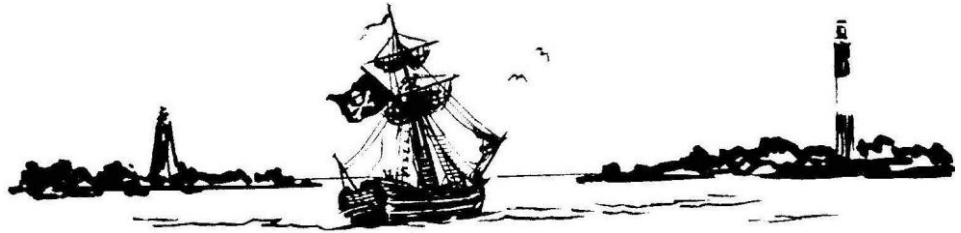


Friends of the North Carolina
Maritime Museum
at Southport



P.O. Box 10412
Southport, NC 28461
910-457-0003

www.friendsncmmsouthport.org

“The jewel in the crown of North Carolina museums” is how the Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources has described the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport. Our new quarters, on the grounds of Fort Johnston, overlooking the Cape Fear River, have exceeded expectations, both for the number of visitors and the quality of its displays. Yet there are still challenges—welcome challenges—to be met.

Acquisition of a periscope from a nuclear submarine is our latest endeavor, and transportation, remodeling and installation will require significant funding. The operational periscope will allow visitors to look out over the river and explore Battery, Bald Head and Oak islands. Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport, a 501 (c.) 3 tax-exempt organization, needs your help and support at this critical juncture in the development of the museum.

Since its grand opening on July 4, 2011, the maritime museum has attracted close to 60,000 visitors to the museum, and to Southport—up by nearly 20,000 over 2010. This influx of visitors has a tremendous, positive impact on local businesses. The cultural resources secretary’s praise of the museum is based not only on the facility, the employees and the displays, but also on the support from the local community—all of us!

The support of the Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport and the community has brought us to where we are today. To help us move forward, the third annual North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at The Members Club at St. James Plantation, which can accommodate 192 golfers plus dinner guests. The tournament will provide funding to help enhance the quality of the museum and its appeal to visitors in the years ahead.

We invite sponsors and golfers to join us in this fund-raising event. The attached sponsor-level information sheet describes how businesses and individuals can help us reach our goal. Donations of goods or services to be auctioned at the tournament dinner are also appreciated.

With your help, we can make this as fine a maritime museum as can be found anywhere. Please contact Jim Carey at (910) 253-6331 or Jim Crum at (910) 253-7843 if you have questions about how your donation can assist this effort. Working together, we will continue to be a standard of excellence.

Sincerely,

Walter Madsen, chairman
Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport