



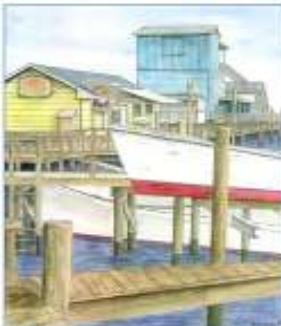
NORTH CAROLINA
**MARITIME
MUSEUMS**
SOUTHPORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Sat. 3:
Kayak Tour with
the Adventure
Kayak Company
- Fri. 9 :
Bicycle Tour with
with the Adventure
Kayak Co.
- Tues. 20:
3rd Tues Evening
Adult Program
Potluck
- Sat. 24:
Southport Wooden
Boat Show

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Saturday, September 24, 2011
Old Southport Yacht Basin

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Member's Potluck

September 20th

Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program

The Board of the Friends of the Maritime Museum at Southport cordially invite all members to a Member's Potluck Dinner on September 20, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Southport Community Building.

"Meet & Greet", Museum Update & Special Award Ceremony
Bring a friend and a something delicious to share
Please call the Museum at (910)457-0003 to reserve a seat.

The Friends of the
North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport
Present



Friday, October 14th
from Six to Ten pm
at the
Southport Community Building

Tickets: \$40.00 each
or \$70.00 per couple

Available at:
Southport Visitor Center &
NC Maritime Museum
at Southport

An Evening of Fun for the Pirate in All of Us.
Featuring: Live Pirates, Dancing, Raffles,
Costume Contests with Prizes and More.
Buffet, Beer & Wine, Rum Punch

For more information:
Call 910-457-0003 or e-mail:
mary.strickland@ncdcr.gov

A "fundraiser" in support
of the NC Maritime Museum
at Southport

NC Maritime Museum receives \$15,000 from Progress Energy

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport received \$15,000

from Progress Energy during a check presentation on Wednesday, Aug. 3.



Progress Energy's donation will be used to help support the Museum's general operations, to include its outreach and education efforts.

"This gift will enable the Museum to increase its comprehensive educational and diverse hands-on learning programs and service to many school children, as well as life-long learners," said Maryanne Friend, N.C. De-

partment of Cultural Resources Assistant Secretary. "Private support such as this is more important than ever, and we applaud the generosity of Progress Energy and its commitment to the community."

"For us, it's important to demonstrate that we care about the communities where we live," said Ed Wills, Director of Site Operations at Progress Energy's Brunswick Nuclear Plant. "This area is rich in history and the preservation of that history is vital."

Cushing's Raid on Fort Johnston

Fort Johnston served several functions during the American Civil War. Firstly, it defended the inside of the Western Bar or the main entrance to the Cape Fear River. Secondly, it defended the back of Fort Caswell. Thirdly, it was used as a recruiting and training station for Confederate Army units. Finally, it was used as the headquarters for General W.H.C. Whiting's Chief Engineer of the Cape Fear District, General Louis Hebert. The Louisiana native had been captured by the Yankees at the Battle of Pea Ridge, later paroled. He was also captured at the Battle of Vicksburg and paroled again. Hebert's role in the construction of Cape Fear forts is sometimes overlooked. Little of note happened at Fort Johnston until the end of the war. Exhaustion from work, intertwined with boredom, and worry over an impending attack from Federal Naval and Land Forces, were the main enemies to its Rebel garrison.



Early view of Officers Quarters following establishment of United States Signal Service station (1880s or 1890s). Photograph from *State Port Pilot* (Southport), February 3, 1969; supplied courtesy Bill Reeves.

On the night of February 29, 1864, a group of 20 men from the *USS Monticello*, led by Lieutenant William Barker Cushing, came ashore in Smithville with the intention of taking General Louis Hebert prisoner. Hebert was out of town. Instead, Cushing captured Captain Kelly of the general's staff, then liberated several black laborers from the local salt works. Cushing reported the acting commander dashed from the scene and "took to the woods with a great scarcity of clothing and neglected to turn out the garrison." Cushing added with mocking regret: "that the general was not in when I called." Without a doubt, General Hebert was glad he was not subjected to being a Yankee POW for the third time. Cushing is also known for raiding the salt works near Wilmington, raiding Onslow Point (Jacksonville, NC) and sinking the *CSS Albemarle*. Cushing sank the *USS Peterhoff* by accidentally ramming her with his ship the *USS Monticello*.

General Hebert and General W.H.C. Whiting, Cape Fear District Commander, were both engineering graduates from West Point in 1845. Citizens of Smithville were so threatened by Cushing's raids, along with constant Yankee naval threat offshore, the town was almost deserted. Cushing's activities in the Cape Fear River area aggravated Cape Fear District Commander General W.H.C. Whiting so much that Little Billy issued a general order. If Confederate forces were to spot Cushing in the river, shoot the young naval officer on sight rather than capture him.

FALL INTO HISTORY

Colonial and Antebellum Cape Fear

October 6 – November 10,
Thursdays 9 a.m.-noon



Visit some of our most interesting Colonial and antebellum sites in this six week series. Take guided tours of Poplar Grove Plantation, the Bellamy Mansion, Wilmington's Historic churches, Brunswick Town, Fort Johnston, and the Smithville Cemetery.



Oct 6 - Bellamy Mansion Tour
Oct 13 - Historic Wilmington Trolley Ride
Oct 20 - Poplar Grove Plantation Tour
Oct 27 - Tour of Smithville Burying Ground, Pat Kirkman (10-11:30 a.m.)
Nov 3 - Colonial and Antebellum Ft. Johnston Tour, Leland Smith (10-11:30 a.m.)
Nov 10 - Brunswick Town, Jim McKee (10-11:30 a.m.)



Fee: \$35/members, \$45/non-members. Please call the Museum at (910)457-0003 to pre-register. Transportation arrangements to be announced.

Registration for classes is for one individual and may not be split among several people or pro-rated for missed sessions. Thank you.



News From the Friends of the Museum (FOM)

Program Sponsor: Sponsors are needed for the Third Tuesday Evening Adult Programs. Please call the Museum for details. (910)457-0003 Thank you.

Set-up thank you: Thank you to Al Biasotti and Woody Wilson for helping with setup for our August 16th program. Your help is so appreciated.

A Volunteer is needed for coordinating Third Tuesday Evening Adult Program set-ups.

Thank you to Harry Warren for a fascinating program.

Membership: Please remember that you can join or renew your membership by mail, the website or at the Museum. Please consider bringing a friend to our next program & encourage them to join. If you have any membership questions, you can email me: Shirley Wilson at wayfarer1@ec.rr.com or call me at 910-454-4327 or call the Museum at 457-0003.

For anyone who would like to renew or become a new member, information is provided below.

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Lifetime - \$2,500 _____ Legacy - \$1,000 _____

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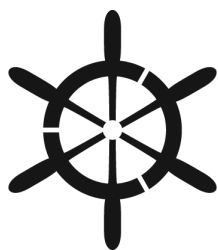
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- () Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.
- () Please contact me about becoming a program sponsor.
- () Matching Gift, Employer Amount _____

(Name/Address) _____
Payment Information: Check payable to: *Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport* enclosed _____. Or join using PayPal on our website: www.ncmaritimemuseums.com

Memberships are valid for one year from the date of issue & are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by Law for a 501©3 organization.

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Museum Hours

Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free Admission

Daily Tours at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

HISTORY MATTERS

The Museum at Southport is one of three North Carolina Maritime Museums. The other Museums are the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras and the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

The Mullet Wrapper newsletter is a publication of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport. The publication is fully funded by the Friends of the Museum at Southport whose members receive monthly mailings and discounts on some programs and Museum store purchases.

Museum Book Club

The Book Club will not be meeting until further notice. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact the Museum, 910-457-0003. Thank you.

3RD TUESDAY EVENING ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, 6-9 p.m. - Annual Member's Potluck

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Brooks Preik, Southport Author

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, 7-9 p.m. - Celia Rivenbark, Southern Humorist

*Save Friday, October 14, 2011 for our 2nd Annual Pirate
Masquerade*

All Tuesday
programs are
free and held at
the Southport
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otherwise noted.
Advanced
registration is
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