



# North Carolina Coastal Federation

*Working Together for a Healthy Coast*

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## Cycling Event to Honor Coastal Steward, Jack Cleaves

OCEAN - On Saturday, Sept. 26 the North Carolina Coastal Federation will dedicate its annual Cycling for the Coast ride to longtime friend and supporter, the late Jack Cleaves of Swansboro, who passed away in September 2014. Cleaves was an avid cyclist and friend of the coast who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the federation. Cleaves was honored for his dedication in 2006 when he received the federation's Volunteer of the Year Pelican Award.

"Jack was an inspiration that encouraged others to follow his example. His infectious smile encouraging others will truly be missed at this year's race," noted Sam Bland, a coastal specialist for the federation. "Jack contributed more than his share of time to making our coast more beautiful and a place we all can be proud of," added Bland.

The fifth annual bike ride will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 and travels along beautiful Bogue Banks. The family friendly ride offers 20K (12.4 miles), 40K (24.8 miles) and 80K (49.7 miles) distances. All cyclists will begin and end at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. The event will continue with a post-ride celebration at the Idle Hour in Atlantic Beach.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Federation members can register for \$35, \$50 for nonmembers. Both fees include a Cycling for the Coast T-shirt plus lunch and beverages at the post-ride celebration.

Visit [www.nccoast.org/cycle](http://www.nccoast.org/cycle) for more information and to register for the event.

## About the North Carolina Coastal Federation

The North Carolina Coastal Federation is a nonprofit membership organization that works to keep the coast of North Carolina a great place to live, work and play. Through a variety of programs and partnerships, the federation provides for clean coastal waters and habitats, advocates to protect the coast and teaches and informs people about the coast and what they can do to protect it.

The federation operates offices in Ocean, Manteo and Wrightsville Beach, N.C. To learn more, please visit [nccoast.org](http://nccoast.org) or call 252.393.8185.

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