



## Coastal Happenings **November 2014**



Juntos, an Hispanic club at Columbia High School, is teaming up with the federation to reduce polluted runoff by installing rain barrels and redirecting downspouts at the school.

Dear Friend of the Coast,

It's been kind of quiet around the offices this week. Several staff members (including the boss) are in Washington, D.C. attending the seventh national habitat restoration summit hosted by Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) and The Coastal Society.

One of the highlights of the summit is the unveiling of a [national evaluation of barriers to the use of living shorelines](#) and recommended actions to overcome these barriers. Along the coast, many property owners still bulkhead their waterfront properties instead of using the more natural "living shorelines" method.

The report, called "Living Shorelines: From Barriers to Opportunities," was funded by NOAA and prepared by RAE. Todd Miller led the committee that developed

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### COMING EVENTS

#### November

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Full Moon Photography  
Cruise  
Hammocks Beach State  
Park  
Swansboro

6  
Cucalorus Film Pre-  
Screening  
Coal Ash Chronicles  
Wrightsville Beach



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Paint the Trellis\*  
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it. The report will lead to more discussions about living shorelines and hopefully make these natural means of controlling stormwater, erosion and flooding more common along the coast.

Way to go, Todd! (And yes, we're all working hard while you're gone.)

N.C. Coastal Federation staff



### Oyster Season is Open

We think October 15 should be a national holiday. That's when oyster season opens and this year looks to be a good one for a number of reasons. Read some hopeful news in this [recent CRO story](#). Here's hoping you get to enjoy some fresh NC oysters soon.



### Study Underway to Learn about Ocean Bottom

Research ecologist Chris Taylor says that less than seven percent of N.C.'s coastline, from the coast out to the continental shelf break, has been mapped or described in any way. Very little is known about the ocean floor. But with the possibility of wind turbines off our coast, it's more important than

ever to know more. A new study is underway to locate critical fish habitat. Read the [full story](#) in CRO.

Wrightsville Beach

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Coastal Speaker Series  
Pirates & Shipwrecks  
Wrightsville Beach

12,19,26

Coastal Birding Trips  
Wrightsville Beach



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White Oak River  
Birding Cruise  
Hammocks Beach State  
Park  
Swansboro

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Oyster Roast and Low  
Country Boil  
Natty Greene's  
Greensboro

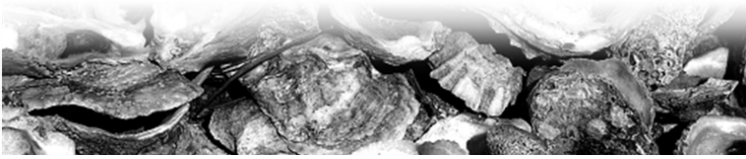
### December

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Volunteer & Member  
Appreciation Event  
Wrightsville Beach

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Volunteer Luncheon



## Natty Greene's Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil

Saturday, November 22

3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Natty Greene's Bunker Tasting Room  
1918 West Lee Street, Greensboro

We recommend arriving early to enjoy oysters from the Outer Banks, local sausage from Giacomo's Italian Market and hot dogs and popcorn for the kids.

Proceeds benefit the federation. [More information and tickets](#). To volunteer, contact Sarah King at 919.210.2617 or sarahk@nccoast.org.

## [National Seashore Seeks Dark-Sky Park Designation](#)

The Outer Banks, particularly the southern Outer Banks, has one of the darkest skies east of the Mississippi River. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is working to qualify as an International Dark-Sky Park, which would make it the second one in the Southeast and the only coastal park in the world. The designation would come from the International Dark-Sky Association, a nonprofit founded in 1988 to raise awareness of light pollution.



Ocean

## \* Volunteers Needed



## Local Events Donate Funds to Federation

Thank you! The following events provided funds to the Coastal Federation last month:

Swansboro/Emerald Isle Flavor - Coastal Cuisine, Craft Beer, and Wine Festival in Emerald Isle

The 3rd annual Swim the Loop in Wrightsville Beach

Charity Yoga Class at the Ashtanga Yoga Center OBX in Nags Head

**If you'd like to host a fundraiser for the federation, email us at [nccf@nccoast.org](mailto:nccf@nccoast.org).**

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