



Coastal Happenings September 2014



[Cruise for the Coast](#)

Sunday, September 28
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bring the family to Carolina Beach and hop on board the 65-foot *Winner Cruise Queen* for a fun trip to Masonboro Island. Learn about island inhabitants and ecology during a gentle beach walk. Relax during the return trip and enjoy music, refreshments and a spectacular sunset. Special members' price is just \$15; non-members \$25. [Reserve your spot today.](#)

Dear Friend of the Coast,

As we put together this month's e-newsletter, the Will Rogers quote came to mind: "Buy land. They ain't making any more of the stuff."

We are reminded often that the coast has limited resources and that coastal lands are at a premium. We talk in this issue about the value of salt marshes and forests and beaches. While they provide critical habitat, help reduce flooding, reduce stormwater and even fight climate change, they also provide some of the most spectacular quiet places found anywhere in

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September

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Director's Social
Swansboro

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Coastal Speaker Series:
Artist Bonnie Monteleone
Wrightsville Beach

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Cycling for the Coast
Atlantic Beach*

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TouchTank Tuesdays
Wrightsville Beach

17 & 24

Coastal Birding Trips
Wrightsville Beach

the world.

The protection of coastal lands is a federation priority. We hope you will help us by supporting and enjoying these special places so we can be sure that our children and grandchildren can do the same. Thank you.

N.C. Coastal Federation staff



Dr. Stanley R. Riggs presents *North Carolina's Land of Water: A Vision for the Future of an Embattled Coastal System* at

Joslyn Hall in Morehead City. September 15, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. [Register or learn more.](#)

Hofmann Forest

Many believe that the sale of Hofmann Forest, NCSU's research forest, would jeopardize area water quality and wildlife. More than 11,000 have signed a petition and more than a hundred people rallied last week to protest the sale of Hofmann Forest to Illinois agri-business owner, Jerry Walker. [Ready the full CRO story.](#)

Hammocks Beach to Expand

If all goes according to plan, Hammocks Beach State Park will be on a scale similar to Fort Macon State Park and Jockey's Ridge State



Park. After years in the courts, a settlement has been reached with the Hurst family to purchase the property near Queens Creek in Onslow County. The 289-acres will be added to Hammocks Beach State Park. The state budget will provide \$3 million of the \$10.3 million. Additional funding will come from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

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Day at the Docks
Hatteras*

22-26

Fall Native Plant Sale
Ocean*

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Rich Inlet & Beach
Excursion
Wrightsville Beach



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Fish Fry & Shrimp Boil
Manteo

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Marsh Cleanup
Rachel Carson Reserve
Beaufort*

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Cruise for the Coast
Carolina Beach

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White Oak River Birding
Cruise
Hammocks Beach State
Park, Swansboro

October

1,8,15,22 & 29
Coastal Birding Trips
Wrightsville Beach



Preserve Your Love of the Coast

A planned gift is a wonderful way to make a lasting contribution to a cause that is important to you, and is easy to fit in to your estate plans after providing for loved ones. Our Pelican Circle

recognizes coastal stewards who have included the federation in their plans - providing for our work into the future. You can leave a dollar amount, property, stock, an insurance policy or a portion of your estate to the North Carolina Coastal Federation, Inc. To learn more or to notify us that you've included the federation in your plans, please contact [Sarah King](#) by email or at 919-210-2617 or visit the [Planned Giving](#) page on our website.



Salt Marshes Fight Climate Change

Scientists are continuing to discover how valuable salt marshes are to the environment. Aside from improving water quality, providing habitat to fish and wildlife and protecting us from floods and storm surges, the salt marshes and tidal wetlands of eastern North Carolina provide a newly recognized and highly valuable "service" -- they help fight climate change, big time. [Read the full CRO article.](#)

Coast Talk with Peter and Cathy Meyer
Wrightsville Beach

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Miss Hatteras Offshore Fishing Tournament
Hatteras

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Coastal Speaker Series: Coastal Hazards
Wrightsville Beach

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Charity Yoga
Nags Head

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Swim the Loop
Wrightsville Beach*

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White Oak River Birding Cruise
Hammocks Beach State Park
Swansboro

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Wine, Dine and Learn about Flounder
Coastal Provisions Market
Kitty Hawk

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TouchTank Tuesday
Wrightsville Beach

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