



Fall 2011 Newsletter



Escape to the beach

Summer may be ending soon, but that's no reason to say goodbye to the beach. You can say goodbye to the crowds, and what we locals call "heavy traffic" which makes vacationers laugh at us because we don't really have traffic here except on Saturdays...You can say goodbye to the lines at the restaurants, and you can say goodbye to the 95 degree weather we experienced here this last summer, but the beach? The beach is at its best in the fall. The fish are biting, the air temperature is perfect, the ocean water is still warm, the ice cream shops are still open, and the sound of the waves is still as soothing and calming as ever. And let's not forget a moonlit walk on the beach in the fall, holding hands with the one you love. That's really hard to beat. If the kids get a few days off for Columbus Day, escape to Ocean Isle Beach for a partial week or a long weekend.



*Now I'm knee deep in water somewhere
Got the blue sky breeze blowing wind through my hair
Only worry in the world is the tide gonna reach my chair
Sunrise, there's a fire in the sky
Never been so happy
Never felt so high
And I think I might have found me my own kind of paradise
Mind on a permanent vacation
The ocean is my only medication
Wishing my condition ain't ever gonna go away*



-Zac Brown Band ft. Jimmy Buffet (2010)

If you think you don't like fishing...think again.

My husband's a fisherman, but I'm not. My husband would fish every day of his life if I let him :) Before I met him, I had never even dropped a hook in the water. Even though I had lived on the coast for eighteen years, I had never thought to try fishing. I didn't miss it, and I didn't think it was for me. Thanks to my husband convincing me to try it, I have found an enjoyable hobby that we now enjoy together. Last October I went fishing for the first time ever. (You read about my experience in a previous newsletter). My husband's family was in town, and I thought I'd just go for the ride. Since then, my husband and I have gone several more times with the good folks at Hurricane Fishing Fleet. I can't brag about them enough. Our son had accompanied us before, but most recently, on August 16th, we took our daughter for the first time. She's eight, and like me, she wasn't sure fishing was going to be her thing. Wouldn't you know that she was the first one of the four of us with a bite! After that, she was "hooked". She had no trouble working the reel on the poles provided by Hurricane Fleet. She said it was easier than she had expected it to be. Our deck hand, Kevin, took great care of us, as always, helping the children bait their hooks, and removing the hooked fish. Sometimes the drifting currents would tangle two lines together, but Kevin was right there sorting out the mess.

Hurricane Fishing Fleet always runs a "Biggest Fish" pool, with a \$5.00 entry fee and a cash prize. We always try our luck at this, because you never know. But they also have a free contest for the youngsters, which is a trophy for the biggest catch. Our son won the trophy – a gold bass – before, but this time our daughter tied him and they each got one! They were both so proud of their trophies. They had a blast! Doesn't every parent love seeing his child trying something new and enjoying himself so much?

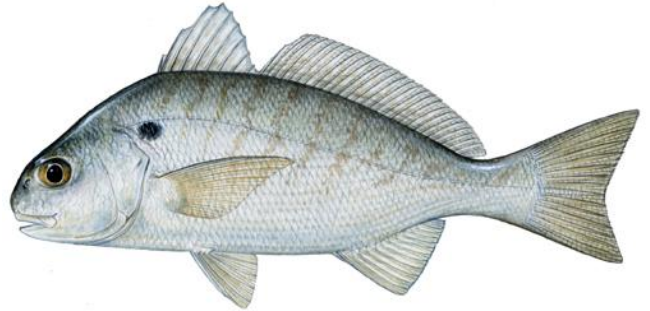
So next time your husband wants to go fishing, bug him to take you and the kids with him. You may just find that you love it too! Oh, and did I mention, I caught more fish than he? Haha!



The above article and photos courtesy of Linda Roth. For more information on the Hurricane Fishing Fleet, visit their website at www.hurricanefleet.com, or you can find them on Facebook under [Hurricane Fishing Fleet](#).

The spots are running!

'Tis the season for the best catch at the beach. Spots, which start "running" from the Chesapeake Bay area around September, will be here soon, from around mid-October to around Thanksgiving Day. There are so many of them, and they're so easy to catch, you can fish from the pier, from the waterway, from a boat, with a net, or with a rod and reel. The average spot weighs half a pound, and they very rarely reach two pounds, so they're considered "pan-fish", a term that refers to a fish that's small enough to cook in a frying pan, but large enough to keep, since some small fish are illegal to keep. You can always recognize a spot because of the black spot about the same size as their eye above each pectoral fin. Spots travel in schools, usually in shallow, coastal salt water, "running" over the sandy bottom. The best way to catch them is to use bloodworm as bait, cut in pieces, but other worms will work too. A light line and small hooks are also a good idea, since the heavy ones tend to spook the Spot away. A good size hook to use is a #6. The best time to catch them is during the change of tides.



Once you catch them, what do you do with them? Well, they're pan-fish, so you can always cook them in a pan. All you need to do to get them ready for the pan is to scrape away all the scales with a fish scraping tool. (If you don't have one, a butter knife will do, but will make the job a bit more difficult, so it's worth it to run over to Sheffield's and pick up a scraper). Scrape from the tail towards the head, on both sides of the fish. With a sharp knife, cut off the head at the gills. Split it on the belly part, clean out the guts, and the dark membrane. Wash the fish real well, sprinkle salt on it, roll it in corn meal and fry in oil. You can always buy seasoned fish breading at the store to use instead of corn meal. Fry them until they're good and brown. The crispy skin is also delicious.

Tips: Use a shark knife so you don't have to "fight" with the fish while cutting it. Be careful of the spiny fins – they're sharp. The cut out guts can get smelly – you might want to keep it all wrapped up and in the freezer until trash day.

CAN YOU Survive The Grissettown Longwood Fire and Rescue Haunted Trail???

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FRI & SAT OCTOBER 21-22

FRI & SAT OCTOBER 28-29

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Brawl King Classic

October 21-23, 2011 - Ocean Isle Fishing Center

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE FORMAT- Fish 1 out 2 days-

EITHER Saturday, October 22nd or Sunday, October 23rd. Declare your intended fish day on your registration form or you have until 7:00am on Saturday, October 22nd to call (910) 253-3474 and leave a message declaring your fish day. -If you do not declare a fish day, Saturday, October 22nd, will automatically be counted as your fish day.



The Oyster Festival returns this **October 15-16, 2011** for its 31st year, offering a fun mixture of new activities and old favorites that are certain to entertain the entire family.

Admission is only \$5 and free for children under the age of 8.

Hours: Saturday 9-6, Sunday 9-5 The festival is located on Second St. in Ocean Isle Beach.

Trash Bash The annual OIB trash bash will take place on September 24 at 9am. Join us in cleaning up our island and enjoy a BBQ lunch at noon in front of Town Hall.



Super Saturday Spending Thanksgiving at the beach? Don't miss Super Saturday, the weekend after Thanksgiving. The Christmas Parade starts at 2:00 p.m. and goes east on Second Street, starting at the Museum of Coastal Carolina. Later, at 5:00pm there's a tree lighting ceremony on the mainland across the street from the fire department. At 5:30pm Santa will arrive at the OIB Fire Department. Bring your children or grandchildren for a great visit with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies provided by the OIB Property Owners' Association. Make sure to bring your camera.

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Like us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with Ocean Isle Beach news, rental updates, and even our silly office antics! Make sure you're a fan of our page by November 30, because on that date, we'll choose one of our fans to win a free reservation fee (a \$60.00 value). If you have a 2012 reservation, or are planning on booking a reservation for 2012, then make sure you [fan up](#)!



Judges decisions are final. Winner will be announced in the Winter 2011 Newsletter. Entering the contest gives us permission to use winner's name and city on our newsletter. Prize has no cash value – it can only be applied to 2012 reservation.



FUN FACTS - NORTH CAROLINA

On November 12, 1789, North Carolina became the 12th State of the Union. Here are some fun facts about the great state of North Carolina.

Pepsi Cola was invented in New Bern, NC in 1898.

The doughnut chain Krispy Kreme first opened in Winston Salem, NC on July 13, 1937.

The oldest university building in the US is at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

The largest privately owned home in the US is the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is the largest lighthouse ever to be moved due to erosion problems.

The first English colony in America was established in Roanoke Island by Sir Walter Raleigh.

Mt. Mitchell, at 6,684 feet, is the highest peak east of the Mississippi.

The Venus Fly-trap plant is native to Hampstead, NC.

Babe Ruth hit his first home run in Fayetteville, NC on March 7, 1914.

The first English child to be born in America was Virginia Dare, who was born in NC in 1587.

NC has the largest state-maintained highway system in the US.

Milk is the official state beverage, adopted by the General Assembly in 1987.

Michael Jordan grew up in Wilmington, NC.

North Carolina State Dog is the Plott Hound.

Ocean Isle Beach Annual Can You Dig It? Sand Sculpture Contest

Right: The Anderson kids, Mikayla, Tatum, Parker, Maddie, Mackenzie, and Savannah, pose in front of their shark sculpture on Saturday, September 3, 2011.



Left: 1st Place kids category winners Watts, Nate, and Sam are super proud of their "Gator" sculpture.

Restaurant Review



"My family and I were looking for someplace different to go eat while on vacation at OIB this year. We went to the Inlet View Bar and Grill, it was Wonderful! My daughter had the biggest meatiest crab legs we have ever seen! All of the food was so yummmmmmy, the service was great, the restaurant was so clean and interesting! Ohh but the views were Fantastic! I very much recommend sitting on the top floor where you have the best views and a nice breeze! My family loved this place, thumbs up from us all around the table. We will definitely go back! One of the best eateries in the OIB area!"

-Bernadine R. Davis

If you would like to voice your opinion about our local restaurants, please send us an email (ncmcclure@atmc.net) subject line, "Restaurant review", and we'll try and post as many as we can in future issues.



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NCDOT Bridge Inspection

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will have intermittent lane closures of the Odell Williamson Bridge on September 12 - 23, 2011 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm each day to perform bridge inspection.



Update to previous newsletter: In our Summer 2011 newsletter, we included a list of locations to receive medical care should the need arise while you're in our area. The list included the Brunswick Community Hospital, Express Care, and Novant Urgent Care. Well there have been some changes since just three months ago. Now called Brunswick Novant Medical Center, the hospital moved into its brand new building about 2 miles further north on Highway 17, now on the left. 910-755-8121.

Novant Urgent Care has closed and is referring its existing patients to Oceanside Family Medicine, on Sellers Road in Shallotte. 910-754-4441.

We had an exciting week at the end of August. On the 23rd, there was an earthquake in Virginia, which was felt in all nearby states. Our rental keys rattled on their hooks, and our computer monitors shook a bit. Three days later, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach called for a mandatory evacuation of the island due to a possible threat from Hurricane Irene. We left the office Friday afternoon but were back Saturday morning to receive our Saturday check-ins. We thank all of you who called and emailed us worried about our safety. The island suffered no damage, except for a couple of loose shingles, and some torn screens. We never even lost power. The good thing that came out of it was that, like last year, when Hurricane Earl bypassed us, Irene brought us some nice waves, and the surfers had a great time.



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RH McClure Real Estate Sales

Below is a current list of properties that are available through R.H. McClure Realty, Inc. We would like very much to represent you in your quest for properties on or around Ocean Isle Beach. Our sales staff will assist you with any listed property in this area. Please check with us often, as prices and listings change frequently. Call

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Beach Homes

Oceanfront-124 East 1 st St 4 br, 4 bath	\$ 1,435,000
Oceanfront-269 West 1 st St -5 br, 3 bath	\$ 749,000
2 nd Row-169 E 1 st St 3 br, 2 bath, half of duplex	\$ 369,000
Soundfront-155 Marsh Lagoon- 5 br, 5.5 bath	\$ 895,000
Natural canal – 79 Wilmington, 6 br, 2 bath	\$ 495,000
Concrete canal-49 Newport St, 4 br, 2 bath	\$ 459,000
Island Park Cottages-3 Myrtle Ct, 4 br, 2 bath	\$ 359,900

Beach Lots

Kings Lynn-6640 Kings Lynn Dr, Soundfront-Holden Beach	\$ 385,000
Soundfront Lot-192 West 4 th St	\$ 479,000
2 nd Row Lot-2 Sea Turtle Path-lot across from beach club	\$ 329,900

Beach Condos

Windjammer Unit 1-J – 2 br, 2 bath, oceanfront	\$ 289,900
Windjammer Unit 1-I – 2 br, 2 bath, oceanfront	\$ 295,000
Oceanside West Ph 2 B-2 – 3 br, 2 bath, oceanfront	\$ 339,000
Ocean Point 1002 – 3 br, 3 bath, oceanfront high rise	\$685,000

Mainland Lots

Bricklanding GC – 1756 Forrest Oak	\$ 69,900
Bricklanding GC-1633 Carriage Pl	\$ 99,000
Bricklanding GC-1625 Carriage Pl	\$ 99,000
Crow Creek – 389 Autumn Loop, golf course lot	\$ 82,000
Crown Stream – 1602 Crownstream Drive	\$ 35,000
Brookhaven Subd. Lot 10 in Brookhaven, 5 min. to Wilmington	\$ 325,000

Mainland Homes

Crown Stream – 1600 Crownstream Dr.- 3 bedroom 2 bath	\$175,000
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