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Set Sail with the Latest from the Friends of the Maritime Museum

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Thank you to the Friends of the NC Maritime Museum at Southport for your support of the Museum. The 250th Anniversary of the Burning of Fort Johnson was a spectacular event!



Re-enactors from around the state demonstrated the awesome power of canons.

From the Chairman

Wow, it has been a bit toasty, even for North Carolina!



Upcoming Member Sponsored Events!

We're planning our next round of programs and would love your input! While details are still being finalized, some possibilities include a talk with tug boat captains sharing their experiences on the water, or a presentation from the Army Corps of Engineers about their work along our coast.

What kinds of topics or speakers would you be most excited to see? Send your suggestions to southportfom@gmail.com.

Members are always first to hear about our programs. If you aren't already a member, join today by clicking [here](#).

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We're getting into the heart of active hurricane season so please be prepared and stay prepared!

There has been a lot going on but, hey, this is Southport and this is the NC Maritime Museum at Southport!

Thanks to the City of Southport and all the volunteers who planned for and executed an unbelievable 4th of July celebration! I hope you enjoyed it – whether a portion or all of the events. The Museum was certainly very busy with lots of visitors!!!

A big thank you and a job well done to John, Shannon, and Toni for the many hours spent in planning and organizing the events and program commemorating the 1775 Burning of Fort Johnston. It was truly remarkable and memorable and is one of the events kicking off the 250th Birthday of our Nation. In spite of the heat, it was very well attended. Congratulations, John, Shannon, and Toni on a tremendous day! Thank you, too, to all of you who volunteered and supported the events and program; your efforts were key to its success!

I want to say "Welcome Aboard" to Sandi Ragland and unfortunately also say "Bon Voyage". Sandy joined us June 11th to run the Gift Shop (aka the Ship's Chandlery) for the summer. She did a great job serving our guests during the busy summer months and was integral to our success. She will be leaving us to take a teaching job in New Hanover County. What lucky students to have Sandi as their teacher. Thanks, Sandi, and best of luck as you commence the school year!

As I've noted before, we are looking to create (and expand?!) events for our members and the public so please be on the lookout for other events! If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to share with Cathy Dudley or one of the Board of Directors (BoD).

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

Stay cool, and of course, Fair Winds,

Tom

From the Museum Manager -- Thank you for a successful program!

On July 19th, the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport, in conjunction with the City of Southport, hosted a once-in-a-lifetime event: In the Glorious Cause of Liberty: The 250th Anniversary of the Burning of Fort Johnston. The day was packed with history – from a symposium focused on Fort Johnston and the beginnings of the American Revolution in the Lower Cape Fear, to living history and black powder demos, culminating in a beautiful and solemn evening luminary program. While it was a HOT one, our wonderful volunteers and participants made this an event one not to forget. This event was only made possible through the support of YOU, the Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport.



Oak Island Water Rescue preps donation

After years of service in a saltwater environment, a hovercraft used in coastal rescue has reached the end of its operational capability. But it will still live on in service by helping the museum in telling the story and preserving the history of today's lifesaving crews. Oak Island Water Rescue officially decommissioned their hovercraft on Aug. 5 during a brief ceremony at the station and will donate it to the museum. The hovercraft will be included in a future museum exhibit and is currently not on display.



Volunteer Spotlight - Linda "LA" Ament



What motivated you to start volunteering at the Maritime Museum? I love the navy and naval history.

How long have you been with us and where did you originate from? I think its been three years but I've had so much fun I've lost track! I moved here from the DC area but my family is from South Carolina

What is the single greatest contribution this museum brings to the community? Knowledge of the Cape Fear coast and information that many people may not be aware of such as how the Native American's came to the coast.

What does the staff here excel at? The staff is very good at extending knowledge. If a visitor has a question, John, Toni, and Shannon are really great at bringing the topic to life.

Why do you think learning about Maritime history is important? Maritime history including the shipping industry and fishing history and the naval history is so important to our daily lives. It provides our food, goods and protection. The sea is our live cycle.

What are your hobbies? Physical fitness and reading.

What are you currently reading? Just finished a book I bought in the gift shop about the different ships! I also just finished *Derelicts* by James Sprunt. Also purchased from the gift shop! It's very good.

List three adjectives to describe yourself - Eager to learn and compassionate

What is an accomplishment you are really proud of? I taught the Shah's Imperial Guards English. I learned Farsi and was one of the first females to work for the Iranian government during the Shah era.

What is your dream job? Teaching the Imperial guards was my dream job but if I had to do it over again I would join the military, specifically the Coast Guard.

How did you find out about volunteering at the museum? I visited the museum and absolutely loved it. I was really impressed and asked if they had any volunteer opportunities.

What qualities does a good museum volunteer possess? A sincere love and appreciation of history.

Volunteering at the Maritime Museum is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, and make a difference in your community. Volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Our volunteers commit to a few hours each week, bringing their talents and time to share our maritime history.

I'm Interested in Volunteering!



Do you know the Story of Janet Schaw?

Her likeness sits in the Museum's Exhibit Hall and her personal Journal is available from the Museum Gift Shop. She writes letters to a friend in Scotland of her travels to the colonies in the late 1770's. Ms Schaw provides a view of the cultural climate in North Carolina leading up to the Revolutionary War. An interesting read if you enjoy historical tales.

Oops! We Goofed!!

In the June Newsletter article about the May 22 Maritime Day Presentation we said that "...the average single turn time for these ships (even the 1200 foot longest vessels) is only 19 minutes at the gate? Or the average net moves per hour for the vessel productivity is 41 ships?"

The 19-minute turn-time at the gate is for **trucks**. Not vessels. The vessel productivity is 41 NMPH (net moves

	per hour) which is the # of containers that is moved in one hour on each crane.
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Join museum staff in September and early October for these free upcoming programs:

Friendly Fly Traps

Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join museum staff to create a puppet version of everyone's favorite carnivorous plant (and southeastern North Carolina native): the Venus fly trap! The program is part of the museum's Skipper's Crew series. Designed for all ages, but specifically geared toward younger patrons, Skipper's Crew features hands-on activities and take-home crafts focusing on combining arts and history. Lights will be dimmed and interactives muted during the first two hours to provide a calmer environment for those with sensory sensitivities. Programs run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated.

The WWII Anti-Aircraft School

Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

North Carolina was home to several anti-aircraft artillery training centers during World War II. Join a costumed interpreter to learn about the role these sites played in the evolution of aerial combat. The program is part of the museum's Deep Dive into History series. The free drop-in program is designed to give visitors a deeper understanding of our shared past through costumed interpretation. Programs run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and visitors can interact one-on-one with the presenter at any time during the program.

Bewitching Broomsticks

Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join museum staff to craft a witch's broomstick using your handprints. The program is part of the museum's Skipper's Crew series. Designed for all ages, but specifically geared toward younger patrons, Skipper's Crew features hands-on activities and take-home crafts focusing on combining arts and history. Lights will be dimmed and interactives muted during the first two hours to provide a calmer environment for those with sensory

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For more information on museum programs, visit ncmaritimemuseumssouthport.com or call 910-477-5151.



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