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Join N.C. Coastal Federation and "Boat the Bay" This Summer

MANTEO - Climb aboard the federation's skiff for a fun-filled ride through Shallowbag Bay. We'll explore the estuary and get to meet, face-to-face, many of its inhabitants using different catch-and-release methods.

Trips are scheduled for every Thursday at 9 a.m., June through August. Participants will meet at the N.C. Coastal Federation's Northeast office, 128 Grenville St. in Manteo, for a brief orientation before boarding the skiff for the boat trip. The captain will venture into Shallowbag Bay on a quest to determine why the estuary is such an important habitat, and is often referred to as the "nursery of the sea."

We will pull up several baited crab pots and check for any blue crabs that may have found their way inside. If we catch any "keeper size," we can send them home with you for dinner. We'll also pull a small net, called a trawl net, to take a biological survey of fish, shrimp and other critters that call the estuary home. Come see what an abundant ecosystem we have along the N.C. coast, and learn more about the federation's work to preserve it.

The trip is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, ages 5-18. There is a maximum of 6 participants per trip. Children must be at least 5 years of age and must be accompanied on the trip by an adult.

Registration is required and is non-refundable. If a trip is cancelled because of bad weather, the program will be rescheduled to Thursday afternoon or Friday. If a trip is

rescheduled due to weather and participants are not able to attend, a refund or transfer to another program date may be issued. To register, visit www.nccoast.org, or call 252.473.1607.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation:

"Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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