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2023



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The Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center Courses

SCHEDULED COURSES

Classes 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Advance registration required 2½ days prior to class, call (252) 504-7758 or register online at ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/. Friends of the NC Maritime Museum (FoM) receive a 10% discount.

Introduction to Wooden Boat Building

January 28–29, February 25–26, March 25–26, April 22–23, June 10–11, September 23–24, November 11–12

Explore the art of boatbuilding in this two-day hands-on course, beginning with lofting, and moving on to the setup, steam bending and different methods of creating the backbone of small boats. You'll also learn planking methods, both carvel and lapstrake, and use of appropriate fasteners. After two days, you will have the knowledge, skill, and confidence to choose a design and style of boat to build on your own. (12 hours).



Fee: \$180. FoM: \$162. Minimum age: 16 yrs. old

Lift Half Model Class

February 4–5, March 11–12

Learn how to read a set of plans and use the basic woodworking tools most commonly found in a boatbuilder's tool kit to shape a lift half-model of a North Carolina Shad Boat. The models are completed in a step-by-step procedure and then are taken home to apply a finish. (12 hours).

Fee: \$120. FoM: \$108.

Lofting a Boat

March 18–19

Learn how to “loft,” the process of taking information from a boat plan and drawing it out in full scale in preparation for creating templates to build a boat. This is one of the first steps in many boatbuilding projects. For the purposes of this class, you will draw a six-foot boat.

Fee: \$110. FoM: \$99

Build a Boat in a Day

June 24, July 15, 22, 26, 29, August 5, 12, & 19

Each participating team assembles a prepared kit for a small flat-bottomed plywood boat suitable for paddling. The boat is 12' long, 32" wide, and weighs about 40 pounds. Each boat will be completed to a watertight condition and ready to take home for paint or varnish. Teams are limited to a maximum of 4 persons, at least one of whom must be an adult. (6 hours).

Fee: \$650. FoM: \$585. Minimum age: 8 yrs. old.

AVAILABLE COURSES

These classes are available to be booked to fit your schedule. Minimum age: 16 yrs. old. To schedule a course, please call (252) 504-7758.

Build Your Own Stand-Up Paddle Board Course

Call to schedule

Build your own stand-up paddle board custom-fit to your size from cedar and plywood. Builders will varnish or paint their new boards at home after finishing the course. (24 hours).

Fee: Price based on the cost of materials



Lift Half-Model Making Course

Call to schedule

Learn how to read a set of plans and use the basic woodworking tools most commonly found in a boatbuilder's tool kit to shape a lift half-model of a North Carolina Shad Boat. The models are completed in a step-by-step procedure and are then taken home to apply a finish. (12 hours).

Fee: \$120. FoM: \$108.

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Fee: \$650. FoM: \$585. Minimum age: 8 yrs. old.



Multi-Day Boat Building Course

Call to schedule

Each participant in this class will use the stitch and glue method to build a boat, preselected in consultation with the instructor from a range of styles. Suitable types include performance kayaks 11–14 feet long, 17-foot sea/ touring kayaks, 12 to 14-foot canoes, or a 12-foot pram or rowboat. Participants will complete their boats to the point when they are ready to take home to be painted and/or varnished. (60–72 hours).

Fee: Price based on the cost of materials

Paddle/Oar Making Course

Call to schedule

Choose to make a canoe paddle, stand-up paddleboard paddle, kayak paddle, or pair of oars in this two-day class. Each participant will take home a paddle or pair of oars ready for paint or varnish. (12 hours).

Fee: Price based on the cost of materials

MUSEUM EVENTS

12th Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off *

Jan. 20, 6 p.m.

Four guest clam chowder cooks compete at the Watercraft Center. The event also includes a cornbread taste-off. Participants will taste samples of the chowders and cornbread and vote for their favorite. Beer and wine included. Limited tickets available.

Bonehenge Whale Center Open House

April 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Bonehenge Whale Center at Gallants Channel is complete and ready to welcome limited visitation. Work conducted at this facility includes research on marine mammals, stranded specimen collection, skeletal rearticulation, education, and conservation of North Carolina whales (including dolphins and porpoise). The Center operates as a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the Carolina Cay Maritime Foundation. Choose from specific hourly time slots and sign up for a 30-minute guided tour of the facility and current projects on this special open house day. Guests must be ages 12 and up. Free. Pre-registration required by 5 p.m. March 30. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.

47th Annual Wooden Boat Show

May 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Events are scheduled May 5-7

Enjoy a variety of small wooden boats, historic vessels, nautical crafts, educational activities, boat models, traditional skills demonstrations and displays. It is the longest-running wooden boat show in the Southeast. Free.



May 5-6 Go Sailing in a Wooden Boat

May 5 47th Annual Wooden Boat Show
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May 6 Wooden Boat Kids Activities

May 6 47th Annual Wooden Boat Show

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May 6 Awards Reception

May 7 Traditional Skiffs in Taylors Creek

North Carolina Maritime Museum's Maritime Day

June 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

An old fashioned, family-oriented picnic at the N.C. Maritime Museum's expansion site at Gallants Channel in Beaufort. Come and sail in the museum's fleet of traditional wooden boats, or cast a line with a cane pole, join in games or just relax and enjoy the music and spectacular view of Gallants Channel and the surrounding waterway. All Maritime Day activities are free and open to the public. There will be live music, boat rides, yard games and kid's activities. A collection of food trucks will be offering lunch.

June Party Fundraiser *

June 16, 6:30 p.m.

Summer party on the Harborside Deck. Fundraiser for the Friends of the Museum. Contact the Friends at (252) 728-1638 for more details.

Great 4th Race

July 6, 9 a.m.

Traditionally-rigged sailing craft rally to celebrate the historic voyages that carried news of the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the Outer Banks. Boat registration required for participation. Free. Boats will gather in Taylors Creek between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Organized by the Traditional Small Craft Association, FoM Chapter.

17th Annual Crab Cake Cook-off *

July 21, 6 p.m.

Taste delicious crab cakes made by four volunteer guest chefs, and vote on your favorite at this museum fundraiser at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. The event also has a slaw taste-off. Space is limited. Ticketed event for the Friends of the Museum Members.



Traditional Skiff Rally

Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Each year during the museum's August traditional skiff sailing event, boaters race around the islands for the Shanghai Trophy. Event organized by the Traditional Small Craft Association, FoM Chapter. Call (252) 728-2762.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Sept. 1, 6-8:30 p.m.

End your summer with a BANG at our annual Murder Mystery Dinner. Museum staff and volunteers prepare an entertaining evening involving a murder plot, clues and of course a twist, all while you enjoy a catered meal! Come help us solve the museum's latest unfortunate "accident." \$75. Pre-Registration required.

For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.



32nd Annual North Carolina Seafood Festival Rally

Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Traditional skiffs sail prior to the Blessing of the Fleet. Launch/rig from the Watercraft Center, sail from Beaufort to the Morehead City waterfront and enjoy shrimp burgers at 11 a.m. Sail/race to Beaufort starts at noon. Organized by the Traditional Small Craft Association, FoM Chapter.

MUSEUM EVENTS *continued...*

Fall In-The-Water Meet *

Oct. 14, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Traditional Small Craft Association hosts this gathering at the Gallants Channel docks. All small boats are welcome. Free boat rides for the public. Pig pickin.' Ticketed event.

Boo-fort Trunk-or-Treat

Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m.

Wear your favorite costume and cruise between different ports (trunks) to gather treats or play tricks on those who are unprepared! This event will be held at the Museum's Gallants Channel Annex in a traditional trunk or treat atmosphere where participants walk through a safely lit area and trick or treat from approved vendors. Free; no registration required. Pre-registration required for "trunks."



Trail of Terror

Oct. 28, 6-8 p.m.

The Film Club from East Carteret High School and the staff of the museum partner to create a spooky haunted hayride at the Museum's Gallants Channel Annex. As the night gets darker, the ride gets spookier. \$5 per rider; children under 8 years old are free. Proceeds benefit the ECHS Film Club and NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

Boatshop Bash *

Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

Friends of the North Carolina Maritime Museum hosts this annual fundraising party for members and the public. This event includes music, food, and live and silent auctions.

30th Annual Crystal Coast Christmas Flotilla *

Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

A parade of holiday lighted boats begins in Morehead City at 5:30 p.m. and arrives in Beaufort about 6:15. All decorated boats are judged, and awards follow at the Watercraft Center. To enter call (252) 728-1638.



Friends of the Maritime Museum Annual Membership Meeting & Holiday Open House

Dec. 3, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting 2 p.m. Holiday reception 3-4 p.m. Free. Everyone is welcome to join the Friends of the Museum. Learn more at maritimefriends.org.

COASTAL CULTURE PROGRAMS

Maritime Heritage Series

Jan.-Dec.: Select Thursdays, 11 a.m. See 'Maritime Heritage Series' under 'Calendar at a Glance.'

Come learn about North Carolina's rich maritime history, coastal environment, and culture at these informal lectures. Specific topics are listed in the 'Calendar at a Glance' under 'MHS' and on the museum website. Free, no registration required. Attend in person in the museum auditorium or watch online! To enjoy the lecture virtually, please visit our [website](#).

Maritime Matinee

Jan. 18, Mar. 9, May 15, Sept. 27, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, 1 p.m.

Come enjoy an afternoon matinee! Selected films engage visitors on topics of maritime history, culture, and the natural environment of coastal North Carolina. Check the 'Calendar at a Glance' or the museum website for specific film titles. Free, no registration required.

Adults Only Tour

Feb. 10, Mar. 24, April 21, May 19, Jun. 23, July 28, Aug. 18, Sept. 22, 6 p.m.

This program is rated R due to language, alcohol, and explicit content. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. Laugh, drink, and learn during this hour-long tour designed for adults only (ages 21+).

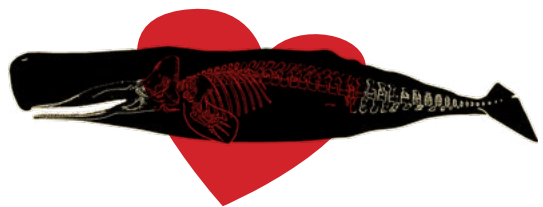
Enjoy your beverage of choice as you learn about some lesser told stories related to maritime history. In this evening tour, tales of love triangles, indecency, drugs, and more will be covered. Tickets are \$30 per person (\$25 for Friends of the Maritime Museum members). Cost includes tour, moonshine tasting, and souvenir cup. Pre-registration required by noon day prior. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/



Heart of the Sea

Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Join us for a Valentine's Day presentation about our beloved whale Echo. Learn about putting together his skeleton and preserving his heart. This presentation also



covers the story of Bonehenge Whale Center, a massive volunteer effort inspired by the skeletal display of our sperm whale and its heart. Free, no registration required.

COASTAL CULTURE PROGRAMS *continued...*

Behind the Scenes Tour: Bonehenge Whale Center

April 4, 10 a.m., June 10, 10 a.m., July 27, 2 p.m., Aug. 25, 10 a.m., Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

During this 40-minute tour of the Bonehenge Whale Center, participants will learn about local whaling history, whale anatomy, rearticulation of whale skeletons, and conservation of marine mammals. This program will include opportunities to view current projects underway and previously prepared



specimens. The center operates as a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, North Carolina Maritime Museum, and the Carolina Cay Maritime Foundation. Participants must be 12 years of age or older; those ages 12 through 17 must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person (fees will support the nonprofit Bonehenge Whale Center). Pre-registration required by noon day prior. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.

Sea Turtles of North Carolina: World Turtle Day

May 23, 11 a.m.

Come celebrate World Turtle Day! Spending only a brief time on land, sea turtles are quite different from most other turtles we know. From hatchling to adult, a lifetime at sea is no small task for these reptiles that grow so big. Learn about the different species of sea turtles that inhabit the coastal waters of North Carolina and the trials they face from before they even emerge from their sandy nest. Free, no registration required.



Whales off North Carolina

Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

North Carolina has many species of whales that travel near our shores and sometimes strand on our beaches. This makes it ideal for scientists to study and promote the conservation and understanding of these endangered marine mammals. Join Natural Science Curator Keith Rittmaster to learn about the whales most commonly spotted off the coast of North Carolina and to handle some of the related display items he will present.



Taken under NOAA Fisheries permit.

IN THE FIELD & ON THE WATER PROGRAMS

Hiking and History on Shackleford Banks

April 26, Aug. 30, and Oct. 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Experience Outer Banks history and wildlife with a guided hike on Shackleford Banks, part of the Cape Lookout National Seashore. Participants will take a ferry to an undeveloped barrier island. This field trip requires hiking through sandy terrain for long distances. \$35. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required by noon day prior. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.



Kayak the Salt Marsh

May 23, June 7, Aug. 3, and Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-noon

Learn about salt marshes and wildlife while on the water. Basic kayak instruction and safety lessons on shore are followed by a 1.5-mile paddle through the salt marsh. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must know how to swim; some kayak experience is recommended. \$35 (\$30 with own kayak). Pre-registration required by noon day prior. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.




Exploring Coastal Habitats on the Rachel Carson Reserve

May 16, June 1, and Aug. 10, 9 a.m.-noon

Discover the various plants and animals of the salt marsh and tidal flats at the Rachel Carson Reserve. A guided hike will take you through the different habitats found on Town Marsh and Bird Shoal. The terrain will be sandy, muddy, and wet. \$25. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required by noon day prior. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.



SUMMER SCIENCE SCHOOL

Summer Science School offers students the opportunity to learn about the natural and maritime history of coastal North Carolina. The museum partners with the Rachel Carson Estuarine Research Reserve  to offer these experiences. Classes are noted with Summer Science School on "Calendar at a Glance." Friends of the NC Maritime Museum receive a 10% discount. **Registration is required by noon the day prior to class; registration opens January 24. Call (252) 504-7758 or visit the [website](#).**

ENTERING GRADES 1 & 2

Pirates!

July 20-21, Aug. 2-3, 9 a.m.-noon

Young pirates and their fearless captain will work together to learn how pirates like Blackbeard lived. The pirate crew will set the rules of the ship and go on a pirate worthy hunt through the museum to locate hidden treasure! Advance registration required. **\$90.**



Seashore Life I

July 10-11, Aug. 8-9, 9 a.m.-noon

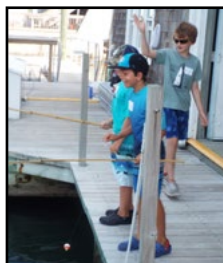
Investigate coastal marine life of the tidal flats, salt marshes and sounds on local islands in this two-day class. Field-based classes include ferry ride, barrier island hiking, and animal identification. Advance registration required. **\$90.**

ENTERING GRADES 3

Fish & Fishing

June 27, July 7, Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-noon

Learn about coastal fish and fishing methods. Cane poles, bait, and tackle are provided for dock fishing for this one-day class. Students also use nets to catch and identify marine life in nearshore waters and create take-home artwork to share with their family. Advance registration required. **\$45.**



ENTERING GRADES 4

Boats & Models

June 20-21, July 18-19, 9 a.m.-noon

Build a model of a sportfishing boat at the museum's Watercraft Center. Use museum exhibits and field trips to learn about boats used for offshore charter fishing and some of the fish targeted by fishermen aboard these uniquely designed vessels. Advance registration required. **\$90.**

ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6



Seashore Life II

June 27-29, July 12-14, 9 a.m.-noon

Investigate estuarine habitats, plants, and animals through field and lab studies. This three-day course includes a field trip to the Rachel Carson National Estuarine Research Reserve, water quality testing, plankton identification, and many more activities. Advance registration required. **\$120.**

ENTERING GRADES 7-10



Coastal Adventures

July 25-27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Students will learn more in depth the importance of estuaries and coastal processes in this three-day camp that includes a field trip to the Rachel Carson Reserve, plankton observing, squid dissections, bird watching, and many more hands-on scientific experiments. **\$120.**

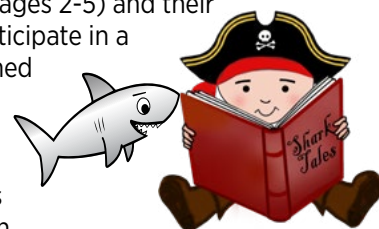


CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Merry-time for Tots

Every 2nd Wednesday, Jan.-Dec., 10 a.m.

Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their caregivers participate in a maritime themed hands-on experience, craft, and activity. Topics rotate between



pirates, sharks, whales, and fish with a focus on both experience and exposure. Each program is 45-60 minutes long. Caregivers are asked to stay for entire program. Pre-registration required by noon day prior; \$10 per participating child (Friends of the Museum members \$5). Or enjoy a 20-percent discount with the purchase of a three-month seasonal package. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.

Ocean Infants

Every 2nd Thursday, Jan.-Dec., 9 a.m.

This program, designed for infants (0-2 years) and their caregivers, involves maritime themes covering whale bones, shark teeth, and pirate hats! The program is designed to give the caregiver and infant the chance to bond, learn, and socialize. Each program is 30 minutes long. Caregivers are asked to stay for entire program. Pre-registration required by noon day prior; \$5 per participating child (Friends of the Museum members \$2). Or enjoy a 20-percent discount with the purchase of a three-month seasonal package. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.

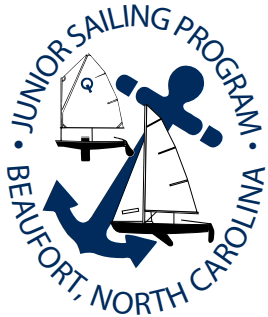
Museum Under the Stars

Jan. 20, 5:30-9 p.m.

Following a pirate themed pizza party, participants will learn about the real Golden Age of Piracy and how real pirates compare to their Hollywood counterparts. After the sun has set, activities will move to the museum's observation deck and front porch to learn how to navigate as a pirate using the stars and a compass. \$90 per child (\$85 for Friends of the Maritime Museum members) Recommended for children ages 8-11. Pre-registration required by noon day prior. For information or to register, call (252) 504-7758 or visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/.



JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM *



The Junior Sailing Program offers sailing sessions for youth ages 8 and older. The Program teaches seamanship, from basic to more advanced, and competitive racing during Regatta Week.

Each participant is assigned a boat in which he or she will sail. Those students enrolled in the Optimist classes will sail alone, while the Club 420 is sailed with a two-person crew.

The Junior Sailing Program uses two classes* of sailboats that are commonly used in sailing and racing programs throughout the US.

International Optimist Dinghy (IOD or Opti)

The IOD is recognized worldwide as the sail-training and competition boat for youth ages 8-15 and is the ideal craft for teaching sailing to beginners. It has a single, sprit-rigged sail and is 7 feet 9 inches long. The Junior Sailing Program uses 20 IODs, all built at the Museum's Watercraft Center and maintained by staff and volunteers. The maximum student weight in the Opti is 130 lbs.

Club 420 (C420)

The C420 is 13 feet 9 inches long and has two sails—a mainsail and a jib. It carries a two-person team. Each crew member will learn to rig, launch, and sail this fun and fast daysailer. Racing fundamentals, tuning techniques, and proper boat handling will be covered. The program has six C420s. Students wishing to participate in the C420 class must have sailing experience and knowledge, preferably from at least one session of the Museum's Junior Sailing Program. Participants must weigh at least 100 lbs.

Participants in all sessions must:

- Be at least 8 years old when classes begin (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- Be able to successfully demonstrate their ability to swim.
- Have parent complete and return the Student Medical and Liability Release and Covid 19 Forms.
- Bring a US Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD).

In addition, students should bring suitable clothing and accessories, including water shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and water bottle.

Junior Sailing is a Friends of the Museum program

Sailing sessions for youth ages 8 to 16 use the fun of sailing to teach boat handling and seamanship, from basic to more advanced, as well as competitive racing during Regatta Week. The program promotes self-reliance, awareness of safety, adaptability to the forces of nature; and develops self-confidence, sportsmanship, and respect for others, boats, and the sea.

Registration begins Jan. 17. The fee is \$435 per session. Members receive a \$35 discount per session. Sessions for Optis and C420s are offered. Sessions consist of one group in the morning from 8:30 a.m.–noon and another in the afternoon from 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Session I	June 12-23
Session II	June 26-July 7
Session III	July 10-21
Session IV	July 24-Aug. 4

Session V, Regatta Week Aug. 7-11, 12:30-5 p.m.

The purpose of this five-day Regatta Week is to gain greater familiarity with the boats and to prepare for and race in a regatta. Participants must have prior sailing experience. Regatta registration and lunch and dinner on Friday are included in the fee.

Limited Spaces Available!

Registration for the Junior Sailing Program is done [online](#) starting January 17, 2023.

For information call the program registrar at (252) 504-7758 or the Friends (252) 728-2762.



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Registration and Refund Policy for Museum Programs:

Advance registration is required for all paid programs. To register, call (252) 504-7758, visit the museum or sign up online at <https://ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/events/>. Registration is confirmed only after payment is processed. Registration cut off for programs varies; for most field trips, children's programs, and tours it is the day prior at noon. For Watercraft Center Courses, cutoff for sign up is 2½ days prior to start of course. For group programs, call (252) 504-7743 for details and reservations.

Registration costs, less a 10% fee, are refunded when the museum receives cancellation notice at least 48 hours before the start of a program. There is no refund within 48 hours of the start of a program. Due to material costs and supply, Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center Courses require a 2-week notification for cancellations; only the course fee is refunded if cancellation occurs prior to 2 weeks. The Museum reserves the right to cancel any program that does not meet the minimum participant requirement up to one week before the program is scheduled. In the event of cancellation due to low enrollment, participants who have submitted a fee will receive a full refund. If a program is canceled due to inclement weather and unable to be rescheduled for another date, the participants will receive a full refund.

Field trips into coastal habitats may involve travel by boat or van, and/or hiking or wading in shallow water. **Closed-toe shoes are required for safety on field trips.**

Registration and Refund Policy for Junior Sailing:

The Junior Sailing Program brochure and registration form are available on the [website](#). For information call the program registrar at (252) 504-7758 or the Friends (252) 728-2762.

Reservations cannot be made via email and are confirmed only after payment is processed. Registration costs, less a 10% fee, are refunded when the museum receives cancellation notice at least two weeks before the start of the session. **There is no refund within two weeks of the start of the session.**