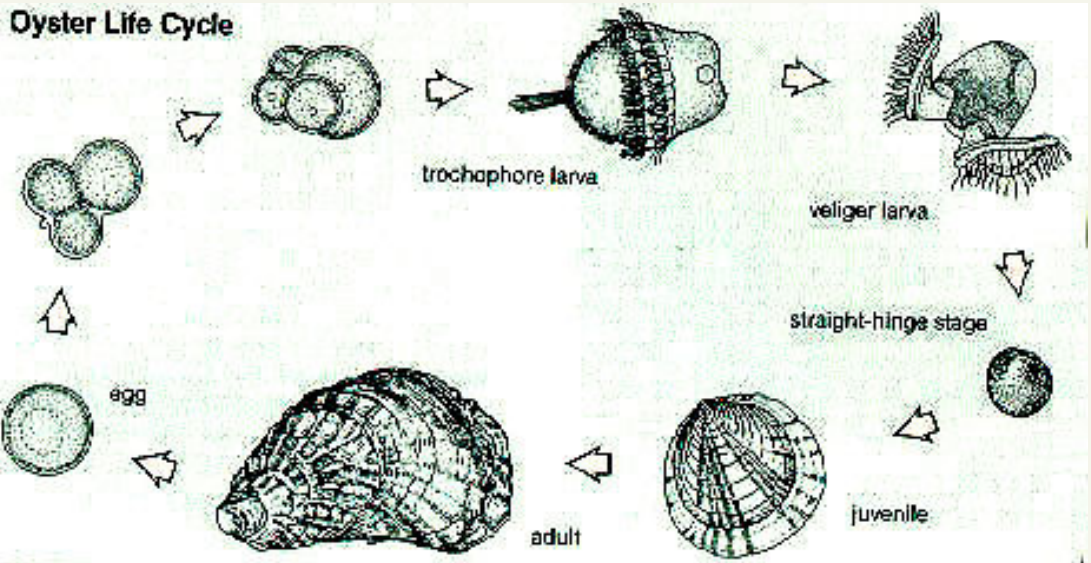




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## THE UNDER-APPRECIATED OYSTER



*South Carolina Oyster Restoration and Enhancement; <http://score.dnr.sc.gov/>*

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- The Under-Appreciated Oyster Tuesday August 19 at 7:00 PM
- Queen Anne's Revenge Tuesday September 16 at 7:00 PM

This month's Third Tuesday program will be presented by Troy Alphin. Troy is a Senior Research Associate at UNC-Wilmington in Oyster Biology and is currently a Ph. D. candidate in Oyster Biology. Troy plans to discuss the biology of oysters in a very interactive manner, and will bring aquariums of oysters for demonstrations related to his presentation. Don't be "as solitary as an oyster," we hope to see you there!

### NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM (FOM)

This month we would like to mention recent administrative changes, and contributions our members are making. Brenda Birmelin has been welcomed to the Southport Regional Friends of the Museum Board of Directors, and will serve as Publicity Chairman. Shirley Wilson is chairman of the Tuesday Evening Programs, presented January through November at the Southport Community Building, in conjunction with the city's Director of Tourism Randy Jones.

Jim Carey has taken on the responsibilities of coordinating the Museum Volunteer Program, and with good success. The team includes Chris Suiter, who serves as volunteer trainer for new Mid-Day Relievers. We would also like to thank and welcome the Mid-Day Relievers: Frank Popelars, Gene Lasinski, Ken Reese, Julie Reuter, Larry Sherwin, Pat Wendler, Dorothy Johnston, Peggy Groce, Linda Bowen, Lois Gable, Bette Nevicosi, Jalna Jones, and Marilyn Thompson.



## 2008 Fall into History

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport will sponsor a six week series of classes titled **Fall into History**. With cooler weather, it gives us an opportunity to enjoy being outdoors again after a hot summer. For that reason, we have scheduled some outdoor adventures plus some inside time also. This season we are concentrating on the Cape Fear River.

The first adventure is to travel on the Cape Fear River aboard the *Solomon T* with Capt. Bert Felton. With six at a time and over the course of three days, Bert will relate the stories of the Cape Fear as he pilots his 1938 traditional NC workboat. The next session will bring Richard Lawrence across the river from the Underwater Archaeology Lab to tell "What lies beneath the Cape Fear River". Next up, a variety of speakers will pass on to you how you make a "Living on the River". This class will cover the wide range of ways that people have been able to support themselves and their families off of the river. Jim McKee will tackle his favorite subject of the "Military History of the Cape Fear". From Fort Johnston all the way to the current Sunny Point, the military has used the river for offense and defense, and Jim will recount that rich history. Doug Springer, River Keeper with the Cape Fear River Watch, will convey the "Ecological State of the River" as the fifth subject in the series. The finale will be to ferry over to the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher, where staff members will give a behind the scenes tour of how the Aquarium works.

\*Thursday, October 2, 3 or 4, 2008, 9:30 am to 11:00 and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Tour of the Lower Cape Fear River aboard the *Solomon T* with Captain Bert Felton.

Thursday, October 9, 2008, 10 to Noon - "What Lies Beneath the Golden River" with Richard Lawrence - Meet in the Museum Classroom

Thursday, October 16, 2008, 10 to Noon - Making a Living on the Cape Fear - Variety of Speakers - Meet at the Museum Classroom

Thursday, October 23, 2008, 10 to Noon -The Military History of the Cape Fear River - Jim McKee- Meet in the Museum Classroom.

Thursday, October 30, 2008, 10 to Noon - The Ecological State of the Cape Fear River - Doug Springer, Cape Fear River Watch - Meet in the Museum Classroom.

Thursday, November 6, 2008, 10 to Noon - Tour the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher and Take a Tour Behind the Scenes - Meet at the Aquarium

\* Groups of 6 at a time on the boat - reservations accepted for specific days as available. If weather is inclement, the trip will be rescheduled.

The classes will meet on Thursday mornings at 10AM, unless otherwise noted. Class size is limited to the first 30 signed up. Cost is \$55.00 per person for Members of the Museum and \$65.00 each for Non-Members; these fees include the boat fees aboard the *Solomon T* and the fees at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. They do not cover the cost of transportation to Fort Fisher. For questions or reservations, please call 910-457-0003.

**\*Please note changes to the schedule for the Cape Fear River tour with Bert Felton.**

## New Director of the NC Maritime Museums

The N.C. Maritime Museums in Southport and Beaufort have a new director, according to Ken Howard, director of the N.C. Museum of History, in a recent press release. Joseph Schwarzer, executive director of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Cape Hatteras, has 30 years of experience in maritime history and nautical archaeology. He is a founding director of the N.C. Maritime Heritage Council and chairman of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuaries Council.

Dr. David Nateman served as director of the N.C. Maritime Museums since 2003, and was named museum curator for special projects for the N.C. Division of State History Museums, with focus on education and long-range exhibit development for the Queen Anne's Revenge project, the Graveyard of the Atlantic, and private and federal grant programs.

## Stede Bonnet Highway Historical Marker

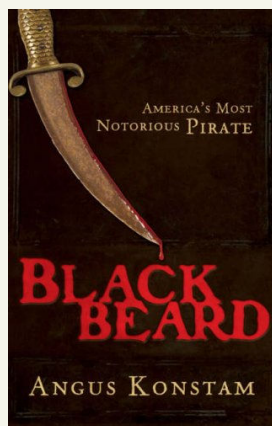


Engraving of Stede Bonnet from *A General History of the Pyrates* by Charles Johnson

Stede Bonnet (1688-1718) was known as "the Gentleman Pirate" because he was a moderately wealthy landowner on Barbados before engaging in a life of piracy. At one time the Gentleman Pirate joined forces with Blackbeard, but the partnership proved unsatisfactory. On August 12, 1718 Colonel William Rhett, from Charleston, led two armed vessels to the mouth of the Cape Fear River to pursue Bonnet. On September 26 The Battle of the Sandbars ensued, and Stede Bonnet was captured, then hung on December 10th in Charleston.

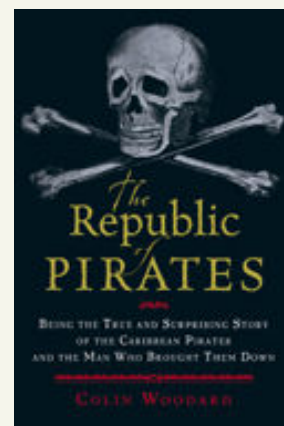
Working with Ansley Wegner, Research Historian for N.C. Office of Archives and History, the N.C. Maritime Museum at Southport is organizing a Dedication of the Stede Bonnet highway historical marker, recently installed at Hwy. 211 & Ferry Landing Rd. The ceremony will take place at noon on September 26, 2008, the 290th anniversary of the Battle of the Sandbars. A reception at the museum will immediately follow the event.

## New Books at the Gift Shop



Angus Konstam's book, *Blackbeard: America's Most Notorious Pirate*, published in 2007 details the lives and practices of pirates and of course, the notorious Blackbeard.

Colin Woodard's Book, *The Republic of Pirates: Being the True and Surprising Story of the Caribbean Pirates and the Man Who Brought Them Down*, published this year interprets the pirates of the Caribbean as "social revolutionaries" and analyzes the "republic" in which a select group of pirates established in the Baha-



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**Museum Hours**

Tuesday - Saturday  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 7:00 PM – *“The Under-Appreciated Oyster”* - Troy Alphin from UNC-W  
(Sponsored by Southport Marina, Inc.)

Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 7:00 PM - *“Queen Anne’s Revenge”* - Mark Wilde-Ramsing  
(Sponsored by Southport Sailing and Boat Club)

Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 7:00 PM - *“Grits, Sand and Southern Landscapes”* - Dr. Bruce Williams  
(Sponsored by Lowe’s Home Improvement)

Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 7:00 PM – *“Home Improvement Celia’s Way”* - Celia Rivenbark  
(Sponsored by Shirley & Woody Wilson)

*All Tuesday programs are free and held at the Southport Community Building unless otherwise noted.*

Thursdays, October 2-November 6– *“Fall Into History 2008”*

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