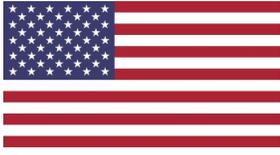


THE ISLANDER

News and information for the
Cape Lookout Mobile Sportfishermen



The Presidents Corner

Hello everyone, and thank you for entrusting me with the role of CLMS President. I'm truly excited to serve the club in this new position. The current board and I are looking forward to working closely with all of you in the months ahead.

I'd like to extend a special thank-you to Eric Kimball and the many previous presidents, board members, and committee chairs for their years of dedication and service to the club. I certainly have big shoes to fill, but I will do my very best to continue the strong leadership they've provided.

It was great to see so many of you at the winter meeting, and I want to thank all of our valued members who help make each club event a success. Your time, effort, and involvement are what keep this club thriving.

As many of you are aware, we are facing a new ORV challenge related to a proposed plan that could affect our beach driving rights. As Eric mentioned, members are encouraged to reach out to Ray Celeste in Congressman Murphy's office to share our club's concerns on this important issue.

I will also be in contact with the park superintendent and head ranger regarding the new cabin opening dates. I'm hopeful they will open soon, as many of our members and park visitors rely on these accommodations.

A big thank-you goes out to Mack Best and his outstanding crew for making it possible for us to visit our island. I encourage everyone to continue showing them strong support and to be mindful of all rules in and around the marina property.

The board and I would love to see club membership and participation continue to grow, and we welcome your involvement in club activities and events.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve. I look forward to seeing you on the island.

Jay Griffin
President, CLMS

Start of the CLMS season, Beach Clean-up is upon us

The year starts off for us with our first island event. The Beach Clean-up will be held 10-12 April 2026 on Portsmouth Island. This year, we will be doing our normal clean-up and the project will be grass planting on the dunes, pending the grass delivery by the Park Service. This event is always a great time with our fellow club members. We will have a lunch and dinner on Saturday. We will have the annual fishing award presentations, Blue Ox raffle so bring your money and get in on the raffle and probably a 50/50 raffle as well. Annual raffle winners do not need to be present to win and the winners will be notified if not there and also announced in the June newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone back on our island. Make sure to get your ferry reservations made with Morris Marina 252-225-4261.



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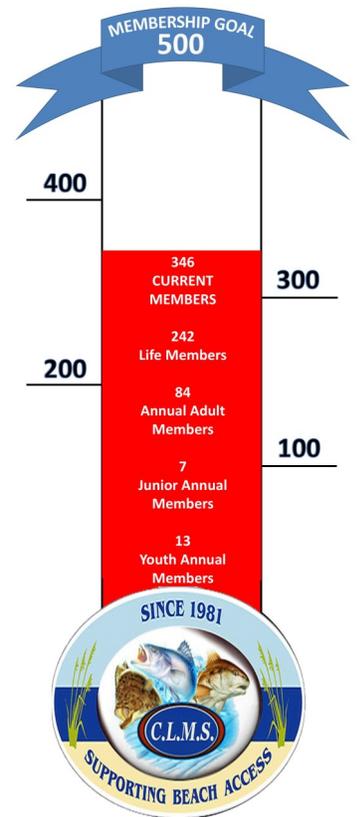
Special points of interest

- Welcome new board members
- Action needed for ORV Access
- Actively recruit new members & please renew past memberships
- New ferry reservation rules
- Have a great 2026 season
- Be safe & stay hydrated





Shaun Alsdorf; Jackson, MD
 Brooke Owens; Tarboro, NC
 Scott Hill; Wendell, NC
 Troxel Nichols; Fayetteville, NC
 Hyrum Nichols; Fayetteville, NC
 Ken Gasch; Durham, NC
 Patrick VanBeck; Willow Spring, NC



We were so close to our goal of 500 members in 2025. Let's bust that goal for 2026, it is very obtainable and we are counting on all of you fine folks to make it happen. One membership at a time. We are about 20 more members than where we were at this time last year, but we still need a lot of folks to renew their memberships to stay on track for the year.



"We hope to see & meet you on Portsmouth Island in the near future. If you see someone with a CLMS tag on their vehicle or flag flying, please stop and introduce yourself"

MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD

Please continue to contact those who can help Portsmouth Island, our way of life and keep it accessible. Please consider voicing your concerns to your legislators! their contact information is below.

US Representative Dr. Greg Murphy
 NC 3rd District
 407 Cannon House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515
www.murphy.house.gov
 (202) 225-3415

Senator Ted Budd
 304 Russell Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510
www.budd.senate.gov
 (202) 224-3154

Senator Tom Tillis
 113 Dirkson Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510
www.tillis.senate.gov
 (202) 224-6342



Marina Jeannie taking part in the annual meeting in January. Please make sure to be aware of the new reservation changes located on the next page.



WHO IS THIS? This creepy thing on the beach during the 2025 Fall Tournament was none other than our very own Terry Clark.

WEBSITE & CLMS STORE

The Website for CLMS is run by Chuck Wood and can be accessed at CLMS4ORV.com. This is the newly designed site, you can now pay for membership, tournaments or make a donation etc... There are forms on the site for downloading. The CLMS Club store is ran by Zach Hudson. The club store is on a separate site and can be viewed at <https://capelookoutfishing.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. There is also a link to the store on our website at CLMS4orv.



2026 ORV Permit Decal Details:

NOT being mailed like usual, pick-up at:

- ◆ Great Island Cabin Camp Office It says this on the Recreation.gov site, but the office is not aware of this.

- ◆ Upon arrival on the island via vehicle ferry for South Core. Find a Ranger on the PI

Proof of Purchase:

- ◆ Printed or digital copy accepted
- ◆ Save a screenshot for areas with limited service

Annual Winter Meeting Highlights

The club held our annual meeting on 10 January at the Stanlet McLeod VFW Post 5631 in Sanford, NC. It was great to see everyone. We met some new members, caught up with the old timers and were sad not to see some of our usual suspects in attendance because of health or unable to travel reasons. A big thanks to Alan Willard for getting us into this new meeting space and for the fantastic food that he cooked up for us. We started off with welcoming everyone and then moving into the business side of things, getting briefed by various people on the state of the club. We then adjourned for lunch and fellowship, Alan cooked up some BBQ pulled pork with all the fixins', baked potatoes, sweet potatoes, cookies and desserts. We then started marking our ballots for new board positions. We had the 50/50 raffle which raised \$1,830 in which Ricky Sanders was the winner of \$915. Then it was time for the Blue Ox raffle where a lot of great prizes were raffled off. Thank you Shane Kalista for keeping Blue Ox's dream alive with gathering prizes and conducting the raffle. Concluding the meeting, the election results were announced. Almost all chairs were maintained, but we welcome Jay Griffin as our new President, Chip Turner, Ricky Hall & Chad Parks into their new Board 2-Year positions. Also a big welcome to our new Secretary, Jessica Carmichael. Thanks to all that attended and we'll do it again next year. Until then, we wish you all safe travels, good health and many great adventures and memories to be made on our beloved island.



Morris Marina Happenings

Address: 1000 Morris Marina Road
Atlantic, NC 28522

Ferry Reservations: 252-225-4261
252-723-4962

Office Hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm
Office is closed on Sunday

Website: www.morrismarinaferry.com

Hello! It was so nice to see everyone at the meeting in January. For those of you who were not able to attend, we discussed a new policy regarding a non-refundable payment for your vehicle when you make a reservation. Due to late cancellations, no-shows, and weather issues the ferry lost a considerable amount of money and was our driving force to make this change.

At the meeting, there were several "what if's"

After speaking with Mack Best, the owner of the Ferry, and voicing your concerns, he clarified the following:

Your payment is non-refundable.

When you make a reservation, or more than one, you must pay for the cost of your vehicle per reservation. So, if you make 3 reservations, you will pay 3X your vehicle price the day you make the reservation. You may change your reservation once without penalty. If you need to change it a second time, you would be charged a \$50 fee. If a third change is needed, you will forfeit your payment and you will be required to start a new reservation with a full payment for your vehicle.

If we cannot run due to mechanical issues with the ferry or weather related issues (wind, low tide) you can reschedule with no penalty.

If it is late in the season, and we, God forbid, have a hurricane, your reservation can be moved to the following year. If our prices increase for that following year, you will be responsible to pay the difference.

Under no circumstance will we refund your money.

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Otherwise, you will be taken off the books.

I hope this cleared up the concerns pointed out at the meeting. Once again, we are very grateful to the club and all its members for supporting the ferry and the decisions that help us to stay in business to keep transporting you to the exquisite Portsmouth Island.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the spring!!
~Jeannie



Time to renew your membership?

The form below can be mailed in or is also available on our website at www.clms4orv.com.

For our digital folks, you can also pay for your membership directly online at:

<https://payv3.xpress-pay.com/org/70F0BDF9561547E>

Cape Lookout Mobile Sportfishermen, Inc - Application for Membership or Renewal



Primary Member Name: _____	\$35.00
Primary Member Renewal Name: _____	\$25.00
Primary Member Lifetime Member Name: _____	\$250.00
Primary Member Lifetime Name (65 and over): _____	\$150.00
Spouse Member Name: _____	\$15.00
Spouse Lifetime Member Name: _____	\$125.00
Junior Member (age 12-18) Name(s): _____	\$10.00
Youth Member (Under 12) Name(s): _____	Free
Youth Lifetime Member (Under 12) Name(s) _____	\$100.00

Amount Enclosed: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Sponsor (New Members): _____

New Member dues include a club license tag and decal. Renewals can request a new tag and decal for \$10 to cover shipping. Junior Members aged 12-18 can fish the Spring and Fall tournaments by paying the entry fee, they can take part in the yearly drum contest in the adult category-no fee.

Dues are payable each year in January. If you join on or after October 1, your dues will cover the remainder of the year and the next year. Checks may be mailed to (payable to CLMS): CLMS, 108 S Woodstone Drive Archer Lodge NC 27527.

During the annual membership drive, Jan1 -Dec 31, any member signing three (3) new members will receive free membership dues for the following year, lifetime members will receive \$25.

A little of your time can go a long way.

During the annual meeting, the president discussed the ORV plan that is in draft form, but has not been officially implemented yet. He asked us to all contact the Superintendent (Katherine Cushinberry) via e-mail only at katherinecushinberry@nps.gov. Let her know how important the beach ORV plan is for us and in your own words tell her that the draft plan that was originally given to former Superintendent Jeff West needs to be officially implemented to protect the beach access and our way of life on the island. This is not something that just affects us, but all who visit the island. The plan outlines the way in which we must traverse the island all while protecting its beauty and the creatures that live there too. There was supposed to be an outline document of sorts explaining the actual plan, while allowing you to put your concerns into your own words, but as of this newsletter, it was not completed yet. We'll get this out at a later date and in the next newsletter hopefully and also place it on Facebook. Thank you all in advance for your comments made officially to the National Parks Service.

2026 CLMS Committee News

Scholarship Committee: (Georgia Nixon, Brian DeMay & Mark Hixson); The scholarship application process is now open and the deadline is August 1. Please submit a 500 word essay on how you would describe Portsmouth Island to someone who has never been. There have been some changes made in the eligibility of applicants. If you have been a CLMS member for at least five years, your self, your children, and grandchildren are eligible to apply. If you are a lifetime member, they are eligible to apply immediately.

Fundraiser Committee: (Matt & Fallon Jones); Please send your annual raffle tickets and payment in by April 1, 2026. If you need more tickets, please let us know (phone/e-mail in contact list). The drawing will be held during the Beach Clean-up weekend 10-12 April.

The Blue Ox raffle is held at the Spring Beach Clean-up and the winter meeting.

Take-A-Kid-Boy Scout Troop 451: (Brian DeMay); This event is scheduled for June 12-14 on South Core. Volunteers welcome and needed, please contact Brian if you plan on attending this event..

Take-A-Kid-Oxford Home: (Mark Hurt); This event was held on August 1-3 on South Core. Volunteers welcome and needed, please contact Mark if you plan on attending this event..

Take-A-Vet; (Todd Spencer); This event is scheduled for November 13-15 on South Core. Volunteers welcome and needed, please contact Todd if you plan on attending this event..

******REMINDER******

Never too early to start getting those reservations in for the Spring Tournament. Pay online or download a form and mail it in. Reservations need to be completed at least a week out or earlier so they can figure out how much food etc... to buy and have ready for the lunch.



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The CLMS Melton Memorial Scholarship

The form below can be mailed in or is also available on our website at www.clms4orv.com.

We are once again pleased to announce that the board approved two scholarships to be awarded again this year!!! Deadline is August 1st. Even if you applied last year, you may apply again! However, you may only be awarded the scholarship once. Please see the criteria below for submission.

CLMS– \$5,000 Melton Memorial Scholarship

Name: _____

Address: _____

Requirements: Applicant must be a current member, child or grandchild of a Lifetime member or a current member who has at been a member for a minimum of five years.

Name of member (your name if you are the member)

Submit a typed 500 word (maximum) essay with the title:

How would I describe Portsmouth Island to someone who has never been?

Provide a list of your extracurricular activities or hobbies:

Name of school you plan to attend:

The school can be a trade school, 2-year, 4-year community college or graduate school (**attach acceptance letter**)

Application and essay or both due by August 1, 2026.

E-mail completed application packet to Georgia Nixon at: georgianixon@triad.rr.com

Down East Guides

Local guides available in the Down East area. Some guides for fishing, duck hunts and scenic trips, contact them for more info. If no longer accurate, please let us know.

DUCKS

Lucas Styron
252-342-1749

Kerry Harris
252-241-0019

FISHING

Josh Arthur
252-838-2312

Justin Gilgo
252-225-2361

Reed Jarvis
252-225-9916

Buddy Goodwin
252-225-7801

Clint McCoy
828-381-4321

Randy McCaskill
910-573-2303
(off shore and in Core Sound)

Digital Newsletter Is still available

As a reminder, you can opt-in to receive a digital format, newsletter. You will still receive the current layout of the newsletter, but just e-mailed in a .pdf format and have with you anywhere & everywhere on the go. If you decide that a digital version is right for you, please send me your name and e-mail address to todd.spencer@reagan.com or text me at 910-797-9384. If you decide to go paperless, you will no longer receive a paper hard-copy. If I do not hear from you, there will be no change, you will receive the newsletter as you always have in the past. This is just a choice to our members, please don't take this as a forced way of doing business, I value your opinion. ~Todd



CLMS-SUNSHINE

Please submit entries to Anne Noyes fishpaws33@yahoo.com, 252-225-0223 or P.O. Box 222 Atlantic, NC 28511-0222
(ensure we have the consent of those affected in case they do not wish to share their personal medical information to the masses)



- We are saddened at the passing of long-time member Anne Knott. We send our condolences to the Knott family. Please view her obituary at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/apex-nc/anne-knott-12676743>
- We wish Terry Applewhite a speedy recovery after a recent knee surgery.
- We send our condolences to Mike “Jabo” Thomas and the entire Thomas family with the passing of Mike’s Father Alfred Thomas. Please view his obituary here: <https://www.ridgefuneralhome.com/obituaries/alfred-thomas>
- We send our condolences to Ronnie Ford and the entire Ford family with the passing of Ronnie’s Father Ronald “Buckshot” Ford. Please view his obituary here: <https://legacy.suntimes.com/us/obituaries/the-wilson-times/name/ronald-ford-obituary?id=60619703>
- We send our condolences to Alan Jones and the entire Jones family with the passing of Alan’s Father Clyde “Leonard” Jones. Please view his obituary Here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/winstonsalem/name/clyde-jones-obituary?id=59828378>
- We send our warmest wishes for a speedy recovery to Anne Noyes after a terrible fall, breaking her hip. Miss Anne always keeps us updated on this Sunshine section, now it’s her turn. If able, please drop her a note or give her a call to let her know how much she is loved.

Important Points of Contact:

President	Jay Griffin	910.322.5748	eutawexxon71@gmail.com
Executive Vice-President	Shane Kalista	919.924.2226	shanekalista@gmail.com
1st Vice-President	Alan Willard	336.669.4136	awillard15@gmail.com
Secretary	Jessica Carmichael	919.697.0349	jessica.s.carmichael@ul.com
Treasurer	Sanford Cain	910.818.5067	sccain365@gmail.com
Board 2-Year	Chip Turner	252.883.4562	cturner@woodgrain.com
Board 2-Year	Ricky Hall	919.280.1776	rickyhallsplumbing@gmail.com
Board 2-Year	Chad Parks	910.639.0183	golfmancbp@yahoo.com
Board 1-Year	Ricky Sanders	252.339.6455	sawdust1798@yahoo.com
Board 1-Year	Dale Hardison	910.604.0601	debdale93@hotmail.com
Board 1-Year	Kevin Springs	336.707.5741	springsapplianceservice@gmail.com
Board 1-Year	Kenneth Martin	704.904.8041	martin196988@yahoo.com
Website	Chuck Wood	336.745.1987	wcbeagles@yahoo.com
Club Store	Zach Hudson	336.300.2787	huddybuddy09@gmail.com
Membership	Fallon Jones	919.634.5708	fbsjones@gmail.com
Newsletter	Todd Spencer	910.797.9384	todd.spencer@reagan.com

CLMS Camper staging lot is located at; 135 Core Sound Loop Road Atlantic, NC 28511



Over the years, many CLMS members have participated in the “Take-A-Kid(s)” and “Take-A-Vet” fishing outings. These yearly outings are very rewarding and everyone’s help is very much needed. Please consider volunteering for one of these fun events! In addition, CLMS provides food at many of our club events and help with cooking would be greatly appreciated!

Contact the event coordinators for details or to volunteer for anything.

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10-12, 2026

Annual Spring Outing/Beach Clean-up
Coordinators; CLMS Board Members
Portsmouth Island

May 22-24, 2026

Don & Katie Morris Memorial Fishing Tournament
Coordinators; Ricky Hall & Chad Barnes
Portsmouth Island

June 12-14, 2026

Take-A-Kid Fishing (Boy Scout Troop 451)
Coordinator; Brian DeMay
South Core Banks

July 31-August 2, 2026

Take-A-Kid Fishing (Oxford Home)
Coordinator; Mark Hurt
South Core Banks

October 16-18, 2026

Billy Safrit Memorial Fall Fishing Tournament
Coordinators; Ricky Hall & Chad Barnes
Portsmouth Island

November 13-15, 2026

Take-A-Vet Fishing
Coordinator; Todd Spencer
South Core Banks

SEE YOU ON THE BEACH!

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c/o Todd Spencer
3837 Harden Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348

