

THE ISLANDER

News and information for the
Cape Lookout Mobile Sportfishermen



The Presidents Corner

Hello again, everyone!

I hope you've all had a great summer and are getting excited about the upcoming fall fishing season.

I understand that both Take a Kid events—the Oxford Home outing and Boy Scout Troop 451—were a huge success, as usual. Thank you to all of our volunteers who continue to make these outings possible year after year. Your time and dedication are truly appreciated.

I'm aware that beach access has been limited this summer due to turtle and bird nesting activity, as well as limited backroad availability. Alan Willard, Mack Best, and I recently had the opportunity to meet with the new park superintendent, the director of projects, and the head of maintenance for the park service. I felt the meeting was both productive and encouraging, with everyone having the opportunity to discuss concerns and plans for the future of the island and the new cabin camps.

We were given a proposed opening date of March 2027 for the new camps. There have been some setbacks along the way with the construction of the new camp structures, but hopefully, we are finally seeing some light at the end of the tunnel.

On a positive note, work is ongoing on the back roads, with additional improvements scheduled. There are also plans to dredge the channel on the inland side in front of the marina. With the nesting season coming to a close and continued improvements to the back roads, we are hopeful that beach access will improve for the fall season.

Once again, I want to encourage everyone to get signed up for the fall tournament and, most importantly, bring those kids and grandkids! It's always a great time filled with good fishing, great food, and fellowship.

A special thank-you to Mack and his crew for their continued service and hard work to help maintain access and availability to the island.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the other board members. I hope to see you all on the island this fall!

Tight lines
Jay Griffin
President, CLMS

Reminder; Get your entries in for the Fall Tournament

Please get your entries in for the Billy Safrit Memorial Fishing Tournament to be held 16-18 October on Portsmouth Island. Please get your entries in soon but at least two weeks ahead of the tournament so the cooks can get a good headcount in order to have enough food for everyone, Ben James will be doing the cooking this year and will treat us to some BBQ chicken and ribs. This will also allow time for Ricky & Chad to get all the tournament paperwork done. Don't forget the kids, we need to get them involved as they are the future of the club. There will also be a raffle for a custom rod for one lucky child and the rest of the kids will receive a \$25 cash prize each. You can register online at <https://payv3.xpress-pay.com/pt/eb09102a978911efa6d4005056b805a0>



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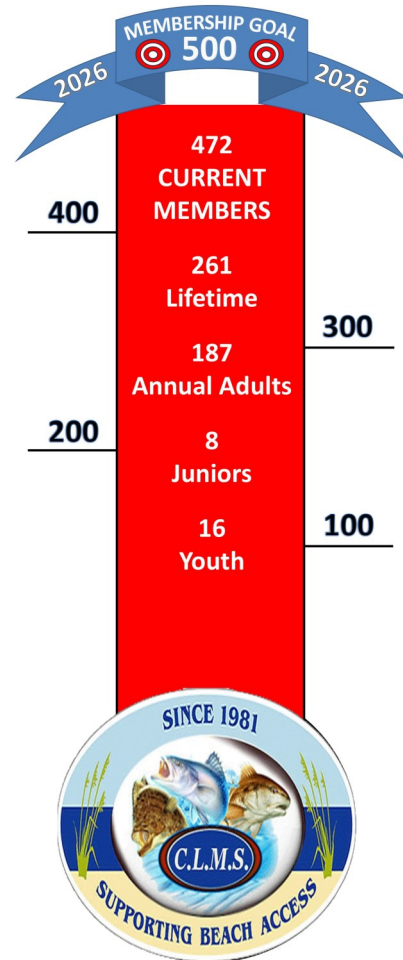


2026 Top 10 Recruiters

Chip Turner	###-IIII
Todd Spencer	### II
Pat Patteson	IIII
Bryant Adams	III
Lee Huffman	III
Ricky Hall	III
Steve Smith	II
Richard Uhler	II
Lee Bowman	I
Ricky Sanders	I

"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"

Catherine Broadhurst; Buxton, NC
James Hunter; Richlands, NC
Jeff McCubbins; Linwood, NC
John Elliott; Hendersonville, NC
Greg Blair; Louisburg, NC
Gary Hall; Laurel Springs, NC



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.



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 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
www.tillis.senate.gov
(202) 224-6342

Easy Peasy, No Bake, Nanner Puddin'

I grew up with a southern grandma that loved to serve a warm "nanner puddin". She took great pride in topping it with a sweet meringue, making sure it was thick enough to make perfect little peaks which were slightly browned before serving. She'd make everyone "stand back" while she pulled it out of the oven. When it browned perfectly, she'd say, "Now that's purty." I don't recall one that wasn't. I think about her every time I make my "nanner puddin" knowing she would not be impressed with this no fuss, no bake version, but as long as it's a hit with our members and the sides of the pans keep getting scraped, I'll keep making it. – Tammy Gibson

Ingredients:

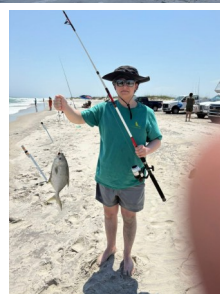
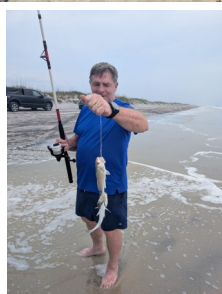
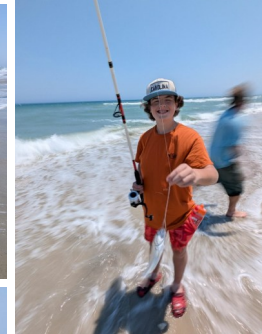
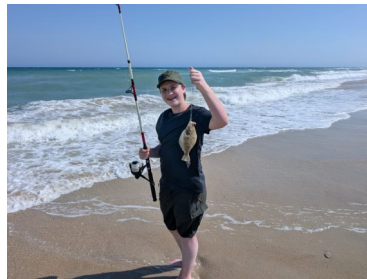
1 9x13-inch pan/casserole dish
3 cups cold milk (whole or 2%)
1 box (11 oz) Nabisco Nilla Wafers
1 box (5.1 oz) INSTANT vanilla pudding mix
1 tub (16 oz) Cool Whip (THAWED)
4 to 5 ripe yellow bananas, sliced about ¼ inch thick (Ripe but NOT mushy)

Instructions: Crush and set aside about ten vanilla wafers. Whisk together the instant pudding mix and cold milk in a large bowl for 2 minutes, until smooth and slightly thickened, breaking up any clumps. While the pudding thickens, place a layer of the vanilla wafers on the bottom of the pan. Place an even layer of sliced bananas over the cookies. Spoon in and spread a portion of the pudding mixture over the bananas. Spoon in and spread a portion of the cool whip over the pudding mix. Repeat the layers of wafers, bananas, pudding and cool whip until the dish is nearly full. Spread the remaining cool whip over the final layer and then sprinkle it with the crushed vanilla wafers. Cover. Can be served immediately or refrigerated. Refrigerating will help soften the wafers. Easy Peasy!!

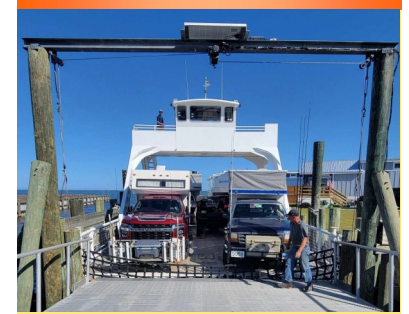
Take-A-Kid Highlights

The annual Take-A-Kid Fishing on 12-14 June was a great time for all. Boy Scouts from Durham Troop 451 arrived on Davis Island in time for lunch Friday. Burgers and hotdogs had been prepared by Brian DeMay, Jamie Little, Waldo, Leigh Bradhurst and Bill. After lunch, Josh Kirschner demonstrated rigging the poles for surf fishing. Ricky Sanders joined us on the beach in front of the cabins and all commenced to fishing. After a very few tangles and some individual instruction, all were able to bait their hooks and cast themselves. 1st fish caught were double whittings and it was on from there, and one very nice pompano was landed. All 11 scouts completed the test for their fishing merit badge. After a dinner of spaghetti with meatballs, we geared up for larger fish without much luck but fished into late evening. Saturday everyone was up early had a big breakfast and most headed south to the point. Fishing slowed down for a bit but we landed a few sharks and cooked burgers and dogs on the point. On the way back we stopped to visit the Cape Lookout Lighthouse, upon return to camp the crew prepared a well deserved shrimp dinner. After dinner, although full and tired, the scouts hit the beach and began catching lots of smalls again. Sunday morning after a big breakfast we cleaned up and headed to the ferry.

We could not ask for more perfect weather, very attentive and polite kids and a great group of volunteers. We also acquired a new volunteer. Wednesday, Audrey Long called me and asked how she could help. She joined CLMS online two years back but has not attended any functions. I told her to stop by so we all connected on the point Saturday. I think she is hooked and hope to see her at future events. We encourage all to attend what events you can. You shall gain more than you put in, I promise. All the scout leaders and assistants have joined the club. Tight lines all, next Take-A-Kid event 31 July-2 August.



Morris Marina Happenings

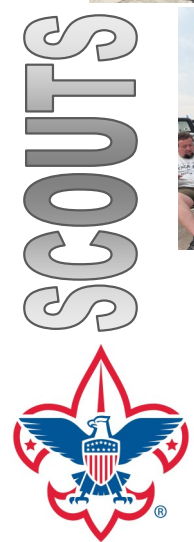


Address: 1000 Morris Marina Road
Atlantic, NC 28522
Ferry Reservations: 252-225-4261
252-723-4962
Office Hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm
Office is closed on Sunday
Website: www.morrismarinaferry.com

Hey Everyone!!!
Hope all is well and everyone is ready to come fishing this fall. This summer has been extremely hot and very slow for us so we are looking forward to full schedules this fall. Just in case some of you are unaware, we have increased our prices. The North Carolina public utilities commission finally approved us to raise our prices after two years waiting, they are posted on our website. We are now charging each vehicle by foot no matter what kind of vehicle you have. Just a reminder, if you have not scheduled a ferry for the fall tournament do so soon as spaces are filling up quickly. We did get word from the park service that the cabins are scheduled to open March 2027. We are keeping our fingers crossed. We look forward to seeing everyone this fall.

Jeannie

The Scouts all signed a CLMS flag and sewed a Troop patch on it and presented it to the club in appreciation for the Take-A-Kid event



Take-A-Kid Highlights

The CLMS Take-A-Kid Fishing weekend was held from 31 July-2 August on South Core banks. Our guests were from the Oxford Home. This event is now going on for the 28th year, my guess may be wrong. But the event is always a winner.

Some of our members arrived early Thursday to start arranging the cabins and the cooking area and work areas. A lot of the island was closed to ORV vehicle traffic due to nesting birds and sea turtles so we set up sun shelters and tables on the beach in front of the cabin area.

Friday morning was clear, dry and calm. The grill meister and his assistant fed us all and got the day off to a good start. More of the volunteers showed up to lend a hand before the guests arrived. Coolers with cold drinks and power from generators to cabins. Had a quick burger for lunch. The guests arrived around 1:00PM and were met at the ferry to assist carrying their gear to their cabin. After they settled in got introduced around they were each given a rod and reel combo rigged up with bottom rigs and sinkers by some of our members. The pick was slow with a few sea mullets and small pompano for the Saturday fish fry. Some of our in shape members kept track of the guests while swimming close in and trying out the boogie boards. While the beach activities were going on other members were busy putting things together for a spaghetti supper including Big Tom's recipe for meat balls. This is an ongoing tradition from our past. Folks were busy cutting vegetables for salads and making garlic bread. Supper was served for all and included drinks and dessert. After time to digest supper the guests went back to fishing for a time before turning in.

Saturday kicked off with a big breakfast with bacon, sausage, country ham, eggs, pancakes and juice. Then back to the beach and more fishing. The guests were told that they had to catch enough for that nights fish fry. They kept busy and caught more sea mullets and a blue. Also some water games. We had a hot dog and cheese burger lunch with chips drinks and snacks. While the beach activities were going on other members were busy making cole slaw, tossed salad, prepping the shrimp and French fries. Some members were cleaning the fish that had been caught. A good bunch of hungry people showed up for our fish fry. We had fried shrimp, fried fresh caught fish, French fries, salad and hush puppies. If you went hungry, shame on you. After dinner was over Christie had T shirts for everyone. She also handed out awards for the biggest fish, most fish and hardest working fisherman. After a brief rest most went back to the beach to fish or relax and enjoy. Some s'mores were done for dessert.

Sunday morning was pretty rushed due to having to make the ferry ride back. The cooks had a good breakfast of bacon, eggs, pancakes, milk and juice. We loaded up their gear and drove them to the dock. A good time was had by all and new friends were made.

It takes a hard working crew to put this on and thanks to all that came out to volunteer. The following members made it a success; Brian, Jamie, Mark, Deannie, Christie, Waldo, Duck, Jim, Leigh, Justin, Jeremy, Eric, Brian, Christy, Leighcole, Ricky, George and Mac. Last names left out to protect the innocent. I apologize if anyone was left out. I am truly lucky to work with this great group of volunteers. Also, thanks to the NPS folks who help put this on. ~Art



2026 CLMS Committee News

Scholarship Committee: (Georgia Nixon, Brian DeMay & Mark Hixson); The application period has ended and the winners announced. Two scholarships will be awarded at \$5,000 each. The scholarship is open to any CLMS member that has been a CLMS member for at least five years. You, your child or grandchild are eligible to apply in attaining higher education. Lifetime members are eligible to apply immediately. This year, the application required a 500 word or less essay about "How would I describe Portsmouth Island to someone who has never been?" The winners are announced on page 7 of this newsletter. A big thank you for all that submitted applications, if you were not selected, don't let that discourage you and please apply again next year. A big congratulations to our two winners and we hope to see you all back next year.

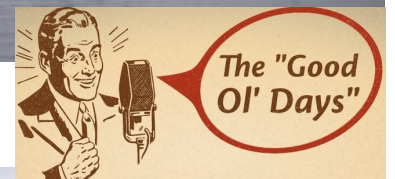
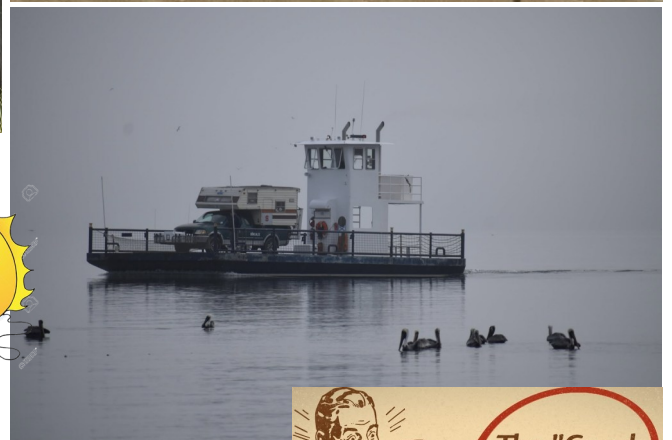
Fundraiser Committee: (Matt & Fallon Jones); Nothing to report.

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 was held on 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 July 31-August 2 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.



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Meet our new Park Superintendent



Press Release - Cape Lookout National Seashore Welcomes New Superintendent

HARKERS ISLAND, N.C. - The National Park Service has selected Laura E. Rich Acosta as the new superintendent of Cape Lookout National Seashore. She will begin her assignment on July 12, 2026.

Rich Acosta brings nearly two decades of NPS experience, including leadership roles in facility and asset management, administration, project planning and park operations. She

most recently served as the Midwest Region chief of facility and asset management and previously served as acting Midwest associate regional director for administration and external programs.

"I'm honored for the opportunity to help steward this extraordinary part of the Outer Banks," said Superintendent Laura E. Rich Acosta. "I look forward to supporting the park's dedicated staff and working with community partners who care deeply about Cape Lookout."

Colleagues describe Rich Acosta as a strategic thinker known for building strong partnerships and leading complex regional programs with integrity and clarity. Her work has supported major planning initiatives and workforce development efforts across the Service.

A native of western North Carolina's Appalachian region, Rich Acosta said she looks forward to returning to the coast and joining the Cape Lookout team with her family.

Cape Lookout National Seashore protects 56 miles of barrier islands along the North Carolina coast, offering natural beaches, historic structures and exceptional opportunities for recreation and wildlife viewing.

Deep thoughts with "OUR" Historian Art Noyes

"The serenity of nature must be more than a once-a-year experience. If we are able to be a whole and happy people, this experience should touch our daily and weekly lives."

~President Lyndon Johnson regarding Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Coastal Historian David Cecelski wrote that the shackling of the Environmental Protection Agency "alone foreshadows the breathtaking descent back into the worst days of our coastal past, when our estuaries, our beaches, our fisheries and the sources of our drinking water were a free-for-all, open to plunder, pillaging and poisoning." "I wish I had more words of comfort for you, but we all know the road ahead is not going to be easy," Cecelski said, reminding the audience that the work of organizations like the Coastal Federation and its partners "will never, ever be greater than it is at this moment in our history." Read more at Coastal Review, coastalreview.org.

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. ~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)

As a reminder to all members that are undergoing stressful times with family members, friends' illnesses (or deaths), we want to acknowledge it and show our support, please let Anne know of anything you would like to share with the club.



CLMS Melton Memorial Scholarship Winners announced



Congratulations to the winners of the fourth annual Melton Memorial Scholarships. This year's topic was "How would I describe Portsmouth Island to someone who has never been". This year's winners of \$5,000 each to be used for educational expenses goes to Ryan Ford and Aubrey Sealey. Ryan is the son of longtime member Ronnie Ford and Aubrey is the daughter of longtime members Jay & Cherie Griffin. Great job on your essays and good luck to you both in reaching your educational goals!

For information on the New "Cabins" on PI

Contact the park public relations representative BG Horvat at 252-503-8079. Ranger Evan Knight said this was the best way to get up to date cabin information.

Important Points of Contact:

President	Jay Griffin	910.322.5748	eutawexxon71@gmail.com
Executive Vice-President	Shane Kalista	919.924.2226	shanekalista@gmail.com
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Treasurer	Sanford Cain	910.818.5067	sccain365@gmail.com
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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 (Complete)**
Annual Spring Outing/Beach Clean-up
Coordinators; CLMS Board Members
Portsmouth Island

May 22-24, 2026 (Complete)
Don & Katie Morris Memorial Fishing Tournament
Coordinators; Ricky Hall & Chad Barnes
Portsmouth Island

June 12-14, 2026 (Complete)
Take-A-Kid Fishing (Boy Scout Troop 451)
Coordinator; Brian DeMay
South Core Banks

July 31-August 2, 2026 (Complete)
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!

The Islander

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Hope Mills, NC 28348

