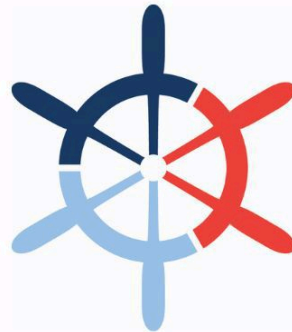


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Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport -

Greetings shipmates!

I hope that you had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday and are all doing well as we prepare to move into Winter and the Holiday season! I hope that you are able to enjoy Southport's wonderful Winterfest!

An early Happy Birthday to our U.S. Space Force – December 20, 2019 – 5th Birthday.

With November behind us, Hurricane Season season officially ends. It may be wise to review your hurricane plan one last time before you put it away for the year.

You should have received an invitation for our Holiday get together on December 5, 2024. We will celebrate 2024 with some beverages and some light snacks as we look forward to 2025! Speaking for my fellow Directors, we hope that you put this on your calendar as we look forward to seeing you!

As always, remember to visit the Ship's Chandlery (Museum Gift Shop) as there are some fantastic items available – especially for Holiday gifts! Of course, you might also consider a membership to that special someone or family; we'd love to have them join the crew here at **our** Museum!

Did you know that you can focus a contribution (any amount of money) towards a certain area (i.e. educational programs) and that the contribution would be tax free? Alternatively, a contribution can also be general in nature (and still tax free!). We were blessed throughout the year to receive these kind contributions. I share these thoughts for your information and consideration in case it may be of interest.

Thank you for your continued interest in preserving and sharing our maritime history, especially at **our** Museum! You are a tremendous group of individuals! If, at any time, you have any questions, issues, or ideas, please do not hesitate to discuss them with me, with Cathy, or with any of the Directors on the Board.

Speaking for the Board of Directors, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and, of course, Smooth Seas!

Tom



Thanksgiving with the Coasties

Can we just say that the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport has the best volunteers? A dedicated group took time out of their Thanksgiving Day to provide and serve a holiday meal to the Coasties at our local U.S Coast Guard Station Oak Island.

Special thanks go out to Sam and Becky Lytle, Tina and Chris Clarke, Claire McNaught, Gail Ferrick, Linda Ament, Mary Burns, Ruth Ann Donaldson, and Angie Hilburger for their generous contributions and efforts to make this day special for this group of service members far from home.

Image courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard Station Oak Island

Don't forget the to visit the Ship's Chandlery to help fulfill your Christmas wish list!

Friends Members always receive a 10% discount!





Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to support the **Maritime Museum** and give back to the community? Our gift shop is seeking enthusiastic and friendly volunteers to help out!

Whether you enjoy meeting new people, love the retail environment or simply want to contribute your time, we'd love to have you join our team!

Call us at **910.477.5154** to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

www.friendsncmmsouthport.com





Upcoming Museum Events

SKIPPER'S CREW

Let It Snow!

December 7

10am - 3pm

FREE

Designed for all ages, these hands-on activities and crafts focus on combining arts and history, and you get to go home with something you created yourself! Designed for all ages, but specifically geared towards our young patrons, these hands-on activities and crafts focus on combining arts and history, and you get to go home with something you created yourself!

WINTERFEST

Historic Holidays

December 13

Noon - 3pm

FREE

Get a taste of history and the holidays when you join us for Historic Holidays. Staff and volunteers will be dressed out in period attire, and historic activities and take-home crafts will be available. This drop-in event is free and appropriate for all ages.

This program is offered as part of the City of Southport's [Winterfest](#).

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The Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport

ALL Friends of the Museum enjoy 10% off in the museum store, the bi-annual Maritimes magazine, monthly Mullet Wrapper newsletters, special members-only programming, and email updates on upcoming events! **Family memberships also receive 10% off select educational programming. The higher your membership, the greater your benefits: Exhibit Sneak Peaks, Special Members Programs, and much more! Join us today!**

YOU CAN NOW BECOME A MEMBER ONLINE:

<https://www.friendsncmmsouthport.com/members>

If you prefer to mail your membership:

[Membership Application FOM.pdf](#)

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"We Cannot Sail This Ship Without You!"



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WE ARE OPEN!

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Museum is FREE, but any donation will help fund exhibits, artifacts, education, and facilities. THANK YOU!

Our Mission

to collect, preserve, and interpret the maritime history of the Lower Cape Fear for all people.

The Museum at Southport is one of three North Carolina Maritime Museums. Our sister museums are the **Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras**, and the **North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort**.

<https://ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/>

<https://graveyardoftheatlantic.com/>

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