



## Coastal Happenings April 2013

Dear Friend of the Coast,  
We're having a party and we hope you will join us.

It's the [grand opening](#) of the Coastal Federation's new Coastal Education Center on Saturday, May 3. The painting is done, the lights are turned on, the elevator is working and the desks are in place. After twelve months of what has become an extraordinary story, the Palmgren-O'Quinn house has been relocated, renovated and is almost ready.

The ribbon cutting begins at 2 p.m. and the open house continues until 5 p.m. So please join us for a fun afternoon for the family with refreshments, activities for the kids and a first look at our fabulous new education center. We look forward to seeing you May 3 in Wrightsville Beach.

North Carolina Coastal Federation staff



### Turning Debris to Habitat

The [marine debris removal project](#) that started in January this year removed more than

400 abandoned crab pots from northeast waters.

While removing debris and putting fishermen to work, crab pots were collected that will be "recycled" and turned into oyster reefs. The process

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### COMING EVENTS



#### [April](#)

- 11  
Renovation Friday  
Wrightsville Beach\*
- 13  
Birding Cruise  
Hammocks Beach State Park  
Swansboro
- 19  
Crystal Coast Earth Day  
Festival  
Fort Macon State Park  
Atlantic Beach\*
- 26  
Native Plant Sale  
Ocean\*
- 26

to reuse the crab pots has begun. Pots are cleaned with pressure washers and coated in mortar by volunteers. The mortar will make it easier for oyster larvae to attach. Our staff is working with the state and local fishermen now to scope out sites for the reefs. Here's a [short video](#) about the project.

Earth Day Rain Garden Party  
Wrightsville Beach\*



**May**

3  
Education Center  
Grand Opening  
Wrightsville Beach

**Study Reveals Potential  
Threats To  
Groundwater**



The federation released a long-awaited analysis of the potential effects of the proposed Titan cement plant upon the region's groundwater resources. Titan America wants to build one of the largest cement manufacturing and strip mine facilities in the nation on the shores of the Northeast Cape Fear River.

7, 20 & 21  
Shoreline Planting  
Jones Island  
Swansboro\*

Curtis Consolvo, president of Geo-Resources and a licensed geologist, prepared the report that describes serious potential issues - from sink holes to reduced water supplies. UNCW Geologist Roger Shew and State Representative Rick Catlin expressed serious concerns about Titan's potential to negatively affect our groundwater resources after reviewing the report. Read the [report](#).

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Wine, Dine and Learn about  
Blue Crabs  
Basnight's Lone Cedar  
Nags Head

14  
Coastal Topics Speaker  
Series Wrightsville Beach

16  
Director's Social  
Raleigh



Rep. Rick Catlin

**Full House for Statewide  
LID Conference**

Stormwater professionals gathered at the Raleigh Convention Center on March 26 and 27 for the Coastal Federation's [Low Impact Development \(LID\) Conference](#). Rep. Rick Catlin of New Hanover County gave the keynote remarks to a full house of 275 summit-goers, and sent a strong message

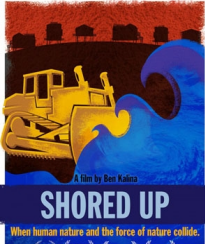
17  
Charity Yoga  
Nags Head



18  
Birding Cruise  
Hammocks Beach State Park  
Swansboro

of support for LID in NC.

Case studies presented at the conference showed that LID is being used successfully throughout the state. From the coastal region, Burrows Smith talked about the success of his River Bluffs development and how economically, LID made sense for this neighborhood.



### Shored Up DVD Available

Hundreds of members joined us for screenings of the award-winning film *Shored Up*. The film, made after Hurricane Sandy, asks tough questions about our coastal communities and our relationship with the land. Now you can own a copy. We have DVDs available for \$20 plus \$3 shipping. Drop by our Ocean headquarters or call us with your credit card information. 252-393-8185.

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TouchTank Tuesdays  
Wrightsville Beach

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Coastal Cruises:  
Trawling Adventure (9-11)  
& Dolphin Watch (1-3)  
Hammocks Beach State Park  
Swansboro

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Coastal Cruises:  
Shelling (9-11) & White Oak  
River Expedition (1-3)  
Hammocks Beach State Park  
Swansboro

\* Volunteers needed



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