boats. They also learn planking methods, both carvel and lapstrake, and use of appropriate fasteners. After two days, students will have the knowledge, skill, and confidence to choose a design and style of boat to build on their own. (12 hours).



Fee: \$170. FoM: \$153. Minimum age: 16 yrs. old

Boat-in-a-Day Course

May 29, June 9 & 19, July 7 & 21, Aug. 4, 14, & 21

Each participating team assembles a prepared kit for a small flat-bottomed plywood boat suitable for paddling. The boat is 12' long, 32" wide, and weighs about 40 lbs. Each boat will be completed to a watertight condition and ready to take home for paint or varnish. Teams are limited to a maximum of 4 persons, at least one of whom must be an adult. (6 hours).

Fee: \$600. FoM: \$540. Minimum age: 8 yrs. old.

Lift Half-Model Making Course

Feb 6–7, March 6–7, Apr 10–11

Students learn how to read a set of plans and use the basic woodworking tools most commonly found in a boatbuilder's tool kit to shape a lift half-model of a North Carolina Shad Boat. The models are built following a step-by-step procedure and are then taken home to apply a finish. (12 hours).

Fee: \$110. FoM: \$99.

AVAILABLE COURSES

These classes are available to be booked to fit your schedule. Minimum age; 16 yrs. old. If you are interested in scheduling a course, please call (252) 504-7758.

Build Your Own Stand-Up Paddle Board Course

Call to schedule

Participants build their own stand-up paddle board custom-fit to their size from cedar and plywood. Builders will be responsible for varnishing or painting their new boards at home after finishing the course. (24 hours).

Fee: \$1,000. FoM: \$900.



Lift Half-Model Making Course

Call to schedule

Students learn how to read a set of plans and use the basic woodworking tools most commonly found in a boatbuilder's tool kit to shape a lift half-model of a North Carolina Shad Boat. The models are built following a step-by-step procedure and are then taken home to apply a finish. (12 hours).

Fee: \$110. FoM: \$99.

Build a Stitch & Glue Kayak/Canoe

Call to schedule

Each participant in this class will use the stitch and glue method to build a boat, preselected in consultation with the instructor from a range of styles. Suitable types include performance kayaks 11–14 feet long, 17-foot sea/ touring kayaks, 12 to 14-foot canoes, or a 12-foot pram or rowboat. Participants will complete their boats to the point where they are ready to take home to be painted and/or varnished. (60–72 hours).

Fee: \$750–\$1,250. FoM: \$675–\$1,125.



Paddle/Oar Making Course

Call to schedule

Participants can choose to make a canoe paddle, stand-up paddleboard paddle, kayak paddle, or pair of oars in this two-day class. Each participant will take home a paddle or pair of oars ready for paint or varnish. (12 hours).

Fee: \$275 for paddle; or \$325 for a pair of oars.

FoM: \$247.50 for paddle; or \$292.50 for a pair of oars.

For detailed course information or to register for classes, call (252) 504-7758.

To find out more about us, visit www.thewatercraftcenter.com

MUSEUM EVENTS

10th Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off (To Go) *

Jan. 22, 6 p.m.

Four guest clam chowder cooks compete at the Watercraft Center. The event also includes a cornbread taste-off. Participants will pick up to-go samples of the chowders and cornbread and vote for their favorite. Limited tickets available.

6th Annual North Carolina Whales and Whaling Symposium

April 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

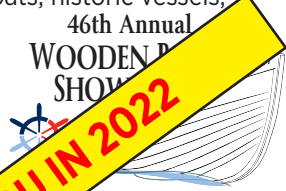
This day-long event will include presentations focusing on whales and historic hunting practices. Participants will learn about species of whales that can be found in our coastal waters. Free, no registration required.



46th Annual Wooden Boat Show

May 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Events are scheduled Apr. 29-May 2

Enjoy a variety of small wooden boats, historic vessels, nautical crafts, educational activities, boat models, traditional skills demonstrations and displays. It is the longest-running wooden boat show in the Southeast. Free.



Apr. 29-May 1 Go Sailing in a... Boat

Apr. 30-May 2 Boating School... Trainer

Apr. 30 46th Annual Wooden Boat Show Kick-off Reception

May 1 Wooden Boat Kids Activities

May 1 Traditional Wooden Boat Show

May 1 North Carolina Maritime Model Boat Exposition

May 1 The Art of Nautical Knot Tying

May 1 Awards Reception

May 2 Traditional Skiffs in Taylors Creek

North Carolina Maritime Museum's Maritime Day *

June 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

An old fashioned, family-oriented picnic at the N.C. Maritime Museum's expansion site at Gallants Channel in Beaufort. Come and sail in the museum's fleet of traditional wooden boats, or cast a line with a cane pole, join in games or just relax and enjoy the music and spectacular view of Gallants Channel and the surrounding waterway. All Maritime Day activities are free and open to the public. There will be live music, kid's activities, and a collection of food trucks offering lunch.

June Party Fundraiser *

June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Summer party at Gallants Channel. Fundraiser for the Friends of the Museum. Contact the Friends at (252) 728-1638 for more details.

* Friends of the NC Maritime Museum event tickets can be purchased in person at the N.C. Maritime Museum Store, online at www.maritimefriends.org or by calling (252) 728-1638.

Great 4th Race

July 10, 9 a.m.

Traditionally-rigged sailing craft rally to celebrate the historic voyages that carried news of the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the Outer Banks. Boat registration required for participation. Free. Boats will gather in Taylors Creek between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Organized by the Traditional Small Craft Association, FoM Chapter.

14th Annual Crab Cake Cook-off *

July 23, 6 p.m.

Taste delicious crab cakes made by four volunteer guest chefs, and vote on your favorite at this museum fundraiser at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. The event also has a slaw taste-off. Space is limited. Ticketed event for the Friends of the Museum Members.



Traditional Skiff Rally

Aug. 7, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Each year during the museum's August traditional skiff sailing event, boaters race around the islands for the Shanghai Trophy. Event organized by the Traditional Small Craft Association, FoM Chapter. Call (252) 728-2762.

Annual Murder Mystery Dinner: Two Thousand Twenty Leagues Under the Sea

Sept. 3, 6 p.m.

No plague nor sea monster will stop us from solving this mystery. Join us as we open the hatch to his secret, giving an unprecedented look at the inner workings of his crew. Pre-Registration Required. Tickets go on sale... \$45 per ticket, dinner included. Call (252) 504-7758.



31st Annual North Carolina Seafood Festival Rally

Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Traditional skiffs sail prior to the Blessing of the Fleet. Launch/rig from the Watercraft Center, sail from Beaufort to the Morehead City waterfront and enjoy shrimp burgers at 11 a.m. Sail/race to Beaufort starts at noon. Organized by the Traditional Small Craft Association, FoM Chapter.

Fall In-The-Water Meet *

Oct. 16, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Traditional Small Craft Association hosts this gathering at the Gallants Channel docks. All small boats are welcome. Free boat rides for the public. Pig pickin.' Ticketed event.

Film Screening: Vanishing Sail: The Story of a Caribbean Tradition

Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

The last wooden sailboat builder of a small island in the West Indies dreams of saving the tradition of boat building that was brought to the island centuries ago. This award-winning film follows the journey of a father and sons who build a sloop that will compete in the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta. Stories of the Caribbean are shared along the way. Free, no registration required.



**More
MUSEUM EVENTS**

MUSEUM EVENTS *continued...*

Boatshop Bash *

Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum hosts this annual fundraising party for members and the public. This event includes music, food, and live and silent auctions.

Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla *

Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

A parade of holiday lighted boats begins in Morehead City at 5:30 p.m. and arrives in Beaufort about 6:15. All decorated boats are judged, and awards follow at the Watercraft Center. For entry fee and form call (252) 728-1638.

Friends of the Maritime Museum Annual Membership Meeting & Holiday Open House

Dec. 5, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting 2 p.m. Holiday reception 3-4 p.m. Free. Everyone is welcome to join the Friends of the Museum. Learn more at www.maritimefriends.org.

History of Santa Claus

December 3, 11:00 a.m.

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a fair wind and following sea!" Did you know that not only was St. Nicholas one of the earliest forms of Santa Claus but also the patron saint of Sailors? The look that we associate with Santa Claus was even inspired by Dutch sailors, and the fact that Santa Claus exists in so many cultures around the world, shows that Santa has spent his fair time traveling the ocean (at least by word of mouth). Join us for a 30-minute, family friendly look at how Santa has evolved over the last 1,600 years.



* Friends of the NC Maritime Museum event tickets can be purchased in person at the N.C. Maritime Museum Store, online at www.maritimefriends.org or by calling (252) 728-1638.

IN THE FIELD & ON THE WATER PROGRAMS

Exploring Coastal Habitats

May 21, June 3, Aug 3, Sept. 16, and Oct. 15, 8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Discover the various plants and animals of the salt marsh and tidal flats at the Rachel Carson Reserve. A guided hike will take you through the different habitats found on Town Marsh and Bird Shoal. \$20. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required by 2 p.m. day prior. Call (252) 504-7758.

Kayak the Salt Marsh

May 13, June 14, Aug. 10, Sept. 22, Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Learn about the benefits of salt marshes while on the water. Basic kayak instruction and safety lessons on shore are followed by a relaxing paddle through a salt marsh. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must know how to swim; some kayak experience is recommended. \$30 (\$20 with own kayak). Pre-Registration required by 2 p.m. day prior. Call (252) 504-7758.



COASTAL CULTURE PROGRAMS

Maritime Heritage Series

Jan.-May and Sept.-Dec. Select days, 11 a.m.

Jan. 14, 21, 22; Feb. 5, 18, 25; Mar. 18, 22, 25; Apr. 13, 15, 22, 29; May 5, 13, 28; Sept. 2, 9, 23; Oct. 7, 14, 29; Nov. 4, 9, 18, 26; Dec. 9, 15

Learn about North Carolina's rich maritime history, coastal environment, and culture at these informal lectures. Specific topics listed in the 'Calendar at a Glance' under and on the museum website. Free, no registration required.

Winter Waterfowl Slideshow

Jan. 8, 2 p.m.

Thousands of ducks, snow geese, and tundra swan spend their winters in eastern North Carolina every year. Some viewing hotspots for birders include Lake Mattamuskeet, Pungo Lake, and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges. Learn your birds at this slideshow presentation featuring pointy pintails, bashful buffleheads, mergansers, and many other feathered friends. Free, no registration required.



Heart of the Sea

Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

A Valentine's Day presentation about our beloved whale Echo and his heart. Viewers will be able to see the aorta, various whale bones, and teeth. This presentation also covers the story of Bonehenge, a massive volunteer effort that grew out of the work to display Echo. Free, no registration required.

Sea Turtles in North Carolina

May 23, 2 p.m.

Only spending a brief time on land, sea turtles are quite different from most other turtles we know. From hatchling to adult, a lifetime at sea is no small task for these reptiles that grow so big. Learn about the different species of sea turtles that inhabit the coastal waters of North Carolina and the trials that they face from before they even emerge from their sandy nest. Free, no registration required.

By Hook or by Crook

Aug. 13, 2 p.m.

Focusing on the female pirates Anne Bonny and Mary Read, this presentation explores the lives of misbehaving women of the 18th century. Bonny and Read used creative means of deception to overcome the limited options for women during their time. Join us for this tale that proves fact is often more entertaining than fantasy. Free, no registration required.

SUMMER SCIENCE SCHOOL

Summer Science School offers students the opportunity to learn about the natural and maritime history of coastal North Carolina during the school break. Classes are noted with SSS on "Calendar at a Glance." **Registration is required and is open now. Call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com for more information.**

ENTERING PRESCHOOL:

Preschool Storytime and Crafts

June 9, July 7, Aug. 11, 9-10 a.m.



Includes a story, estuarine critter observation and a related craft. Advance registration required. **Free.**

ENTERING GRADES 1 & 2

Pirates!

June 10-11, June 24-25, July 29-30, Aug. 19-20, 9 a.m.-noon

Young pirates and their fearless captain will work together to learn how pirates like Blackbeard lived. The pirate crew will set the rules of the ship and go on a pirate worthy hunt through the museum to locate hidden treasure! Advance registration required. **\$65.**

Seashore Life I

June 21-22 and Aug. 2-3, 9 a.m.-noon



Investigate coastal marine life of the tidal flats, salt marshes and sounds on local islands in this two-day class. Field-based classes include ferry ride, barrier island hiking, and animal identification. Advance registration required. **\$60.**

ENTERING GRADE 3

Fish & Fishing

June 17-18, July 15-16, 9 a.m.-noon

Learn about coastal fish and fishing methods. Cane poles, bait, and tackle are provided for dock fishing for this two-day class. Students also use nets to catch and identify marine life in near-shore waters. Advance registration required. **\$75.**



ENTERING GRADE 4

Boats & Models (sport-fishing boat)

June 29-July 1, July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon

Build a model of a sportfishing boat at the museum's Watercraft Center. Use museum exhibits and field trips to learn about boats used for offshore charter fishing and some of the fish targeted by fishermen aboard these uniquely designed vessels. Advance registration required. **\$95.**

ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6

Seashore Life II

June 30-July 2 and Aug. 4-6, 9 a.m.-noon



Investigate estuarine habitats, plants, and animals through field and lab studies. This three-day course includes a field trip to the Rachel Carson National Estuarine Research Reserve, water quality testing, plankton identification, and many more activities. Advance registration required. **\$60.**

ENTERING GRADES 7-10

Maritime Adventures

July 19-23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Staff of the N.C. Maritime Museum and the Rachel Carson Reserve pair up for this unique camp that uses history and science to teach about the maritime environment and culture of the Crystal Coast. Topics covered include sea monsters, plankton, cetaceans, pirates, and more! Students will participate in field trips to local sites such as Beaufort's Old Burying Ground and the Rachel Carson Reserve. Activities include creature dissections and chocolate chip excavations. Advance registration required. **\$100.**

JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

Limited Spaces Available!

Sailing sessions for youth ages 8 to 16 uses the fun of sailing to teach boat handling and seamanship, from basic to more advanced, and competitive racing during Regatta Week. The program promotes self-reliance, awareness of safety, adaptability to the forces of nature, and develops self-confidence, sportsmanship, and respect for others, boats, and the sea.

Junior Sailing is a Friends of the Museum program. Registration begins Feb. 15. The fee is \$335 per session. Members receive a \$35 discount per session. Sessions consist of one group in the morning from 8:30 a.m.-noon and another in the afternoon from 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sessions start June 14, 2021

Regatta Week: Aug. 9-13, 12:30-5 p.m.

The purpose of this six-day Regatta Week is to gain greater familiarity with the boats and to prepare for and race in a regatta. Participants must have prior sailing experience. Regatta registration and lunch on Saturday are included in the fee.

The Junior Sailing Program brochure and registration form are available on the website. For information call the program registrar at (252) 504-7758 or the Friends (252) 728-2762



BOATING SAFETY PROGRAMS



All courses are from 6-8 p.m. These courses are offered jointly with Americas Boating Club - Crystal Coast/Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron. Reservations: e-mail seareenity38@gmail.com or call (252) 659-2742.

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOATING SERIES:

Communications On Board Nov. 4

Staying Safe Aboard Nov. 18

Introducing Basic Navigation Dec. 9