



Chincoteague Island, VA

Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

June 2015

Greetings OB II Community Members,

Hope everyone is enjoying the end of the Spring of 2015 and looking forward to a terrific summer.

Usually, the following request appears at the end of the newsletter but just in case you don't make it there, it's being included in the beginning as well. I need your help with future newsletters. Please email any photos, articles, ideas you have.

Neighborhood News ...

Welcome new neighbors! Neal Faircloth and Karen Frank will reside at their new home at 5199 Pine Tree Way and Sharon Fiore and Robert Ricigliano have completed their new home at 5392 N. Hibiscus Dr. Congratulations and best wishes!

Updates From The Board ...

The Board has approved a plan to re-establish the community drainage system in an effort to alleviate flooding during periods of heavy precipitation. The work will entail re-digging ditches along the roadways and installing culverts under driveways. All of the work will be performed in Oyster Bay II Community common areas, not on privately owned property. The work should commence no later than late summer and should be complete in 3-4 weeks. The Board is also creating provisions to assure

that any future construction projects require the builder to maintain the drainage system and add a culvert when the driveway is built.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. The benefit should be well worth it.

The paving project of Lakeview Rd. has been completed along with the clean-up and grading around the community entry pond. The fountain at the entry pond is out for maintenance but expected back soon.

Southern Pine Bark Beetles:

If you've noticed the dead pine trees in Oyster Bay II, the reason is pine bark beetles. Unfortunately controlling the spread of the beetles is not easy. Once trees are infected, it's too late. All infected trees should be cut and removed to prevent the beetles from moving to neighboring trees. Chemical treatment can help but only as a preventative measure before beetles infect a tree and can be expensive and time consuming.

How do you even know if your pine tree has Southern Pine Bark Beetles? One quick way to tell is to find the pine trees with the most rust-colored needles. Those with 100 percent rusty needles are dead anyway. But if that one tree is more than half rust-colored needles, look at the base and see if you can find sawdust. If you see any sawdust, also look up at eye-level and see if you can find tiny little holes all over the bark. There will be hundreds of bore holes in an

infected tree. The holes will be small enough that one could only pop a grain of rice through and nothing bigger.

If you do find infected trees on your property, please immediately have them cut and removed to prevent the spread of pine bark beetles to other trees and other property in Oyster Bay II. You can find more information at http://www.chincoteague-va.gov/files/Pine_Beetle_brochure.pdf

Hello Mary Lee ...

By Dave Hudgins

Maybe you've read about it in the newspaper or saw it on TV. A Great White Shark named Mary Lee was tracked into Chincoteague Bay on May 5th (or Cinco de Mayo for all you Margarita lovers). The group, OCEARCH, tags and tracks sharks around the world. A 'ping' is received every time Mary Lee's dorsal fin comes out of the water.



Mary Lee aboard OCEARCH ship

Mary Lee is a female Great White Shark weighing in at over 3,400 lbs. She has remained off the mid-Atlantic coast for about a month now. Her location can be tracked at www.OCEARCH.org or you can like her on Facebook and follow her on Twitter.

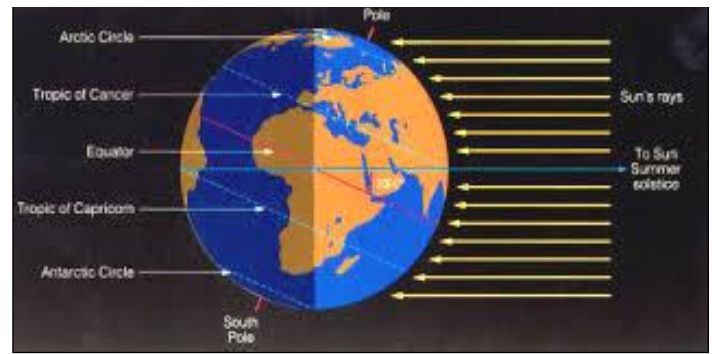
Great White Sharks can be found in the coastal surface waters of all the major oceans. The Great White Shark is mainly known for its size. Mature sharks grow to 21 ft. in length and 7,328 lbs. in weight. Great Whites live to be 70 years old. Their only natural predator is the Orca Whale. For their part, the Great White Shark primarily feeds on sea mammals. They also will eat fish, seabirds and an occasional human. The Great White is ranked first for attacking humans. Research indicates that Great White Sharks do not like the taste of humans, but attack when visibility is poor.

So, good news! If you're having a nice day on the beach, run into the surf to cool off and meet up with Mary Lee, she won't enjoy you either. Have a great summer!

Summer Solstice ...

By Dave Hudgins

Summer Solstice will occur on Sunday June 21, 2015 at about 12:38pm. This is when the northern hemisphere of the earth is leaning in towards the sun at optimum tilt. The sun will be the highest in the sky on that day. There will be the most hours of daylight of any day in the year.



Summer Solstice Diagram

On Chincoteague, there will be 14 hours and 48 minutes of sunlight on June 21st, the longest day of the year. The sun will rise at 5:39am and set at 8:27pm. If you can imagine the earth rotating on its axis (see diagram), you might note that up around the North Pole you would have constant daylight and on the South Pole constant darkness.

So, the Summer Solstice is an astronomical event. It marks the first day of summer, just as the Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year) marks the first day of winter. Although it is the longest day of the year, it is not the date that has the latest sunset. That will occur on July 2nd. Although it is the day that we receive the most direct sunrays, it is not the warmest time of the year. This will occur in August once the earth has warmed up nicely.

There are rituals and ceremonies, some celebrating the sun itself and some celebrating light. There are religious and spiritual celebrations. And, there are celebrations just because we all seem to want an excuse to celebrate. If you do enjoy the Summer Solstice at the beach, don't forget to apply extra sunscreen. And, don't forget that the longest day means the shortest night.

Tall Ships at Cape Charles ...

The Barque Picton Castle, a 179-foot, three masted tall ship, will head up a fleet of several other tall ships for this year's festival. All visitors will have a rare opportunity to enjoy Chesapeake Bay day, sunset and pirate sails as well as deck tours on participating tall ships.



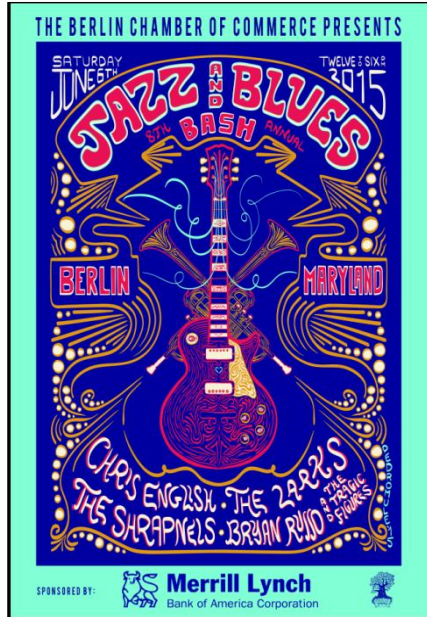
The small town harbor provides easy accessibility to get up close and personal to explore the decks and meet the crews of magnificent tall ships. There will be maritime music, entertainment and fresh seafood along with programs for kids, including "pirate" camp and a chance to make and sail a model boat. All events are rain or shine. For more information about the Tall Ships Cape Charles Festival, visit www.tallshipscapecharles.com

All Around Town ...

Assateague Island Beach is a fantastic place to unwind on a sunny day but don't forget there are many other activities and events taking place that you may find relaxing:

Sat., June 6th, 12Noon - 6pm, Berlin Jazz & Blues Bash
Enjoy a day of non-stop Jazz and Blues music, featuring 6 acts on 2 stages in cool and historic downtown Berlin, MD. In addition to the great music, there will be works of local artists for sale, New Orleans style food, amazing restaurants and a beer & wine tent.

Jazz & Blues Bash is free to the public. Limited seating will be provided at each music stage so you may want to bring your own chair to sit on. No outside food or alcohol will be permitted in the festival area. Free public parking in the downtown area and a handicapped parking lot is available off of Pitts St. behind the Rainbow Florist. For more info, go online to <http://berlinchamber.org/events/jazz-and-blues/>



Sat., June 6th, 9am - 12Noon, Chincoteague Police Department's Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Seminar

The CPD Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Seminar will be held in the parking lot behind the town complex on Community Drive. Kids ages 5-13 are asked to attend. Free registration and free bike helmets. For more info, call 757.336.3155.

Sat., June 6th thru Sun., June 7th Chesapeake Bay Kayak Camping – Experience two days of paddling out of Onancock, VA and bring yourself through pristine marsh and waterways to spend a unique night camping on a deserted island on the Chesapeake Bay. The cost is \$395



per person and it includes your kayak, camping gear, instruction and all meals. Discounts are available if you have your own sea kayak or camping gear. For more information, please call 305.240.0650 or email mary@burnhamguide.com

Sat., June 13th, 5pm - 9pm, 2nd Saturday Art Stroll

On the second Saturday of each month, from April thru November, participating galleries, and shops on Main St. and Maddox Blvd. offer an array of special events, including arts 'n crafts, demonstrations, book signings and readings, art exhibits, tastings, music and the unexpected.

Sat., June 13th, 3pm - 5pm, Open House Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Chincoteague Island Library – The Chincoteague Island Library will be marking 20 years of service and everyone is invited to come celebrate at the Library's open house event.



Tours, slideshows, refreshments and more will help to begin the next chapter of service to citizens and visitors of Chincoteague Island. For more info and details, please visit www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.com

Fri., June 19th, Sat., June 20th & Sun., June 21st, Daddy & Me Father's Day Weekend – Celebrate Father's Day with Chincoteague Bay Field Station. Spend time with family and learn about amazing and unique coastal environments. For more info call 757.824.5636 or visit <http://www.cbfieldstation.org>

Thurs., June 25th, Dusk, Movie Night - Some Like It Hot
Bring a chair or blanket to Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park and enjoy a free film outdoors and on the BIG screen. The film selection for this evening will be a 1959 classic screwball comedy directed by Billy Wilder. After two musicians witness a mob hit, they flee the state in an all female band disguised as women and, of course, further complications set in. This event is sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. For more info, visit www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org.

Sat., June 27th, 10am - 4pm, NASA Wallops Flight Facility 70th Anniversary Open House – To celebrate the 70th Anniversary, and for one day only, the gates to the Wallops facilities will be open to the public for tours. Take part in the activities; listen to a variety of speakers, check out the aircraft and much more. For more details, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/content/wallops-flight-facility-70th-anniversary>

Sat., June 27th, 7pm - 9pm, Paddling the Pocomoke
Enjoy an evening paddle down the serene waters of the Pocomoke. Discover the wonders that abound on the river as the sun sets. Meet at the Boat Rental Area by the riverfront. \$20 per canoe or tandem kayak, \$15 per single kayak. Have your own canoe or kayak bring it along for just \$5 per person.

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Ethan Simonson

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Jean Hubbard

Buford T. Rowland

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Dave Hudgins

Maintenance Committee

Tim Landolt (Chairperson)

Kathy Bradley (on-site rep)

Ethan Simonson

Utilities Committee

Kathy Bradley (Chairperson)

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Please recycle whenever possible. The Center is located at 5073 Deep Hole Road and it is open every day, except Tuesdays, from 7am – 6pm. Additional bins have been added for donations of clothing and shoes as well as a dumpster for used auto and truck tires. Thank you for helping to keep our community clean.

If you have a Community concern that needs urgent attention, please call: Jack Keane or Kathy Bradley.

Attention OBII Members: Please help with our newsletter! Email your ideas, suggestions, articles, photographs, recipes, restaurant reviews, fishing and crabbing spots, favorite activities, places of interest, Jean Hubbard.