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The Historic Whalehead Club

—Katherine Ponton

Have you ever wondered what Corolla was like before all the beach houses we see today were built? Are you interested in historic homes or Art Nouveau architecture? If so, then you will want to add a visit to the Whalehead Club at Currituck Heritage Park to your vacation agenda.

Originally known as Corolla Island and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Whalehead Club is a 1920's era mansion built by a very wealthy gentleman from Newport, Rhode Island as a private hunt club. He and his wife loved to come to Corolla during the winter months to hunt ducks for which Currituck Sound was famous. Not only was the mansion the most magnificent and luxurious structure on the Outer Banks at that time, but it also had the first elevator, swimming pool, and basement.

Following the original owners' deaths in the 1930's, the mansion and its surrounding 4½ miles of ocean to sound property were used for a variety of purposes including a Coast Guard base during WW II, a boy's school, and a rocket fuel research facility. Eventually, the mansion was abandoned and became quite dilapidated, while most of the property was sold to become many



of the beach communities of Corolla today.

Currituck County bought the mansion and its

remaining property in the mid 1980's, establishing a public park with sound access. The mansion has now been restored to its 1920's era glory

complete with copper roof, cork floors, Art Nouveau mahogany woodwork, and an increasing number of original furnishings.

It is open for tours daily year round and is well worth the price of admission. You can now tour the home at your own pace with an electronic guide. There are several specialty tours as well: a behind-the-scenes tour, a ghost tour, and a children's treasure hunt. Specialty tours require a reservation; regular tours do not. Call 457-0128 for more information and reservations. There is a gift shop where you can purchase a book detailing the history of this magnificent place, a piece of jewelry or other item made from the old copper roof shingles, or some other memento of your visit.

The acres of open parkland around the mansion are great for bird watching (osprey like to nest in the area and great blue heron frequent the canals), family games of Frisbee or touch football, and kite flying. The boat basin with its historic 1920's Boathouse, is a good place to take the kids crabbing or fishing, and there is a public boat ramp giving sound access to shallow draft watercraft. The Park is also one of the best places in Corolla to watch our spectacular sunsets over Currituck Sound.

Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education

—Bobbi Buckler

Located in the Currituck Heritage Park between the Whalehead Club and the Currituck Beach Lighthouse is the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education. The NC Wildlife Resource Commission opened the center early in the summer of 2006.

The 22,000 square foot building that is home to the Center took two years to build. Both residents and tourists have long anticipated the opening of this informational and cultural addition to the Corolla area.

The center is dedicated to northeastern North Carolina's coastal ecology and culture. Upon entering the building you will find the main exhibit which includes an 8,000-gallon aquarium stocked with native species found in the Currituck Sound. Additionally, you will be able to explore 5,000 square feet of exhibits, displays and artifacts and over 250 antique waterfowl decoys.

In the auditorium you will have the opportunity

to watch a 20-minute film, "Life by Water's Rhythms". In this film you will learn about the influence water has on the natural and cultural history of the area. You may tour the center on your own or be led through by a staff member.

Educational programs are offered on a daily basis during the in-season. Most of these programs are held outdoors. Plan ahead and make reservations as things book quickly. Some examples of programs are: Decoy Carving, Animal Olympics, Fish Scales and Crabby Tales, Maritime Forest Walk, Nature Photography, Storm Stories, Duck Calling & Tracks and Traces. This is just a small sampling of what the center has to offer.

The center is free and offers activities and educational programs for all ages. It is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm with the exception of most major holidays.

Updated schedules, programs and activities may be found at www.ncwildlife.org or by calling 252-453-0221.



A Taste for the Outer Banks

—Billy Casper

The geography of this little strip of land we call "the Outer Banks" dictates that this would be a fisherman's paradise. With water practically everywhere you look and the gulfstream coming just offshore, it makes our home also an inviting home for many species of marine life. Everything from clams and crabs to yellowfin tuna and giant blue marlin can all be found thriving in our local waters.

Growing up on the Outer Banks, I developed a passion for the ocean early on. When I was around five years old, my father owned a local tackle shop and had a crabbing business on the side. I would hang around the tackle shop as much as I could, trying to absorb everything. If we weren't at the shop, you could probably find us out checking crab pots or maybe even steaming crabs by the dozen for sale to local markets. On the weekends we would go fishing either on the beach at Oregon Inlet or, my personal favorite, in his boat. As you know if you have ever been fishing, not every day brought success, but we did have our share of good fortune. The fish stories are too many and some too "tall" to tell here. However, I guess it was this good fortune we so often enjoyed that eventually led to another passion of mine – eating!

We would clean and bring home our day's catch to Mom and she would lovingly transform it into something out of this world. It was then I developed my love for fresh seafood. I just couldn't believe that something I just pulled from the ocean could be turned into such a delicious meal. No matter what we brought home, my Mom always knew just the right way to prepare it. Over the years some of her culinary genius found its way to me. Now, I don't claim to be as good of a cook as my Mom, but I can hold my own. After all, nobody can cook as good as Mom, right. Two of my all time favorites can be found right here in our local waters: softshell crabs and striped

bass, or rockfish.

Although both crabs and striped bass can be found up and down the coast, we enjoy a great concentration of them in our waters. The warm, brackish water in the sounds make an ideal growing environment for hard crabs, which each spring molt (grow out of their hard shell) and



become that tasty treat we know as "softshell" crabs. The chilly waters off our coast in the winter along with the natural migration and spawning patterns of striped bass make the OBX an excellent destination for rockfish lovers. Following are a couple of simple, but tasty ways to prepare a fresh seafood dinner for the family.

There are many ways to prepare a softshell crab and all are delicious. My favorite way to prepare them is sautéed in garlic butter. First, you must clean the crabs (not really for the squeamish) by folding back the left and right side of the shell and removing the lungs and "mustard." Next, turn the crab over and remove the apron. Don't

forget to cut out the eye section (easily done by snipping with a pair of scissors). That was the hardest part of this dish. Next, simply chop some fresh parsley and combine in a bowl with some all-purpose flour, salt and pepper. Rinse and pat dry each crab. Toss them in the flour mixture, coating both sides and shaking off excess flour. Heat a non-stick pan to a medium-high heat, add some olive oil and freshly chopped garlic, melted butter and a little lemon juice. Add the crabs and sautee them until nicely browned, 3-4 minutes per side. These are great served with fresh angel hair pasta or my favorite, homemade black bean cakes.

As with the softshells, there are as many ways to prepare rockfish, and NO bad ways. Fried, grilled, baked, broiled ... they are all great. Rockfish is a mild, flaky white fish with such good flavor it is best not to overpower the fish with too much in the way of spices and seasonings. Perhaps my favorite way to prepare it is also the easiest way. Begin by slicing some peppers (red, green and yellow make a good presentation) and a small red onion. Chop a little fresh garlic and a slice a couple pats of butter. Season the rockfish fillets with a little salt and pepper and place it on a large sheet of aluminum foil. Top the fish with the butter and chopped garlic, cover with the peppers and onion and add about a half a cup of white wine. Fold the foil up to create a "pouch" and bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes, or until the fish is no longer translucent. Open the pouch, being careful to let the steam escape, and serve with wild rice and a fresh salad. It just doesn't get any better!

Growing up with the ocean as your backyard wasn't too bad. As a kid, I fell in love with the water and all things having to do with it. As an adult, those feelings are still as strong. The difference is now I have to do the cooking, not Mom.

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Whalehead Club Calendar of Events 2007 At Currituck Heritage Park

An Afternoon of Music Sunday, February 25, 2007 - Cellist Soo Bae, winner of the 2005 Concert Artists Guild International Competition, and pianist Reiko Uchida, first prize winner of the Joanna Hodges Piano Competition will perform an afternoon concert in the library at the Whalehead Club at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for this one time, limited seating performance are \$35.00 each. There will be a porch reception during intermission to meet the performers. For more information and/or to reserve tickets please call 252-453-9040 ext. 3.

3rd Annual Corolla Island Spring Social "Oh, What A Night" - Saturday, April 21, 2007 - Come and be a part of this delightful evening from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight. Go back in time to the 1920's and be a part of this "speakeasy theme" fund raising event for the Whalehead Club. There will be energetic entertainment by "Savannah", a top notch band from Virginia Beach, VA, and amazing food and drink provided by Montero's Restaurant of Elizabeth City, NC. A silent and live auction will be featured, fun period costumes, and action packed surprises throughout the evening. Tickets are \$100 per person and sponsor tables are available. Please call 252-453-9040 ext. 3 for more information about ticket purchase and sponsorships.

6th Annual Whalehead Club Arts Festival - "Under the Oaks" - Wednesday, June 20 & Thursday, June 21, 2007 - Enjoy our annual outdoor art show with over 100 quality artists, local musicians, food concessions, and children's activities as you stroll through the grounds of Currituck Heritage Park. Admission is free, and a parking donation is requested. Gate opens at 10:00 a.m. both days and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

July 4th Festival and Fireworks - Tuesday, July 4, 2007 - Enjoy an annual event of fun and fireworks at Currituck Heritage Park overlooking the Currituck Sound. Activities start at 6:00 p.m. Food concessions are available and the fireworks will go up around 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Currituck County. Admission is free and a parking donation is requested.

Summer Concert Series on the Lawn - Thursday evenings in July & August - From the historic Whalehead Club front porch lawn enjoy the musical talents of students, alumni and faculty from the North Carolina School of Performing Arts every Thursday in the months of July. In August local jazz, blues, folk, and classic rock musicians will perform music from the past and present for all ages. Bring a chair, blanket, and picnic, and watch the sun set over the Currituck Sound while supporting the arts. Snack concession is available and leashed pets are welcomed. This event is sponsored by the local business community. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. until sunset. Admission and parking are free.

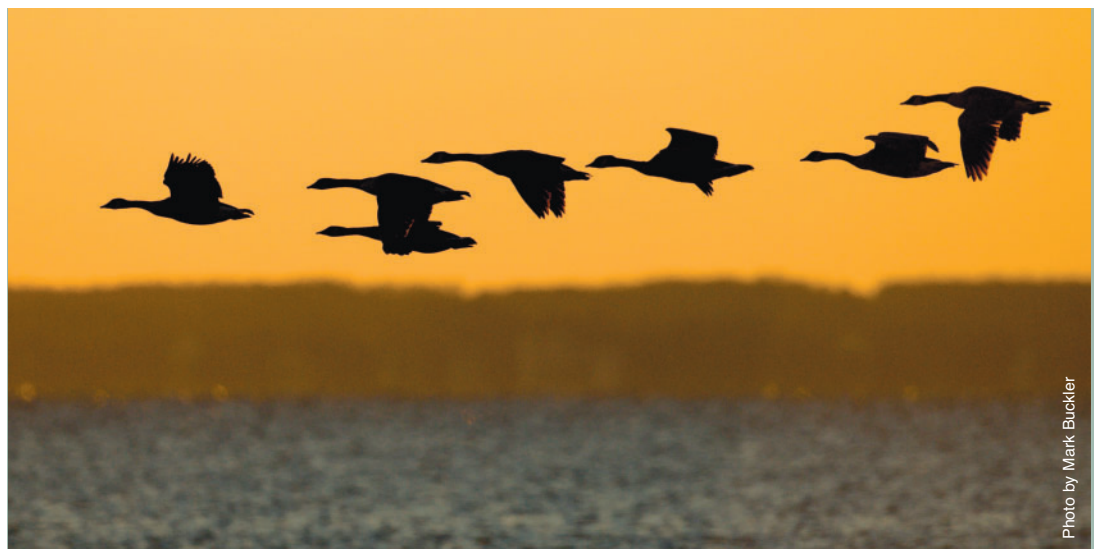
Wine Festival on the Lawn - Wednesday afternoons in July & August - Starting on Wednesday, July 11, and then every Wednesday afternoon in the months of July and August the Whalehead Club will be hosting a wine tasting from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The festival of wine tasting and live musical entertainment will be held under the tent on the North Lawn. \$20 admission includes the wine tasting, souvenir wine glass and entertainment. Food concessions will be available. For more information call 252-453-9040 ext. 3.

Corolla Wild Horse Days Finale - Friday, July 13, 2007 - Join the last day of a week long celebration and awareness of the treasured wild mustang horses that roam free in the four wheel drive area of the Northern Outer Banks. The event starts at 4:00 p.m. and continues until 8:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Corolla Wild Horse Fund. Admission and parking are free. Food concessions are available and children's activities are planned.

4th Annual Haunted Corolla Village - Friday, October 26 & Saturday, October 27, 2007 - The Haunted Corolla Village hayride tours begin at the Wildlife Education Center here at Currituck Heritage Park. Apple cider and baked goods tease the senses while the quaint historic shops are open for business, if they dare. The haunted tours begin with a traditional hayride to the old Corolla Schoolhouse where spirits entertain with stories from the past. Then on to the Currituck Beach Lighthouse where ghouls and ghosts lure the curious. The tour ends at the Whalehead Club where you are invited inside the basement and the past comes alive! The tours start at 5:30 p.m. each evening and the last tour is booked at 8:30 p.m. Rain date for this event is Sunday, October 28. This event is sponsored by the Whalehead Preservation Trust, the Currituck Beach Lighthouse, the Wildlife Resource and Education Center, the Corolla Wild Horse Fund, and Twiddy & Company Realty. Tickets for the hayride are \$6.00 per person.

Holiday Concert at the Whalehead Club - Saturday, December 8 & Sunday, December 9, 2007 - Come and get into the holiday spirit as the custom built Steinway piano yields holiday tunes throughout the Whalehead Club. A special guest pianist will turn the library into a winter wonderland with a classical repertoire of holiday music. Saturday evening concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee performance on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Please call 252-453-9040 ext. 3 for ticket information and to reserve a seat in this limited seating performance.

For more information about any Whalehead Club 2007 event, please contact Martha Wickre, Events Coordinator at 252-453-9040 ext. 3 or email events@whaleheadclub.com.



Winter on the Outer Banks

-Debbie Price

Most people think of the Outer Banks as primarily a summer resort. If you are one of those people, you owe it to yourself to spend some time here during the winter months. The average temperatures are mild, ranging from lows in the 30's to highs in the mid 50's. The natural beauty of the area seems to be enhanced by the cooler temperatures. There is nothing like bundling up for a winter walk on the beach under a clear Carolina blue sky! Shelling is at its best this time of year, too, especially after a storm.

While the human population dwindles during this time, the fish and fowl flourish. The Outer Banks is home to almost 400 species of birds during the fall and winter. Two exceptional places for bird watching are the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge at the north end of Hatteras Island and the North Carolina Estuarine Research Reserve at the north end of Corolla. If fishing is more your style, give it a try this winter, when Stripers and speckled trout are in plentiful supply. A license is now required for all fishing in our area.

For the hearty among you (or those of you with a really good wetsuit), there is surfing and windsurfing during the winter months as well. That is when the surf's up, and the water temperatures average in the upper 40's to low 50's. Brrrrr.

A day trip to Roanoke Island is always worthwhile. Be sure to visit Roanoke Island's Festival Park and the North Carolina Aquarium. Both offer educational opportunities and lots of fun.

Inclement weather? Visit some of the more than 20 galleries on the Outer Banks that exhibit local painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, and craftsmen. Most have winter hours and offer a pleasant way to spend a rainy afternoon.

For more information on winter events on the Outer Banks, visit the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau's website at www.outerbanks.org.

So you thought there was nothing to do in the wintertime on the Outer Banks? Think again! Come on back this winter!

Fish On! Winter is Striper Season

- Billy Casper

The summer has passed, the crowds are gone and the weather has turned cold. It's the best time of the year to come to the Outer Banks, especially if you're a striper fisherman. During the fall and winter the waters off the Outer Banks are the final stop in the southerly migration of large ocean rockfish, or striped bass. As these fish attempt to increase their fat supplies for winter by gorging on eels and menhaden, they provide the angler with some of the most exciting fishing they can experience.

As the weather turns cold the tourists thin out and give us our beaches back. Usually by late November the conditions are perfect. Once the water temperature drops below 55 degrees and we have our first hard northwesterly blow that drops the air temperature to around 50 degrees, it's FISH ON!

There are two main ways to catch stripers on the Outer Banks; eeling the shoals in the inlets and trolling off the beaches. The time of year will determine which method to use. The first part of the season will be spent eeling the shoals. In the fall, adult eels begin migrating from the sound to the Atlantic Ocean. During this migration stripers will stack up in the inlets waiting to ambush these eels. The eel rig consists of a 7/0 circle hook tied to about 18 to 24 inches of 60 pound mono leader and attached to a 2 to 4 ounce trolling sinker. Attach this rig to a snap swivel tied to 30 pound braided line on a spinning reel and a medium-heavy duty rod. This method can be very productive, but can also prove to be very dangerous. To be most effective, you must position your eel in the whitewater breaking on the shoals. This requires adept boat handling and angling skills. It is also important to know the etiquette and pay attention to what others are doing. It is best to fall in line with other boats as they drift past the shoals and lob eels into the whitewater. Once a striper picks up the eel, let him take it for about 3-4 seconds and then point the rod at the fish and wind tight. The circle hook should do its job and set itself in the corner of the fish's mouth.

After the eel migration has ended, the stripers will move out of the inlets and begin cruising the beaches looking for menhaden to feed on. This is when the fishing can really heat up and be the most fun. During this time of year, fish can be found from the Virginia state line all the way south to Hatteras. To find them will require a good pair of binoculars and a fish finder. Once on the water, look for gannets circling and crashing on bait. Under that bait you will usually find schools of stripers feeding. You can troll the edges of this activity using trolling plugs and big mojo rigs. For even more fun, try getting on the leading edge of the birdplay and cutting off your engines. Begin jigging under the birds using either 3 to 4 ounce bucktails or 7 to 9 inch shad baits with internal weighting. Let the bait freefall


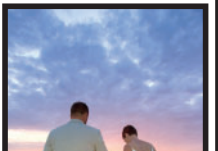




to the bottom and then begin slowly winding up and jigging. Be prepared for the strike, as the fish will often hit the bait as it is falling to the bottom. Another great way to catch them is on top water plugs. If the fish are thick and feeding on the top, this can be a very exciting and visual way to catch them. Watching a 30 plus pound striper inhale a top water plug is about as good as it gets!

As you can see, the fall and winter can be as much fun as the summer on the Outer Banks. The weather won't be as nice and the bikinis will all be put away for the winter, but the striper fishing is off the hook (no pun intended). Ask the boss for some extra time off, get your buddies and rent a house from Corolla Classic Vacations next winter and find out for yourself. You won't be disappointed! I can't give up my secret spots, but if you want to stop in, I'd love to swap fish stories. Good luck and tight lines!!

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The Ocean...the Sound - Water Fun for All

-Nancy Russell

"Deep in thoughts of what lay in the oceans soul, having freedom of movement to go where ever it needs...for it is life, it is form, it is spirit, it is one"

The ocean is not just another pretty place. When you visit the Outer Banks, you should make every effort to not only get in the Atlantic, but on it. We have the luxury of wind.... anytime & anywhere. The wind gives you the ability to do sailing & windsurfing pretty much anytime you like. The Currituck Sound is my backyard. At any given time, you might see someone "attempting" to windsurf. Not only is it a beautiful sight to see the colorful sails gliding across the water, it is also quite entertaining. I recommend everyone try it at least once.

Not a water with wind person? Rent a kayak or a canoe. On the sound side you have spacious water ways in which to hone your rowing skills while admiring the wildlife which lines the shore. You may also admire our vast variety of ocean birds. They vary from the strong & powerful ospreys, with nests sitting high on poles in the sound to the beautiful & graceful American egrets. Don't be surprised if you see them walking among the reeds. Oh, don't worry if you tip your primitive watercraft. The shore water in the sound is rarely over 2 feet deep. It is kind of funny to watch people paddling like mad, tipping their kayak, stand up & the water comes up to their knees. If you are more adventurous, try ocean kayaking. I personally am not that adventurous but my husband loved it. You really have to commit yourself to getting over the first initial break of the water & then go like crazy. WARNING:

Be sure to eat your Wheaties before attempting this fun but exhausting ocean quest.

Thrill seekers, this is what you've been waiting for.... a water sport in which you don't have to exert any physical energy, whatsoever. My husband is Mr. Jet Ski. I "was not" Mrs. Jet Ski. With this being said, he decided one day he would take me jet skiing for my first time. The weather conditions were just terrific, if you were one of our many waterfowl. Cloudy, a little misty rain & about 70 degrees. Just the weather I had always dreamed of for my first Jet Ski extravaganza. If I had it to do over, I wouldn't change a thing. We had the pleasure of jet skiing among a school of about 300 dolphins. It was incredible. We went slowly & they followed beside us. I was a little intimidated at first. They were so close to us & they ARE literally larger than life. The experience was unforgettable. Before you ask, no we didn't have a camera. Now I take one every time.

Finally, for the sentimental & romantic beach goers, a sunset cruise. The sunsets are.... indescribable, while viewing from land, but there is nothing quite like being on the water. If you get an opportunity, don't miss your chance to see a sunset, while cruising in the Currituck Sound. You can rent a chauffeured pontoon boat to view one of nature's most majestic creations. I have heard this is a great place to propose marriage.... she or he would never forget it.

Please remember, with whatever water activity you choose to do, always wear your life jacket & boat responsibly.



Photo by Mark Baskler

Understanding Rip Currents

-Sylvia Wolff

-Supervisor, Corolla Ocean Rescue

Every year the lifeguards report that the number one inquiry by beach-goers is about sharks. And only a portion of people will inquire about rip currents. The irony lies in the fact that rip currents account for 18% of weather and ocean related fatalities. Shark fatalities account for 0.1%. (Heat emergencies lead with 43% of ocean/weather related fatalities.)**

Rip currents exist up and down our beach, but their intensities vary with winds, currents, and weather. A rip current, or rip, is the out-flow of water through a divot in the sandbar. As the water breaks over the sandbar, it seeks the easiest path back out to sea. That path is usually the deepest and/ or widest point of the sandbar; that flow of water creates a channel of water moving seaward.

Rip currents pose a risk to swimmers because they create difficulty getting back to shore. **The most threatening potential danger for a swimmer in a rip current is panic.** Once a swimmer realizes that he or she is having trouble getting back to shore, he or she may start to panic and may become exhausted while attempting to fight the current. There are a few things to remember: Rip currents will not pull a swimmer under water; the water is just flowing outward. The swimmer has two main options. The first is to relax and float, and let the rip carry him or her out past the sand bar. Once the water flows out past the sandbar, it disperses and the rip dissi-



pates; the swimmer should be able to swim in. The swimmer may also swim parallel to shore to get out of the rip, and then swim in once he or she has exited the current. Either way, the most important element to getting back to shore is to stay calm. That swimmer should wave at patrons on shore if they think they need help so patrons can notify a lifeguard.

The ultimate solution to getting stuck in a rip current is to avoid them altogether. You can do this by asking a lifeguard where the hazardous rip currents may be, and how to spot them. Become familiar with characteristics of rip currents. The basic key to spotting a rip is to find an inconsistency in wave action from the sandbar to shore. Look for: a break in the incoming wave pattern, waves that are breaking at angles once they pass the sandbar, short, choppy, inconsistently breaking waves, a difference in water color (from swirling sand) or an obvious outflow of water. These characteristics may or may not be visible, so the safest things to do are to:

- Ask a lifeguard- and then swim near that lifeguard.
- Never swim alone!
- Know your limits; if wave activity is making you uncomfortable, don't go!
- Never let your guard down; always be aware that ocean conditions change constantly.

Remember, your lifeguards are there to help you out; feel free to approach them at any time with questions or concerns. For further information or other beach safety tips, visit our website at www.corollafireandrescue.com.

Sea Turtles

-Sylvia Wolff

There is something about a summer night on a moonlit beach that makes it magical. The beauty of the reflection off the water, the rhythmic ebb and flow of the tide.... whatever the case, there is some mysticism that attracts people to the beach at night. And for those of us lucky enough to have been involved in a sea turtle hatching, we know that those moonlit summer nights involve little miracles. (Little miracles that turn into 100+ lbs miracles.)

Sea turtles are amazing (and endangered) creatures that may live for 80 years or more. For some, it takes 30 years just to reach maturity. But these often 100+ lbs animals begin their journey to adulthood not too much bigger than the size of a half-dollar coin. And on a moonlit beach.

Female turtles lay their eggs in a hole along the edge of the sand dune. (A good reason to stay off the dunes!) And about two months later, typically around a full moon, the nest will erupt and tens of little sea turtles (sometimes up to 170) will spill out onto the sand. Instinctively, the turtles follow the brightest light because that light is supposed to be the moonlight reflecting off of the ocean. But those turtles often end up following the house lights that people leave burning on the oceanfront, and they head the wrong way! (For this reason, we ask that oceanfront residents and guests either turn out any lights visible from the beach, or use red bulbs.) As a result, volunteers from the organization NEST (Network for Endangered Sea Turtles) must guide the baby turtles to the water with flashlights.

Those turtles follow the moonlight's reflection (or volunteers' flashlights) to the ocean - and their journey from the nest to the water's edge helps to develop their swimming muscles so they can make it to the Gulf Stream! It is a long journey and arduous and it is estimated that only 1% of the hatchlings will reach adulthood. They face dangers such as predators, poachers, ocean pollution, and fishing nets. The female baby turtles go through a process called imprinting; they remember the place they were born and when they are mature and ready to lay eggs, they will return to their birth spot to lay their nest!

Sea turtles are endangered and protected under the Endangered Species Act, 1973, which means it is illegal to "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, capture or collect sea turtle eggs, hatchlings, adults and body parts" of turtles, alive or dead.

There are ways you can help! Turn off your oceanfront lights, stay off the dunes and away from marked nests, pick up your trash (especially the clear plastic bags.) and become a volunteer! For more information, you can visit the NEST website at <http://www.nestonline.org>. You may also ask your local lifeguard how you can get involved in NEST or if there are any nests that are predicted to hatch soon. There are not many things that make a summer night more magical or mystical than witnessing the beginning of a sea turtle's life!

NYC20BX

-Jim Hayes

I was born, raised and made my career in New York City. I married my wife, Rosalind, in 1973 and bought our first home in the suburbs of New York in 1978. We bought a townhouse in Duck in 1989 and continued living and working in New York until we decided to go into phase 2 of our lives and move to the Outer Banks. So here we are since April of 2002.

I thought it would be interesting to compare our life here versus New York.

Two things I enjoy: golf and fishing. A typical OBX Spring/Summer/Fall Sunday for me is to get up about 7 A M, have a little breakfast, play 18 holes, come home & have lunch, go to the beach, enjoy a cigar, a beer, a little fishing and back to the house to burn a few steaks. Ask me if I mind working Monday to Friday when I am 2 minutes from my favorite things on the weekend! It's OK by me. Let's look at golf and/or fishing living in New York. First of all, don't even contemplate doing both in the same weekend, never mind the same day. Golf, you need to make a tee time about 2 weeks ahead of time, you're up at the crack of dawn to travel to wherever you're playing, you're usually late teeing off, they stack you up and tee off every 4 minutes rather than 7 minutes which means you're always up somebody's you know what or the foursome behind you is literally 'behind' you. Golf in New York for the average

golfer is an all day affair and you're exhausted when you get home. You have to ask yourself if it was really worth it. Fishing- another ordeal - getting to the ocean on a summer weekend - fugettabout it, never mind getting back.

Do I miss the arts and culture of New York? Although there's nothing like seeing a Broadway play I certainly don't miss getting to the theatre from your house nor do I miss having to take out another mortgage to pay for the tickets and dinner. We can go to Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, VA, about an hour and 15 minute leisurely drive, have dinner, see a play and stay over night somewhere for half the cost and none of the traffic stress.



Don't miss the cold & snow either. Two things people can't talk to me about here are cold and traffic. Although it's been unusually cold here lately, I'm only watching the blizzard in the Northeast on TV. Don't even own a snow shovel here. Winter in the Outer Banks ain't so bad - no crowds at the movies, restaurants or supermarkets.

What do we miss? Mostly the small things: good bread, good Chinese food. We do miss the energy of New York but ya know what; we go up to visit several times a year and we're happy to cross that bridge to come home to 'our place'. We are among a minority to be able to live in a place we love and enjoy a terrific environment. Plus, we have a place family & friends can enjoy when they want to visit.

What am I thankful for? I wouldn't trade how I grew up, a New York City street kid, and I'll always appreciate that we wouldn't be living the OBX life if it weren't for the NYC career.



Outer Banks Relay for Life

–Debbie Price

Corolla Real Estate and Corolla Classic Vacations have long been active participants in The Relay for Life. Besides being corporate sponsors, some of us serve on the planning committee and most of us are members of our team, the Corolla Clubbers. In case you are unfamiliar with The Relay for Life, it is a team event to raise money for the American Cancer Society that has spread to all 50 states and several other countries as well. Teams collect donations and have fund raisers, then participate in a 24 hour relay. Last year, The Outer Banks Relay for Life raised \$330,000, ranking us #2 in the nation for a community of our size! Our team was the #1 fund raiser for our event, raising almost \$29,000, thanks to the generosity of so many people. This year, the Outer

Banks Relay for Life was held at the First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st. It was truly a celebration of life, with live entertainment, food, a silent auction and games and, of course, teams walking the track the entire time. It is a time for the community to come together to celebrate with survivors, a time to remember those that have succumbed to this horrible disease, and an opportunity to raise money for research, assistance and advocacy.

Cancer has touched the lives of everyone we know in some manner. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please make your check payable to The American Cancer Society and send it to us. Together we do make a difference! Corolla Clubbers, PO Box 3, Corolla, NC 27927.

Concierge Services

Dining Out

The following is a listing of area restaurants; mind you this is not a complete listing of restaurants in our area just those favored by us!

Meridian 42 – Superb dining. Chef Chuck prepares an eclectic and delicious dining experience. Upbeat Tuscan atmosphere – eat at the bar and observe the chef's creations in the open arena kitchen. Views of the Atlantic Ocean from their upper deck. Located in Southern Shores at Southern Shores Crossing. 252.261.042

The Blue Point – Fabulous southern food prepared with flair! A small, busy atmosphere, which overlooks the Albemarle Sound in Duck. These 2 guys introduced 'a fine dining experience' to the Outer Banks in the early '90's. www.thebluepoint.com 252.261.8090

High Cotton – Barbeque - That's all we do! As Tarheel natives we want to share with you the flavors and aromas that are unique to Eastern North Carolina Barbeque. Long hours of Hickory smoking produce pink coloring of and sweet 'outside brown' meat of your hand chopped pork, chicken or racks of ribs - yummmmm... You'll be in High Cotton when you dine in or take out. Catering or pick-up pig pickings for 20-200. Located where the Beach Road begins across from the Kitty Hawk Pier. 252.255.2275

The Rundown Café and Tsunami Bar – Good Caribbean food at a good price! Lots of Caribbean flavors, American favorites and vegetarian delights. A colorful experience. The Tsunami Bar offers great ocean views. Located across from the Atlantic Ocean in Kitty Hawk. 252.255.0026

North Banks Restaurant & Raw Bar – Seamed shrimp, chowders, steak – it's all good. Take a break during your shopping. Located in the TimBuck II Shopping area. 252.453.3344

Mike Dianna's Grill Room – Enjoy delicious fare and the sunset along with Mike D's hospitality Great ribs, steaks and fish in a pleasant atmosphere overlooking the Currituck Sound. TimBuckII 252.453.4336

The Roadside Café – Dine al fresco - A funky little spot in downtown Duck. Very good food, good music, good times. Duck Road, Village of Duck 252.261.5729

Chili Peppers – Great food prepared by great chefs! A local atmosphere, offering an eclectic menu that's sure to please your palate. Located on Rte. 158 in Kill Devil Hills. 252.441.8081

Red Sky Café – A sassy atmosphere in which you will experience new southern cuisine with surprising international nuances. Eat in or gourmet to-go. 1197 Duck Road, Duck, NC 252.261.togo(8646)

GiGi's – Italian food influenced by the tradition of grandmother's kitchen. First-generation food with a third-generation style. Wonderful atmosphere, amazing food! Ocean Club Centre Corolla, NC 27927. 252.453.2929

The Seaside Vegetarian – Check out the fastest, healthiest food on the beach! Carry out only! Awesome daily specials feature the best produce available turned into imaginative ethnic inspired creations. Vegetarian dishes, fish dishes and vegan specials. Wine selection. Carry out only! Located in Kitty Hawk, MP 4.5 in the Dune Shops on the 158 By-Pass. 252.255.5330

Coffee Shops, Deli's, Pizza, Pastries, To Go

Steamer's Shellfish to Go – Offering Steamer Pots to Go, Wraps and Entrees. Gourmet take out at its finest. TimBuck II, Corolla 252.453.3305

Outer Banks Coffee Company – Master roaster, Coffee John's beans are roasted on site, offering daily special blends, plus your regular favorites. Stop by for an early morning rendition of the world according to John. You will come away fired up and inspired! Monterey Plaza, Corolla 252.453.0200

Duck's Cottage – A rare original setting using the 1921 Braitwaite Cottage located by the Waterfront Shops. Great spot in Duck to grab a cup brewed from exotic corners and also provides an excellent selection of books. Downtown Duck 252.261.5510

Cosmo's Pizzeria – Great pizza, subs and salads. Dining inside or on the deck. Corolla Light Village Shops, Corolla – 252.453.4666

Corolla Pizza – Super pizzas, subs and sandwiches. To go or summer time delivery – after 5:00. Located in historic Corolla Village on Ocean Trail, Corolla. 252.453.8592

Pizzazz Pizza – When shopping at Harris Teeter, stop by Pizzazz at the Currituck Club in Corolla. 252.453.8858.

Tomato Patch Pizzeria – Pastas, subs, gyros, Greek Salads and pizzas. Monterey Plaza in Corolla. 252.453.4500

Bacchus Wine & Cheese – Deli meats and great sandwiches, party platters and a large selection of wines. Monterey Plaza in Corolla. 252.453.4333

Northern Lights Pastries and Coffee – A unique assortment of specialty pastries offered nowhere else in Corolla. Delicious coffees and special occasion cakes are also avail-

able. Located in the Corolla Light Village Shops, Corolla. 252.453.0201

Lighthouse Bagels – Specializing in homemade bagels and muffins for breakfast, plus delicious deli sandwiches made with Boar's Head meats. Monterey Plaza in Corolla. 252.453.9998

Ferrari's Gourmet Market & Deli - We specialize in hot Italian food and deli sandwiches with a New York Twist. Our market has a wide selection of healthy great tasting pre-packaged foods, snacks, wine, beer, coffee bar, smoothie bar, & refrigerated beverages. Located in Corolla Light Town Center. 252.453.2555

Charter Fishing

Pirate's Cove Marina – 252.473.3906

Oregon Inlet Fishing Center – 252.441.6301

Hatteras Harbor Marina – 252.986.2166

Outdoor Activities

Roanoke Island Festival Park – The Elizabeth II (replica of the first ship to bring colonists to the new world) is open for tours. Other attractions include the Roanoke Island Adventure Museum, film theatre, settlement site, outdoor performance pavilion, art gallery and museum shop. Open daily. 252.475.1500

Wright Brothers National Memorial – Exhibits and reproductions of century old gliders and flying machines are on display. Celebrate 100 years of flying in December 2003. 252.457.7430

Jockey's Ridge State Park – Visit the East Coast's tallest sand dune and enjoy the magnificent views. 252.441.7132

The Historic Whalehead Club – Plan a picnic in the shadows of the Currituck Beach Lighthouse on the grounds of this beautifully restored National Historic landmark. 252.453.9040

The Currituck Lighthouse – Climb 158 feet to the top and enjoy panoramic ocean to sound views. 252.453.4939

Outdoor Adventures

Corolla Surf Shop – Rentals and lessons, plus peewee day camp for little kahunas offered at 2 locations. Corolla Light Village Shops and TimBuck II, Corolla 252.453.9273 www.corollasurfshop.com

Corolla Outback Adventures – As seen on Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure; the north beach's oldest guide service. 252.453.4484

Corolla Water Sports - Blast across the sound on our new Yamaha waverunners all seating up to 3 people. Reservations suggested. 252.453.4222

Kitty Hawk Water Sports – Corolla to Nags Head; the watersports authority. TimBuckII 252.453.6900

Coastal Provisions Market



–Denise Graham

What a pleasant surprise it was to me the day I finally decided to check out the new market in Southern Shores. A lovely presentation of fresh fruits and vegetables greeted me immediately upon entering the shop. I knew I was in a very nice market!

Coastal Provisions Market was founded by chefs Dan Lewis and Scott Foster. As long time beach goers, both have realized for years the need for a different type of food store on the coast – large enough to have what you need, small enough to provide great personal service, and truly focused on great food.

Only the freshest seafood and shellfish are displayed - tantalizing your taste buds. The crab cakes are to die for! They offer both Prime and Natural cuts of meats and chops waiting to be cut to your liking. There are cases filled with

platters of prepared foods to take home and warm for your dinner. The selection of wines, cheeses and specialty items are superb.

Dan and Scott bring three decades of collective experience from the restaurant, hospitality and specialty food retail industry. Most recently, both catered to the discerning palates at the Washington and New York area's Sutton Place Gourmet and Balducci's as their head chefs. Catering your special evening would be their pleasure.

With close ties to the Outer Banks, it seemed natural for Scott and Dan to bring their expertise here. And when not at the market, Scott can probably be found out in the surf on his long board.

Next time you visit your home on the beach stop into Coastal Provisions. It is a great alternative to dining out. Look for me there; I am the one having to add a few holes to my belt.

On your drive to Corolla you will find them located in the Southern Shores Crossing Shopping Center - 1 Ocean Boulevard, behind the Southern Shores Police Station and across from the Crown Gas Station (where you turn to come north towards Corolla). Phone (252) 480.0023; online coastalprovisionsmarket.com

Golf

The Currituck Club – Only golf course located in Corolla. 888.453.9400; 252.453.9400

Sea Scape Golf Club – Features bentgrass greens and wide fairways with ocean views from 14 holes. Located in Kitty Hawk. 252.261.2158

The Pointe Golf Club – 18 whole championship course features magnificent sound views from wooded links-style holes. Just minutes over the bridge in Powell's Point. 252.491.8388

The Carolina Club – This club is held by the same set of high standards as its sister club – The Pointe. Grandy. 252.453.3588

Nags Head Golf Links – Bentgrass greens and Bermuda fairways, plus several holes are featured along the sound. In Nags Head. 800.851.9404; 252.441.8073

Holly Ridge – Great for beginners and golfers on a budget!! Grandy. 252.491.2893

Goose Creek Golf & Country Club – Reasonably priced green fees, located 13 Miles North of the Wright Memorial Bridge. 800.443.4008; 252.453.4008

Kilmarlic Golf Club – The newest course in the area is located just 3.5 miles north of the Wright Memorial Bridge. 252.491.4220.

Family Fun

Lighthouse Mini Golf – 18 holes of miniature golf; fun for kids and the whole family. Corolla beside Winks. 252.453.3452

Nags Head Bowling Center – 24 lanes; game room; snack bar; fun for everyone. Nags Head, milepost 9. 252.441.7077

The Lost Colony – The outdoor drama comes to life nightly except Sundays. June – August. Located on Roanoke Island. 252.473.3414

Searamics – Create and paint your own pottery; make your own vacation memory. Located in the Village of Duck. 252.441.9003

North Carolina Aquarium – The newly expanded center offers displays on underwater archaeology, marine ecosystems and a shark exhibit. Located on Roanoke Island. 252.473.3494

Corolla Raceway – Go Karts and an arcade. Located in TimBuckII Shopping Center. 252.453.9100

Photography

J. Aaron Trotman – Offers beach portraits, wedding photography, and member of the Outer Banks Wedding Association. Kill Devil Hills 252.480.1070.

Lorenz Fine Photography - Portrait artist, wedding photojournalist, & custom framer since 1978. Located in Corolla, toll free 800.646.5812

Mark Buckler Photography – Fine art prints, beach portraits, workshops. 252.599.6275

Catering or Personal Chef

Lynn Flowers – 252.480.2332

Sonny's Creative Kitchens – 252.491.9969

Tommy's Market – 252.261.8990

The Kitchen Witch – 252.453.2260

Firehouse Wine Cellar & Gourmet Foods – 252.261.5115

Groovin' Gourmets - Home delivered gourmet meals. Our meals are made-to-order and delivered directly to your door. Just reheat when you're ready to eat. Call ahead and we'll have your first nights meal waiting in the fridge

when you arrive. Call toll free 866.355.4321.

Delivery Genie - Have your groceries delivered to your beach house before you check-in, need anything else during your stay? Just give them a call. No payment up front, competitive pricing, orders accepted up to 1 day prior to your arrival. 252.599.9262

The Butler's Pantry - Find your home magically stocked with all the items you'd spend hours shopping for. Check our website for our current list or call us and we can fax, or mail an inventory list to you. Call toll free 877.224.8566.

High Cotton – Barbecue – That's all we do! Self-catering packages for 20-200. 252.255.2275

Coastal Provisions Market – Fresh seafood & shellfish, meats, wines, cheeses, specialty items, and deliciously prepared foods. Southern Shores Crossing Shopping Center. 252.480.0023.

Air Services

Sea Air – Sea Air will be providing flexible scheduled service in and out of the Pine Island Airstrip in Corolla to Norfolk, VA for \$89 one-way plus tax. They also offer on demand charter flights and local air tours. Tell Betty we sent you! 252.453.3656 www.flyseaair.com

Limousine Services

The Connection – Shuttle service to and from the Norfolk Airport, to your rental home. 252.473.2777

Island Limousine – Nights on the town, red carpet service, shuttle and sedan service available 24 hours. 800.828.5466 or 252.441.5466

Outer Banks Suburban Limousine Service – Voted "Best Limo on the Beach". Super stretch suburban seats 12, or for smaller groups try our Mercedes sedan service. 877.751.8617

Bikes, Cribs and More

Ocean Atlantic Rentals – For all your cottage and beach needs delivery and pick-up available. Corolla Light Village Shops 800.635.9559 www.oar-nc.com

Moneysworth – Bikes, cribs, beach equipment and more. Delivery only. 252.453.4566

Medical Services

Regional Medical Center - 24 Hour urgent care, family medicine, the most complete medical care on the Outer Banks. Mile Post 1.5 in Kitty Hawk 261.9000 They are the closest facility to Corolla.

The Outer Banks Hospital – Opened in March 2002 it is the first and only healthcare facility of its kind in the area. Offering latest technology and emergency, diagnostic, surgery and oncology services. Mile Post 14 in Nags Head 877.359.9179

Health East Outer Banks Medical Center – 24 Hour emergency care, x-rays and quality health care for your whole family. Mile Post 11 Nags Head 252.441.7111

Albemarle Home Care Systems – Offers a wide assortment of health care maintenance items for rent and a knowledgeable staff helping to make your vacation easier. Mile Post 5.5 in Kill Devil Hills 252.441.1604

Spas and Salons

Spa at Corolla – 252.453.9799 www.spaatcorolla.com

The Spa at The Sanderling Inn – 252.261.4111

Eden Day Spa –Duck 252.255.0711 and Corolla 252.453.0712

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