

THE ISLANDER

News and information for the
Cape Lookout Mobile Sportfishermen



The Presidents Corner

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a great summer! Fishing and beach time is quickly approaching. I have received reports that Portsmouth has survived Hurricane Erin with little damage, however, I am still awaiting the final report on Evergreen Inlet. If everything continues at the current pace, the cabin containers are slated to be finished by late September with Park Services taking over the cabins in October. This should make them available by late October.

The Billy Safrit Memorial tournament is October 10th-12th beginning at 6am on Friday through noon on Sunday. All fish must be at the weigh-in at the shade shelter by noon October 12th. Please register at least a week prior to the tournament so that the tournament committee members can also enjoy fishing without having to manage late entries. In addition, lunch will be served at noon at the shade shelter and registering early helps with food planning.

Please be mindful of the rules for the club parking lot and clean up upon departure. As a reminder, no open fires are allowed and no long-term parking is permitted. We will be making improvements on the lot soon and it is important to adhere to the rules to accommodate the work to be done.

I hope to see everyone on the island this Fall! Safe travels and tight lines!

Eric Kimball
President, CLMS

CLMS Melton Memorial Scholarship Winners announced



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of the third 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 Jackson Wood and Presley Jones. Jackson is the son of longtime members Allison & Chuck Wood and Presley is the daughter of longtime members Fallon & Matt Jones. Great job on your essays and good luck to you both in reaching your educational goals!

~Georgia

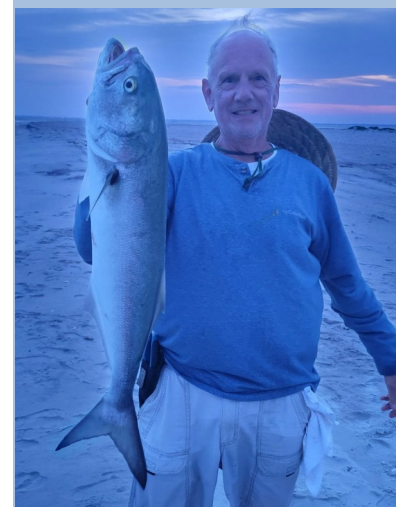


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Special points of interest

- Board positions opening next year
- New store merchandise
- Get registered for the Fall Tournament. Forms are on the website or register online



Hayes Petteway with his 1st place award winning Blue at the Spring Tournament. It's measurements were 6.45lbs & 25 1/4"

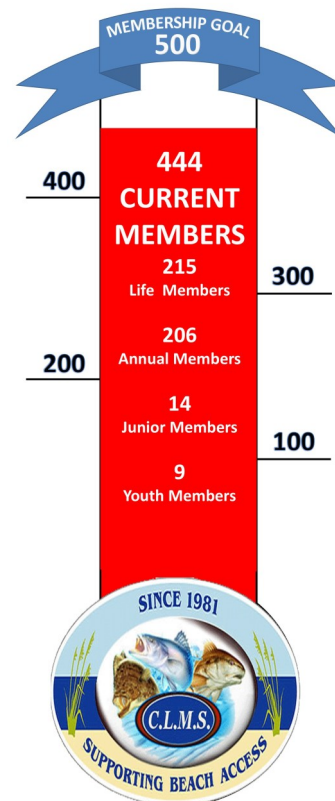


Ben Harris; Winston Salem, NC
 Nick Bergman; Summerfield, NC
 Kenny Moody; Siler City, NC
 Robert & Melanie Rogers; Knoxville, TN
 Brian Sorrell; High Point, NC
 Robert Johnson; Asheboro, NC

We were so close to our goal of 500 members in 2024. Let's bust that goal for 2025, it is very obtainable and we are counting on all of you fine folks to make it happen.



We have by my count, 53 people that did not renew their memberships from last year. If you know anyone in this case, please ask them to consider renewing.



"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.

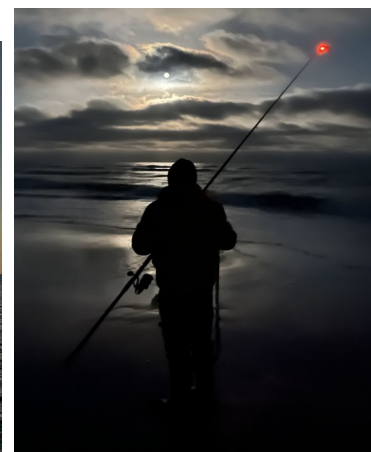
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WEBSITE & CLMS STORE

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.



Above; Did you guess right? This picture is non other than Alan Jones enjoying some beautiful night fishing.

We hope you enjoyed and had a very successful Summer on the water

Take-A-Kid Fishing Weekend Highlights (Scouts)

2025 annual Take-A-Kid Fishing weekend. A dedicated group of CLMS members got together the weekend of June 13-15, 2025 to entertain a group of Scouts from Troop 451 in Durham, NC. Member Chip Turner contacted the group for this event. The location of the event was South Core Banks, Great Island cabin area.

The group arrived on the noon ferry Friday and got to their cabin to get their gear put away. After that we had a short introduction to each other before lunch was served under the shade shelter. We had hot dogs, cheeseburgers, salads and drinks. We set up the guests with rods and reels and headed out to the beach to try our luck. The fishing started slow and picked up a bit. The catch was sea mullets, croakers, blues and flounder. The weather was good to us, nice breeze, mostly cloudy and bug free. Some light showers came in shortly before heading back for supper. Our cooking crew put together our usual Friday night dinner of spaghetti, Big Tom's special meat balls, salad, bread and drinks. If you were still hungry after that, dessert was available for those that could. Most of the kids were up for dessert but the adults, not so much. After dinner there was time for some beach games and a little exploring. Most of the guests and our members were ready for sleep.

Saturday morning we started off with a good hearty breakfast of OJ, milk, eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes. Then it was back to the beach and we decided to head north to look for a good fishing stretch of beach. Once again the fishing started slow but it picked up and everyone got to catch a few. Again there was sea mullets, croakers, blues, a trout and a couple of flounder. A rain came through that sent us back to cabins in time for a lunch of burgers, dogs, salads, chips and drinks. After lunch the group wanted to see the light house and down to the jetty. They checked out the light house and headed south to Shark Island. Several fish were caught around the jetty area before they headed back. A bit of shelling was also done. In and out of some good rain showers for a good part of afternoon. Got back in time for a good dinner prepared by our cooks. There was French fries, shrimp, salads, drinks and desserts. We had a nice time swapping stories about fishing, camping and just enjoying the time together.

Sunday morning came around too soon but because of ferry scheduling they had to leave fairly early. We sent them off with a breakfast of OJ, eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes. We certainly enjoyed our visit with these young scouts and who knows what the future will hold.

Many thanks to the Park Service for their help in putting this together and to Mack Best and his crew for getting us there and back.

One again our members did a great job putting this together, shopping, cooking, making sure everything was in place for our guests. Those members doing their thing were Brian, Jamie, Christy, Waldo, Scott, Jim, Chip, Art, Jeff, Elaine and Don. Once again if the guests enjoyed the event as much as our members did we will consider it a grand time. ~Art



www.clms4orv.com



Did you know that you can view, download & print all of the membership, tournament and scholarship forms online at www.clms4orv.com?

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

There was not any updated info for the Marina, so re-posting the below.

Reminder for all;

All ferry traffic please follow the red Ferry Traffic/ Construction Entrance sign on the left off Morris Marina Road (gravel road). Follow it around until you are behind the restaurant, near the air compressor.

When you arrive there, stay in your vehicle, and call the Marina office for further instructions.

Anyone wanting to camp/sleep in their trucks over night in the Marina lot will be charged \$35 a night to the Atlantic RV Resort. Please take advantage of the lot CLMS owns to avoid paying the over night fee.

This transition has been going smoothly, I just wanted to remind everyone what is expected of customers arriving for the ferry.

~Jeannie



New items are being put in the store all the time, get your clothing and gear at <https://capelookoutfishing.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Take-A-Kid Fishing Weekend Highlights (Oxford Home)

August 1-3, 2025 The Cape Lookout Mobil Sportfishermen entertained a group of young men and their leaders from the Oxford Home for a weekend of fun and fishing. The group arrived on the noon ferry and after we got them settled in their cabin we had time for a bit of fishing. The weather was pretty windy but the young men gave it a good try, catching some sea mullets and croakers. We took a short break for a lunch of burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Back to the beach for more fishing, more of the same, smaller fish and lots of tangles. They kept Mark Hurt busy cutting bait and untangling hooks and sinkers. The weather wasn't great but the kids kept at it until we broke for dinner. We weren't able to move around much due to ORV closures but did have a one good spot close to cabins. Supper was spaghetti and homemade meat balls, salad, bread, watermelon and drinks. No fishing after dinner because Mother Nature was putting on a light show for us. It got pretty intense with thunder and rain.

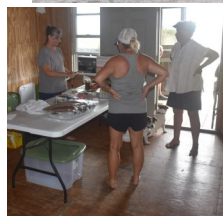
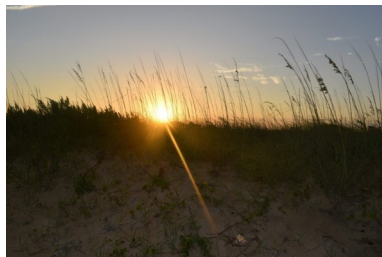
Saturday started off with a big breakfast, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, juice, milk and cantaloupe. Back out to the beach and conditions had really deteriorated, wind was strong enough to make fishing tough. Did some driving around and found a spot on the soundside down by cabin number one. Got the kids setup with little wind and some light rain. Had some cast net training that went well and the kids were even getting their own bait. We decided to stay in that area and the cooks went back and put together a beach lunch, hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks. Plenty of fish were caught for supper, one kid got a 28 inch bluefish, and one other kid got a legal red drum. It is very rewarding seeing these young men having a good time fishing and enjoying nature. As in the past, it was hard to tell who had the most fun, the kids or us. Back at the cabins we had to put up tarps to keep the wind off the cooks and keep the cooks dry. Dinner was a big event French fries, shrimp, homemade coleslaw, bread and salads, and oh yes, fresh caught cooked fish. Those young men can sure eat, it was fun watching them. I can't think of anyone that didn't sleep well that night.

Sunday was a whirl of activity because the kids were on the nine AM ferry, our cooks started early and had bacon, eggs, pancakes for all. Christie passed out gifts for largest and most fish. She had T shirts and CLMS hats for all. After a few pictures it was off to the ferry for the ride home. This event is very close to those of us that have been putting this event on for over 25 years and it was nice to have two new members here for their first time, it did get a little confusing at times because of having two Bryan's and two Christie's. Many thanks to all that came and worked to make this event special for the kids and for us.

To protect the innocent I am only including first names; Brian, Jamie, Christie, Waldo, Mark, Dee, Scott, Art, Jim, Leigh, Justin, Jeremy, Duck, Bill, Brian and Christie. It's my honor and pleasure to work with this group. We hope to continue this special event

We also want thank the Superintendent and workers of the Cape Lookout National Seashore for their help in keeping this event going.

~Art



2025 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 or their children attaining higher education. 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 1 of this newsletter. A big thank you for all that submitted applications and congratulations to our two winners. We hope to see you all back next year.

Fundraiser Committee: (Matt & Fallon Jones); Thank you all for your participation on the 2025 annual raffle. It was very successful. We sold \$12,560 worth of tickets. The winners for the annual raffle are posted on page 3. Scott Autry sold the most tickets. He will receive \$25 as a thank you. If anyone has ideas for the raffle, please let us know.

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 13-15 on South Core. Highlights are on page 3.

Take-A-Kid-Oxford Home: (Mark Hurt); This event was held on August 1-3 on South Core. Highlights are on page 4.

Take-A-Vet: (Todd Spencer); Event is scheduled for November 7-9 on South Core. Thanks to all that have volunteered to come out, I sure appreciate you. I think we will be full-up this year with 12 Vets. We look forward to this healing event for those that are so deserving. Stay tuned for photos in December.



Want to share some of your favorite past pics in future editions?
Please send them to
todd.spencer@reagan.com



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Honoring an outstanding Superintendent

CARTERET COUNTY — Retiring Cape Lookout National Seashore Superintendent Jeff West was honored Monday for his years of service in preserving the park's natural and cultural resources.

West was recognized during the July 21 Carteret County Board of Commissioners meeting with a plaque and a resolution outlining his accomplishments.

West, who has worked as the Superintendent of Cape Lookout National Seashore since 2017, was honored for taking part in the significant recovery efforts following Hurricane Florence and collaborating with local organizations to enhance the park's accessibility and community engagement.

The resolution states that West, "has proven this commitment by supervising 36 employees and managing hundreds of volunteers, not to mention overseeing a park that welcomes more than 500,000 visitors annually, generates over \$30 million for our local economy while also preserving the barrier islands, maritime forests and expansive dunes."

West worked 42 years "protecting, preserving, and sharing his knowledge of our public lands through the National Park Service," the resolution notes.

Among his accomplishments, West spearheaded the reconstruction efforts at Cape Lookout after Hurricanes Florence and Dorian caused substantial damage to the harbor at Long Point and to the historic buildings of Portsmouth Village. He was also instrumental in completing the dredging project from Back Sound to Lookout Bight by working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make the channel between Harkers Island and Barden's Inlet more navigable for private and commercial users.

The resolution also recognizes that West collaborated with the Crystal Coast Stargazers, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, and the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce to secure the designation of Cape Lookout National Seashore as the first national park on the Atlantic Seaboard recognized by the International Dark Sky Association as a Dark Sky Place, "allowing astronomy enthusiasts to marvel at the Milky Way and other cosmic wonders."

"In 42 years of serving the public I have gotten a lot of awards and this is one of the most important ones I've ever received," West commented. "Carteret County means a lot to me... Even though I'm retiring I'm going to keep my finger on things out there and try to help where I can."

Board Chairman Chris Chadwick noted that the parks service has had a sometimes contentious relationship with Carteret County's Down East community.

"They came and took the land and made it a national park and there were some hard feelings in the past," he admitted.

Chadwick said although he was skeptical when West first arrived, he soon came to admire him both personally and professionally.

"You never knew when a new superintendent came if you were going to get a good one or a bad one. But when you told me you were from Texas I knew that was a shining star. And then when you were driving a pickup truck instead of a Prius I knew that was an even better sign that you were going to be a good superintendent," Chadwick joked.

Chadwick said West had more than proven himself during times of trouble.

"You've been the man on the tractor after hurricanes, you've been looking out for Portsmouth Island, where my granddaddy was born. You're just a great superintendent and a hands on guy," he told West.

Right- Retiring Cape Lookout National Seashore Superintendent Jeff West receives a plaque in recognition of his service from Carteret County board of Commissioners Chairman Chris Chadwick. (Photo courtesy of Carteret County)



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.

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 recently learned that life time member Wayne Morris passed away back on February 5, 2023. Posting this notice now for people that knew him. His obituary can be viewed at <https://www.hollowayfh.com/obituaries/Wayne-King-Morris?obId=27230724>
- We wish Josh Smathers a speedy recovery and hope you are feeling better soon.
- We also wish a speedy recovery to Sonny Renegar and hope you are up and at'em soon.

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.



Several Board Member positions will be opening up this year and voted on at the winter meeting. If you would like to step into one of these roles, please contact Lori Jones to see what is available and to throw your name in the hat.

Important Points of Contact:

President	Eric Kimball	336.362.4040	universallandscapingdesign@gmail.com
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Secretary	Lori Jones	336.909.1573	ljones@yadtel.net
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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” 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.

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 11-13, 2025**
Annual Spring Outing/Beach Clean-up **(COMPLETE)**
Coordinators; CLMS Board Members
Portsmouth Island

May 16-18, 2025
Don & Katie Morris Memorial Fishing Tournament **(COMPLETE)**
Coordinators; Ricky Hall & Chad Barnes
Portsmouth Island

June 13-15, 2025 (COMPLETE)
Take-A-Kid Fishing (Boy Scout Troop 451)
Coordinator; Brian DeMay
South Core Banks

August 1-3, 2025 (COMPLETE)
Take-A-Kid Fishing (Oxford Home)
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Portsmouth Island

November 7-9, 2025
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Coordinator; Todd Spencer
South Core Banks

SEE YOU ON THE BEACH!

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