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North Carolina Coastal Federation Announces 2015 Coastal Cruise Series

OCEAN - Climb onboard the covered passenger boat, the *Lady Swan*, for the federation's 2015 Coastal Cruise Series beginning May 27. These popular 2-hour tours cruise through the estuaries around Swansboro and Bear Island offering participants a relaxing and fun-filled morning on the water. This year's programs feature Marsh and Shelling Cruises and depart from the Hammocks Beach State Park Visitor Center in Swansboro.

MARSH CRUISES

Our Marsh Cruises will explore the coastal waters and marshes of Hammocks Beach State Park. Here, where the rivers meet the sea, we come to nourish our youthful spirit by fishing, sailing, swimming and sometimes, just kicking back and enjoying the ride. This cruise offers spectacular views of the coastline from a very different perspective. Experience and learn about this vital habitat that is home to hundreds of amazing marine creatures. If conditions are favorable, we may also get to pull a dip and seine net to see first-hand what creatures actually lie beneath the waves.

Marsh Cruises take place on the following Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m:

June 3, 17, July 1, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 19

SHELLING CRUISES

If you love collecting seashells and other treasures while walking on the beach, then our Shelling Cruise will not disappoint! You will get up-close and personal with marine

invertebrates that call these shelled wonders home as you learn all about the shells that can be found on the Crystal Coast. We'll even stop at Bear Island, one of the best shelling destinations on the coast, to explore the shore and collect shells.

Shelling Cruises take place on the following Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m:
May 27, June 10, 24, July 8, August 12

Fees for either cruise are \$20 for federation members and \$25 for non-members. All ages are welcome, though the program is geared towards adults and older children.

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