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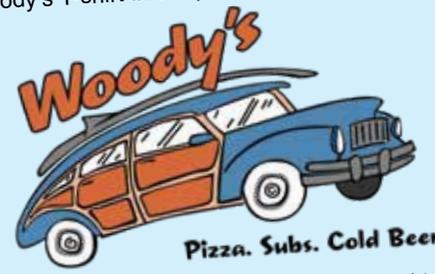
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The Folly Pier Ain't Going Anywhere ... Not Yet Anyway

COUNTY SAYS DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER SUMMER AT LEAST

by Bill Davis | Contributing Writer



Looks like the county is going to wait until after this year's vacation season before beginning work to replace the Edwin S. Taylor Folly Beach Fishing Pier.

Despite announcements to begin replacement work on the pier as early as this spring, Charleston County Parks & Recreation Commission (CCPRC) spokesperson Sarah Reynolds says the timeline has been delayed as her department does not have the needed federal permits for work to begin.

And Reynolds says she's not sure when the dismantling and replacing of the pier will start. The county is considering now leaving the pier open the entire summer, depending on a meeting with federal officials this month.

"We are not going to start in the middle of the summer season; I know a lot of

people are anxious to hear that," says Reynolds, adding that the county has set aside \$7.5 million for the project.

Folly Beach City Administrator Spencer Wetmore says she has "full confidence in the Charleston County Parks and Recreation's ability to ensure the safety of the pier."

The pier, which recently welcomed some more repairs, has long been a center of activity along the oceanfront. At just over 1,000-feet long, it also features a shop, a restaurant, and a 7,500-square-foot covered and two-storied diamond head end that has hosted all sorts of public events.

This time last year, the county was in the "discovery phase" of replacing the pier, having just encapsulated 44 of its 277 posts to protect them from marine wood-boring worms, an expensive and

labor-intensive process.

The county said at the time that the lifetime of a pier is usually around 25 years, bolstering considerations to replace the pier entirely versus continuing to repair it. Considerations included building a longer-lasting, but longer to build and more expensive concrete pier.

Later, in spring, the county announced the expedited timeline. But they did so without a key permit from the federal government. Not only did the county not have the permit; the county hadn't even applied for it.

In fact, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesperson Sean McBride says the county department didn't send in its permit application until a month after they announced the original timeline.

According to McBride, a raft of environmental work had to be done before

the permit could have been granted, including putting the project out on public notice, and "reviewing it from a regulatory standpoint as it impacts the waters of the United States."

As of last month, McBride says the Corps is still waiting on a letter from the national marine fisheries as to the impact replacing the bridge, whether it be wooden or made from concrete, would have on endangered species in critical habitats.

McBride says a new pier could affect not only sea turtles, which hatch along the beach's shores, but also the Right Whale, as they can come up to shore, and the Atlantic sturgeon.

The county claims to have received state permits for a new pier, which could take as much as a year and a half to raze and rebuild.



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Folly Family Camp Out lets families spend the night on the beach

by Jenny Peterson | Staff Writer



On Saturday March 7, Folly Beach kids and their families will be able to have a special Folly Beach experience like no other.

The Folly Family Camp Out – an event sponsored by the Folly Beach Civic Club – will let families set up a tent right on the beach at the Folly Beach County Park for a true nature experience.

The city gave the organization special permission, and lifted its rules about camping, for this event for one night only.

Families will bring their own camping supplies to the beachfront park and set up for a night of wholesome, free family fun, including nature walks at dusk, a star-gazing constellation scavenger hunt, fireside storytelling, eating S'mores and more.

The Folly Beach County Park is on the far west end of the island. It's rich with wildlife, situated between the Atlantic Ocean and the Folly River.

Check-in for camping will begin at 2 p.m. on March 7 and check out will be no later than 11 a.m. on March 8. During the daylight hours, there will be sand castle building and beach games like sand hopscotch. Each child will be given a complimentary flashlight to explore the area when the sun sets.

The idea was sparked by families living on Folly, said Katherine Houghton, president of the Civic Club.

"Some children on Folly Beach had never been camping before," said Houghton. "We wanted to do something that families asked for and that they have been missing out on."

Children and families are asked to leave their electronics

at home and to enjoy Folly Beach in a way not often experienced.

"It's really 'night and day' on Folly Beach between day and night," Houghton said. "And that goes for children and adults. It's a whole different learning experience."

The Civic Club got a special variance from the city council to allow camping on the beach for the Folly Family Camp Out and worked with the Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission about getting access to the newly-renovated bathroom facilities and deck area at the beachfront park.

"We are looking into getting speakers to educate the group about the animal life and marine life and their natural habitat," Houghton said.

To ensure safety, the number of tent sites is capped at 25, and a public safety officer will patrol overnight and set up blocks on the beach to prohibit walkers from venturing into the county park area that night. An adult must accompany children all night, and a member of the Civic Club will be present at all times.

There is no cost to participate in the Family Camp Out, and the fee to get into the county park will be waived for campers. It is important to note that advanced online registration is required. The event is open to Folly Beach residents and family members of city employees.

Thanks to fundraising efforts by the Civic Club, each child will receive a T-shirt, dinner and a small breakfast the next morning.

"It's a great way to meet your neighbors," Houghton said.

Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin said he hopes this inaugural event will become an annual event that families look forward to each year.

"I looked forward to it being successful," he said. "I have fond memories when I went camping back when we went to a one-room cabin. You got out of the city and saw things at night you've never seen before. Hopefully these kids will get into it and learn about the environment and the beach. Maybe in future years it will get even bigger than 25 families in this family-oriented event."

"The support of the Folly Beach community is making this event possible," Houghton said.

Food donations from local restaurants for dinner and breakfast and a \$300 donation from Dunes Properties will allow each participant to get a T-shirt and other goodies.

"We really appreciate our partnerships; the goal is to bring the community together," Houghton said.

Applications to participate will be available online at the city website at www.cityoffollybeach.com starting Saturday, Feb. 1 and the club hopes to have all participants registered by Saturday, Feb. 8.

Once all of the sites are reserved, applicants will go on a wait-list. Participants will be required to attend an event briefing Feb. 22. At least one adult from each family must attend.

Campers must be registered by Saturday, Feb. 8. For questions, or to donate to the effort, contact Katherine Houghton at khoughton2259@gmail.com.



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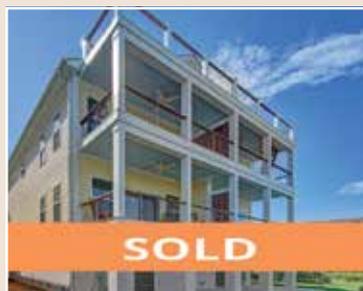
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Fred Holland Says Good-bye to Home of 45 Years

ICONIC SITE SOLD TO COMPETITOR, PLEDGING COMMUNITY INPUT

by Bill Davis | Staff Writer



For the past 45 years, rain or shine, recession or boom, war or peace, Fred Holland Realty had stood at the corner of E. Huron Avenue and Center Street. Its red roof welcoming visitors and homeowners to Folly Beach.

That all changed recently when what had been the 400-pound gorilla of island rental companies lost the very building they'd been located in for four-plus decades to a rival and had to move around the corner to Hudson Avenue next to what had been the 'Wich Doctor restaurant.

Carolina One Real Estate purchased the Center Street building in 2018, and the Folly-grown Fred Holland Realty, now owned by LaJuan Kennedy, held the lease with Mr. Holland's heir until the end of November. After that, they were gone.

Kennedy even took the iconic sign with her.

And while all of the original buildings still stand, the question remains — for how long, and what's going to eventually call that central corner home?

"For 45 years we called that 'home,'" says Kennedy. "When we first went in there, there was just a tiny screened-in porch on the front little building. It had been a little efficiency that plenty of the old guard people from Folly

would come by and tell us they used to rent at one point."

Kennedy admits that she hated to leave the old spot behind. But says her company has a chance to start a new story at their new location just around the corner.

"We've made the best of it. We would have preferred to stay, no doubt about it, but we've made the best of what we had," she says about the move to Hudson.

She, too, wonders of what will become of the ragtag line of cottages and little buildings that came to be Fred Holland Realty. "Legally, they can tear it down if they want to," she says.

Kennedy wanted to stay put, but Holland's heir wasn't interested in renting it out and wanted to sell. She tried to work a partnership deal with a nearby church, to buy and subdivide the property so service attendees could have more parking spaces. But it wasn't enough.

"Everything works out the way it's supposed to," she says.

Carolina One president Michael Scarafile says he tried to work out something with Kennedy, but it didn't work either. So, his company dropped close to \$1 million to buy the property.

Carolina One Vacation Rentals currently manages 50 properties on the island. The company is a standalone business from the rest of the offices, and good thing it's named differently, since Folly ordinances prohibit "formula businesses" from taking root.

Upon inspection, Scarafile says he immediately found a series of buildings linked by structural damages, water intrusion, mold, rot, low ceilings. You name the real estate nightmare, and his newest property had it.

The problems, he says, were so severe there was no way he could fix it and stay under a city ordinance that limits property owners to spend less than 50-percent of the property's value in upgrades without lifting the building up a story.

Scarafile, whose company operates 14 offices throughout the region, says they are taking their time and that there is no rush for the final plan.

Mayor Tim Goodwin says that he believes the plan is to keep the front building in place for the foreseeable future, but to tear down the other smaller buildings that face on to Huron.

Scarafile says the current plan is indeed to keep the front building as-is for now, and tear down the two buildings in the back, including the steel shed, sometime in the next months.

"I loved the building so much, I bought it," he says.

And then work to create a plan for a new building fronting onto Center that works for everyone in the community. After meeting with the city and Council, he says two mandates have emerged.

"One, Folly doesn't need another T-shirt shop," he says. "Two, no one wants anything overpowering or that would make Center Street feel claustrophobic."

Mostly, Scarafile says he wants to preserve "Folly's funkiness" and stay as far away from anything that could make it "IOP 2.0." As evidence, he points to his own E. Ashley Avenue house which he painted the top floor pink and the bottom floor blue.

"Our desire is to come up with a plan with plenty of community input," he says, pledging to put pictures of the plans in the windows of the front building to keep everyone informed.

One of the early big pushes is for some sort of office space, with conference rooms and a shared receptionist. "There are very few places for people who live on Folly to run their business on Folly," says Scarafile.

Tell LaJuan Kennedy something she doesn't know.

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FAB meets on the second Thursday of each month. Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 6:30-7:30pm upstairs at Tides Hotel. Join us for the social downstairs in the bar at 6pm if you like. For more information about FAB, email Secretary4FAB@gmail.com.

To be featured in the next Business Spotlight, please attend the Folly Association of Business meetings, where we choose a business randomly from the sign-in sheet.

A 'Brief' Mile-ish Run

CUPID'S UNDIE RUN RETURNS TO FOLLY, RAISES MONEY FOR NEUROFIBROMATOSIS

from Staff Reports

In 2010, a group of do-gooders, led by co-founders Brendan Hanrahan, Chad Leathers, and Bobby Gill, dropped their pants and ran through our nation's capital in the cold to raise money for research to help end neurofibromatosis (NF), a rare genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body. They ran in their undies because those affected with NF can't cover up their tumors, so they decided to strip down in solidarity.

Since 2010, Cupid's Charity was created and became a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to end NF by funding much needed research. They have raised more than \$18,900,000 to date, with 100 percent of net proceeds funding research through their partner the Children's Tumor Foundation, the world's leader in NF research.

This February, be a part of Folly Beach's Cupid's Undie Run, a "brief," mile-ish fun run that takes place in the middle of a BIG party – all to find a cure for NF, a genetic tumor disorder that affects one in every 3,000 births.

You can start a team of your friends, join a team, or run solo. Just come out, have a blast, and raise some money for NF research and earn some cool fundraising rewards too.

Is this a run, or a party, or both?!

BOTH! Cupid's Undie Run kicks off with mingling, music, and drinks. Then everyone heads out for a mile-ish run and stretch it out back inside at an epic dance party. It's all for charity, and it's all in your undies!

How do I earn cool stuff?

The more you fundraise, the more rewards you'll earn. Want the Cupid's commemorative T-shirt? Raise \$100. Want to add undies, and the coveted open bar to that? Raise just \$250. Check out all the other rewards at www.cupids.org/rewards

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What should I wear?

Well, folks will definitely be their undies! However, if undies aren't your thing, get creative with it and try out a costume, tutu, or



onesie! Have fun with it, but remember, it's for the kids, so keep it PG-13!

rated charity, and the world's leader in neurofibromatosis research.

Where does the money go?

Cupid's Undie Run is a fundraising event with 100 percent of the net proceeds funding neurofibromatosis research through the Children's Tumor Foundation, a 4-star

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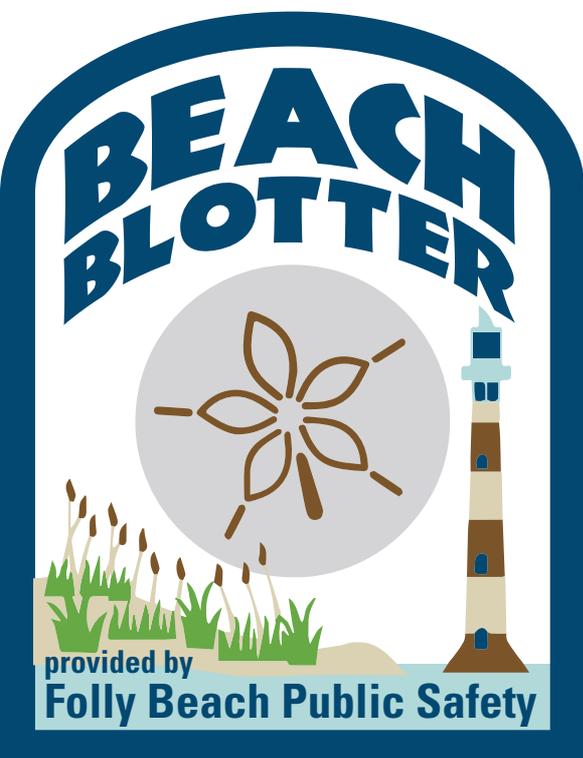
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The New Year got off to a rousing start on Folly Beach. Yes, there was a paddy wagon on the island that night.

Around 1:01 a.m. the Responding Officer (R/O) was summoned to the corner of East Cooper and Center Street in reference to an Assault. The victim, a 23-year-old female, had been punched in the mouth by another woman inside a Center Street nightclub. Bouncers had thrown the 22-year-old female subject out and witnesses observed her walk across the street to another bar. The R/O located the subject by her description: she was wearing a red dress and white fur coat. The subject was highly intoxicated, and admitted to punching the victim.

As she was being arrested for Simple Assault, the subject pulled away from the officer and tried to flee. Other officers were on scene and the subject was quickly handcuffed, and turned over to the Charleston County Sheriff's Department

Transport team.

At 1:06 a.m., an officer on routine patrol observed a Chevy Traverse cross the fog line on the northbound lane of Folly Road. He initiated a traffic stop on suspicion of Drunk Driving. The 45-year-old female driver failed the field sobriety test and refused to submit a Breathalyzer sample. She said she had taken to Klonopin and drank a glass of wine about an hour earlier. She was cited for Driving Under the Influence, and taken to jail.

Around 1:13 a.m., officers were called to a fight on the corner of East Cooper Avenue and Center Street. As the R/O arrived, he found another officer detaining one of the parties, who said the other party ran away. The officer advised the detained male, age 34, to leave the area and go home. The man refused, and began yelling and cursing at the officers. At that point, the man was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. The man's 36-year-old girlfriend attempted to intervene and began yelling at the arresting officer, and at one point grabbed the officer's arm. She was arrested for Interfering with Police.

At 1:35 a.m. officers were called to a West Hudson Avenue residence regarding a possible break in. The victim, a 64-year-old female, said she was inside the home when an unknown male walked into the house and wandered around the kitchen and living room. When she confronted the man, he fled. No items were stolen. Moments later, and the R/O was patrolling the area, he found a man matching the suspect's description walking down the road. The 24-year-old subject was highly intoxicated and could barely stand. He was arrested, charged with Public Intoxication, and taken to jail.

At 1:40 a.m. an officer observed a scuffle along East Cooper Avenue next to a Center

Street nightclub. He observed one male subject attempting to punch another. When he got to the two men, one had already been removed by other parties, but the 24-year-old male subject was attempting to go after him and re-engage. The man was arrested, charged with Disorderly Conduct, and taken to jail, but not before being checked with EMTs as his lip was busted.

At 1:55 a.m. an officer on foot patrol observed another officer ordering a crowd to disperse from the street in front of a center street nightclub. Most of the crowd complied, except one man, a 35-year-old, who was visibly intoxicated. Ordered again to move along, the subject stated "I will get my little brother and we will take your ass out, p**** a** b*****." The man was arrested, charged with Disorderly Conduct, and taken to jail.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 CENTER STREET PUNCH OUT

The R/O was dispatched to a Center Street bar around 2 a.m. in reference to an Assault. Upon arrival, he saw a man lying unconscious on the side of the road outside the restaurant. Bystanders said the man, age 30, had been punched one time by another man in a black hoodie. The responding officer had seen the subject walking away from the scene, and ran him down to detain him. Brought back to the scene, the 36-year-old subject admitted to punching the victim. He said the victim had walked up to him out of the blue and slapped him. Witnesses confirmed this story. The subject declined to press charges. The unconscious man was stabilized by EMTs and transported, still unconscious, to MUSC. In addition, paperwork was filed to charge him with Disorderly Conduct.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 AN INTERSTATE CAPER

The R/O was contacted by a golf cart seller out of Mt. Airy, N.C. in reference to some stolen golf carts. The 46-year-old male golf cart salesman said he was searching

for three carts stolen from his lot, and came across an ad on craigslist with photos of one of the carts, that appeared to be taken on Folly Beach. The officer used the photograph to track down an address on East Arctic Avenue but found no carts.

Later, the officer was contacted by the golf cartsman saying he had made arrangements to meet with the subject to purchase the golf carts at a Folly Beach golf cart rental company. The officer went to the company and found one of the stolen golf carts, but no one was around at the business. A tow truck was called in to take custody of the cart, and ownership was later confirmed through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Officers later caught up with the golf cart rental company owner, who said a man had indeed offered to sell him the golf carts, but after he observed the serial numbers had been removed, he declined to have anything further to do with the seller. Further attempts to make contact with, or locate the subject were unsuccessful. Working with the Mt. Airy PD, the officers were able to find identifying information on the subject, and filed for a warrant for his arrest.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11 I'M CALLING OSHA!

Around 3 p.m., an officer returned an anonymous call regarding possible code violations. The caller, a would-be whistleblower, declined to give their name in fear of reprisals from government officials. The complainant claimed to be a Folly Beach resident who was concerned with the living conditions and possible code violations of a local vacation rental property. They said he had already contacted the Occupational Safety and Health Administration about guests of the property becoming sick. They said they needed to remain anonymous because one of people concerned with the rental company is the spouse of a city official. The officer took down the information, and invited the caller to participate in a further investigation, but the individual declined to do so at that time.



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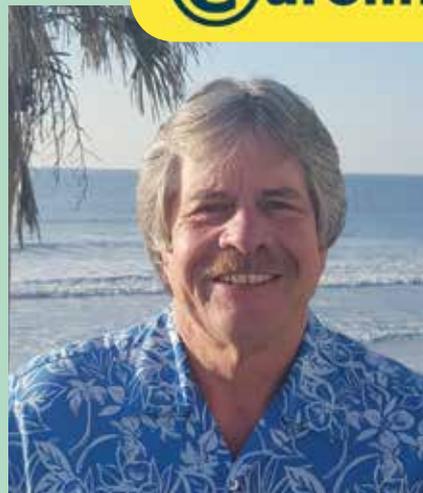
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Just Don't Call It Folly Gras!

FOUR CENTER STREET BUSINESSES TEAM UP FOR A MARDI GRAS-THEMED BLOCK PARTY ON FEB. 22

by Lorne Chambers | Editor

Although the death of Folly Gras last year didn't receive a proper Second Line New Orleans-style jazz funeral, it was put to rest. And although there weren't a lot tears shed by local officials or residents, many local businesses are feeling the pain of not having that built-in revenue that usually comes with a February festival, which regularly brought more than 10,000 people to the island. But with that came community-wide headaches that far outweighed the benefits to local restaurants and bars.

With Folly Gras dead and gone, this year a handful of those restaurants are teaming up to offer locals and visitors at least a small taste of New Orleans this Mardi Gras season. "Just don't call it Folly Gras!" says DJ Rich, who co-owns Planet Follywood along with his grandmother. Rich, who also serves on Folly Beach City Council, is quite familiar with the outrage following last year's Folly Gras, which resulted in a bouncer being assaulted and arrests being made. A video of the incident went viral and the Folly Association of Business (FAB), along with Mayor Tim Goodwin, quickly announced that Folly Gras was cancelled indefinitely.

At the January City Council meeting, FAB made an effort to help fill the void in business left by the Folly Gras cancellation by asking permission to move the more family-friendly Sea & Sand Festival to February. The request was rejected after not receiving a motion or a second by council members, leaving Folly Beach businesses without an answer for the historically slow month of February.

The Crab Shack, Planet Follywood, Drop In Bar & Deli, and Jack of Cups



Saloon are trying to offset some of those wintertime blues by hosting a Mardi Gras Block Party on Saturday, Feb. 22 at their respective establishments.

"Despite the problems, a lot of people did enjoy Folly Gras and we had no problems at Planet Follywood. Our customers enjoyed it and if they can enjoy something responsible, why not offer something for them," asks Rich. "It's just meant for people to have a fun holiday where they're not going crazy and kicking bouncers!"

There is no charge for the event and even though it is being called a "block party" there will be no actual street

closure of Center Street or E. Erie Avenue. All four businesses will be offering food and drink specials during between 1-6 p.m., plus there will be lots of beads, masks, and live music throughout the day. In true Mardi Gras fashion, there could well be a parade, albeit a walking "foot parade," from one business to the next.

According to Rich, there is a plan to make Mardi Gras bingo cards where customers can cross squares off by patronizing all the participating businesses. He says that he plans to offer some traditional New Orleans food, like jambalaya and crawfish po boys as well as Hurricane specials and king cake shots.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Low Life: Super Reggae Man
Planet Follywood:
Morpheus
Rita's: Saluda Shoals
Sand Dollar: Ocean Drive
Party Band
Surf Bar: Dallas Baker and
Friends
St. James Gate: DJ Miketech

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Crab Shack: Jeff Caldwell
Planet Follywood: Crispy
Fox
St. James Gate: Porkchop
Surf Bar: Malin Wagon
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Crab Shack: Open Mic
Folly River Park: Farmers
Market
Planet Follywood: Bingo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky
Tonk
Planet Follywood: Open Mic
The Washout: The OI 55's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Crab Shack: Sweet T
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: T
Champagne & Friends
The Washout: Brady Smith &
Dale Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton
& Friends
Planet Follywood: Karaoke
Ladies Night
Rita's: Super Reggae Man
The Washout: Gracious Day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Crab Shack:
Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: High
Five
Planet Follywood:
Traveling Hinges
Sand Dollar: Metro Tools
St. James Gate: Karaoke w/
DJ C (Pub)
Surf Bar: Jeff Caldwell Trio
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Low Life: Super Reggae Man
Planet Follywood: Ohani Hui
Sand Dollar: Metro Tools
St. James Gate: DJ KT and
Mr. Lecque (Pub)
Surf Bar: Hans Wenzel and
the 86ers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Crab Shack: Jeff Caldwell
Planet Follywood: Charles
Cook
St. James Gate: Porkchop
Surf Bar: Funk You Folly
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Crab Shack: Open Mic
Folly River Park: Farmers
Market
Planet Follywood: Bingo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky
Tonk
Planet Follywood: Open Mic
The Washout: The OI 55's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Crab Shack: Sweet T
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: T
Champagne & Friends
The Washout: Brady Smith &
Dale Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton
& Friends
Planet Follywood: Karaoke
Ladies Night
Rita's: Super Reggae Man
The Washout: Gracious Day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: Me and Mr.
Jones
Planet Follywood: Waltzing
Matildas
Sand Dollar: Ocean Drive
Party Band
St. James Gate: Karaoke
with DJ C (Pub)
Surf Bar: The Green Thieves
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Lowlife: Super Reggae Man
Planet Follywood: Palmetto
Soul
Sand Dollar: Cooper River Band
St. James Gate: DJ KT and
Mr. Lecque (Pub)
Surf Bar: Ashes of Old Ways

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Crab Shack: Jeff Caldwell
Planet Follywood: Crispy
Fox
St. James Gate: Porkchop
Surf Bar: The Jangling
Sparrows
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Crab Shack: Open Mic
Folly River Park: Farmers
Market
Planet Follywood: Bingo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky
Tonk
Planet Follywood: Open Mic
The Washout: The OI 55's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Crab Shack: Sweet T
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: T
Champagne & Friends
The Washout: Brady Smith &
Dale Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton
& Friends
Planet Follywood: Karaoke
Ladies Night
Rita's: Saluda Shoals
The Washout: Gracious Day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Crab Shack: Live Local
Music
Loggerhead's: Mike
Huhn
Planet Follywood:
Dallas Baker
Sand Dollar: Safety 3rd
St. James Gate: Karaoke
w/ DJ C (Pub)
Surf Bar: Rush Morgan and
the Receptionists
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Low Life: JP and Friends
Planet Follywood: Thomas
Champagne Band
Sand Dollar: Safety 3rd
St. James Gate: DJ KT and
Mr. Lecque
Surf Bar: Jimmy Landry
Band

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Crab Shack: Jeff Caldwell
Planet Follywood: Crispy
Fox
St. James Gate: Porkchop
Surf Bar: Fancy KoolAid
The Washout: Donnie Polk

Monday, FEBRUARY 24

Chico Feo: Open Mic w/ Mike
Martin
Crab Shack: Open Mic
Folly River Park: Farmers
Market w/ Community Care
Potluck
Planet Follywood: Bingo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky
Tonk
Planet Follywood: Open Mic
The Washout: The OI 55's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Crab Shack: Sweet T
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: T
Champagne & Friends
The Washout: Brady Smith
& Dale Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton
& Friends
Planet Follywood: Karaoke
Ladies Night
Rita's: Super Reggae Man
The Washout: Gracious Day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: Me and Mr.
Jones
Planet Follywood: Davidson
Sand Dollar: Hollow Point
St. James Gate: Karaoke
with DJ C (Pub)
Surf Bar: Gaslight Street
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Low Life: JP and Friends
Planet Follywood: Shane
Clark
Sand Dollar: Hollow Point
St. James Gate: DJ Miketech
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Surf Bar: Greenwig

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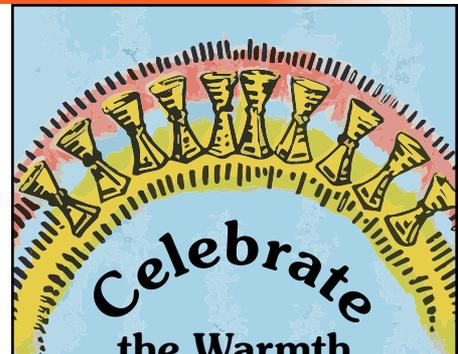
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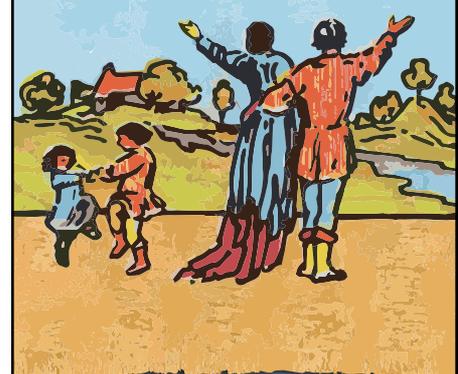
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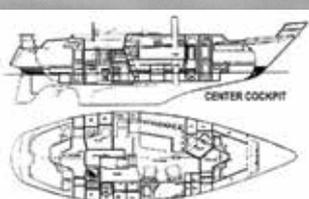


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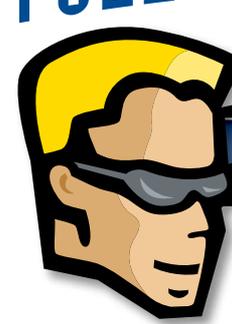
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by Jessica Cobb | Contributing Writer

Welcome to February on Folly Beach, y'all! Where parking is a breeze and the beach is wide open to those of us brave enough to stand a little chilly sandblast. Colder temperatures in the offseason of our small beach town tend to mean a quiet life in the food and beverage world. Fortunately for the locals, some of our favorite restaurants are ready to cater to us during this time, offering specials and discounts to not only drive a little more business but also to give people a chance to try new menu items.

Loggerhead's Beach Grill is at the top of our list of places to check out, especially on Wednesdays. They have appropriately labeled the evening as a "Local Social Dinner," with half-priced bottles of wine to go along with a fantastic menu of affordably priced meals that change every week. There is also live jazz music by Eric Penrod on Wednesdays, so if you find yourself lounging at the bar you can easily have an evening with chill music, good food, and great wine pairings all at once.

"Honestly, we did it to give the chef a chance to show off and have some fun," says Loggerhead owner Ed Iames. That chef is Corey "Stormy" Storm and every Wednesday he makes a slate of dishes that you wouldn't expect from a beachside restaurant. Iames says he gives Storm free rein to come up with the "Locals Social" dishes.

Some of the menu offerings so far this year have included Lobster Mac & Cheese, Mushroom Gnocchi, Nashville Hot Chicken, Oysters and Grits, Shrimp Burger, Bouillabaisse, and Shrimp Curry.

"Most Wednesday we get a group of people and it's just nice because people take time to talk and say hi to each other. And with the jazz, it's just really conducive to that kind of conversation," Says Iames.

Locals Social Dinner goes through mid-March. In addition to this, Loggerhead's also hosts Soup-er Tuesday this time of year, where a trio of house-made soups and a salad will only run you \$6.99.

Another night not to miss is the local's favorite Spaghetti Tuesday at Planet Follywood. Mama Flo whips up her famous spaghetti with meat sauce every week, and it's absolutely free to guests with the purchase of one alcoholic beverage. It starts at 7:30 p.m., and if you stick around a little later you can join in on Open Mic Night at 9:30 p.m.

St. James Gate is also on board with winter specials, offering their "Dine for Nine" menu that typically runs Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m. Here you'll find classic Irish dishes such as Guinness Lamb Stew and Fish & Chips for only \$9... enjoy an early bird dinner and cap it off with their Hot Buttered Rum or Spiked Irish Coffee.

Wherever you choose to dine out on Folly during this tame time of year, we just thank you for supporting our small, local businesses and the staff that works year round to serve you and to keep you full and happy. Don't worry, warmer weather and colder drinks are just around the corner!



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TINY MORSELS FROM THE FOLLY CUISINE SCENE

by Jessica Cobb | Contributing Writer

TASTE OF FOLLY 2020

Taste of Folly 2020 was a huge success, as always! The weekend kicked off with the cocktail competition at the Tides Hotel, sponsored by Blue Chair Bay Rum. Surf Bar took 1st place with the Bone Crusher. Jack of Cups was right behind with the Ginger Zinger, and LowLife Bar took 3rd with their DTO cocktail. Tents with tacos, soups, and seafood were abundant the next day despite chillier weather. Wiki Wiki Sandbar offered yummy Kalua Pork Bao Buns, Woody's had huge slices for sale, and Planet Follywood rocked out alligator Po'Boys. Amongst all of this were the ever-popular food competitions. Winners were as follows:

Chili Cook Off — 1st: Thomas Beck with "Pizza Chili" 2nd: Tom Powers 3rd: Ryan Galloway // Bert's Hot Dog Eating Contest — 1st: Nick Elmore 2nd: Reese Motley 3rd: Cannon McDaniel // Oyster Shucking Contest — 1st: John Douty 2nd: James D 3rd: Martin Hinsdale

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While we're in the celebratory mood, let's give a round of applause to the winners of the 2020 Bloody Mary Competition sponsored by Cannon Distillery: Best Taste: Jack of Cups // Best Presentation: Loggerhead's Beach Grill // Public Choice: Planet Follywood // Honorable Mention: The Washout.



JACK DI TAZZE SALONE

Jack of Cups once again impressed their guests by completely changing up their concept to an Italian inspired takeover in January, with Short Rib Gnocchi, Beet Ravioli, and creamy Garlic and Leek Soup as just a few of the offerings. Look for their new Winter menu to be available starting Feb. 4.

MY BLU VALENTINE

Looking for something special to do with your sweetie this Valentine's Day? Blu is offering a special 3-course prix fixe dinner with an optional wine pairing. The special menu is being offered Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15. Make reservations at www.blufollybeach.com/valentines. There is also a hotel package available where you can stay at Tides, have dinner at Blu, and breakfast for two the next day. For more information on that, visit www.tidesfollybeach.com/valentines.

Jessica Cobb is a Folly Beach resident with years of culinary experience tucked into her apron pocket. Classically trained chef and owner of local catering company, Some Like it Hot. If you have a morsel of Folly food and beverage news you'd like to submit to Bite Size, you can email at editor@follycurrent.com

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34 Center St. 633-0042
www.facebook.com/jack.ofcups

At this intimate beach saloon, Chef Lesley and Nick will take your taste buds on a trip through Asian cuisine. The menu offers a variety of curries, including Lentil Dahl, Massaman, and Thai red curry mac. Dine and drink on the front porch, inside the cozy bar, or outside in the backyard, weather permitting. Choose from several rotating taps and a large list of bottled craft beer and fine wines.

THE JUICE JOINT

108 E. Ashley Ave. 795-8060
www.thejuicejoint.com

Developed by Folly Beach residents Michael & Wendy are dedicated to serving supremely healthy and nutrient-dense juices made from whole, organic, sustainable raw fruits and vegetables; whole fruit smoothies; & healthy and delicious breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Enjoy healthy eats like the avocado toast or the Hawaiian Acai Bowl.

LOCKLEAR'S ON LITTLE OAK

2293 Folly Road. 207-4169

Locklear's is back! Now opened in a beautiful setting on Little Oak Creek. Offering lunch, dinner, and brunch. With an even bigger emphasis on fresh seafood, Locklear's on Little Oak is a dock to table restaurant with many classics from the old menu returning along with fresh catch specials.

LOGGERHEAD'S BEACH GRILL

123 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2365
www.loggerheadsbg.com

Boasting the largest deck on Folly, Loggerhead's is a place to soak up some rays while enjoying one of their many frozen concoctions or a juicy burger. On the appetizer menu you'll find seafood favorites conch fritters, Calamari, snow crab clusters, and peel-n-eat shrimp. On the main menu the Seafood Platters come with your choice of two sides. Loggerhead's is also a lively nightlife spot where you can enjoy music 7 nights a week. Check out the innovative wine on tap system and Folly's largest selection of local beer on draft.

LOST DOG CAFÉ

106 W. Huron Ave. 588-9669
www.lostdogfollybeach.com

The breakfast menu is served all day, offering Folly's original breakfast burrito, Society Street french toast with fresh strawberries, biscuits & home-made sausage gravy. If you're looking for a fresh salad, try the Very Berry Spinach or the Folly mahi-mahi with fresh mango salsa. The Southern-style BLT with pimento cheese and a fried green tomato will give you a taste of the South. Enjoy \$3 mason jar mimosas on Mondays all day. Breakfast & lunch daily.

LOWLIFE BAR

106 E. Hudson Ave.

A casual, neighborhood beach bar with creative — food like poke bowls and ceviche — as well as classics like burgers and fried chicken sandwiches, served with hand-cut fries. There is also a solid cocktail program that includes a slushy machine, beachy drinks, and loaded Tecates.

PIER 101

101 E. Arctic Ave. 633-0246
www.pier101folly.com

Located on the base of the Edwin S. Taylor Fishing Pier, the throwback restaurant offers beachfront dining with panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. Pier 101 serves classically inspired American and Southern dishes (try the Foot Long Hotdog with chili and cheese), seafood, like Folly fried shrimp tacos, and cocktails, like the Kokomo, a creamy coconut drink named for the famed bar that was frequented by military in the 1950's on Folly Beach.

PLANET FOLLYWOOD

32 Center St. 588-7380
www.planetfollywood.com

This beachy dive bar, open year round, serves up some great food and entertainment on the island to both locals and tourists. Their friendly staff will help you build an appetizer, choose a basket of land or sea fare, or pick from the biggest selection of burgers on the beach! Breakfast on the weekends will always cure what ails ya. Several beers on tap and a menu full of options are just a few of the highlights of this popular hangout. With fun events ranging from bingo to karaoke and great live local music, Planet Follywood is always a great time!

RITA'S SEASIDE GRILLE

2 Center St. 588-2525
www.ritasseasidegrille.com

Just steps away from the beach and the Folly Pier, Rita's offers you a chance to grab a bite or a meal and a drink indoors at it's long bar, in the dining room, or outside on the comfortable, dog-friendly patio.

Offering breakfast, lunch, dinner and brunch, their menus have everything from bacon and eggs, a massive Fried Chicken & Pancake tower, a famous burger, to award-winning Rita's chili, sandwiches, & seafood. On Saturday & Sunday during.

SLICE OF FOLLY

16B Center St. 633-0187

New York-style pizza offered by the slice or whole pie. Also daily pasta and mini calzones available.

SNAPPER JACK'S

10 Center St. 633-0174

www.snapperjacks.net

Snapper Jack's is one of the most popular spots on the beach for a reason. It's just a block off the beach and offers three stories of fun! Each level has it's own beach-y appeal. The top deck gives sweeping views of Folly Beach and there is often live music. From oysters to succulent crab legs, the seafood is brought in every day. Get your oysters raw, steamed, or as a shooter.

ST. JAMES GATE

11 Center St. 633-0046

Folly's only Irish Pub, St. James Gate offers several beers on tap and a handful of traditional Irish favorites including shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage, and fish 'n' chips. With over 25 beers on tap, there's plenty of options for finding a pint, or two, that suits your tastes.

SURF BAR

103 W. Cooper Ave. 588-2009
www.surfbarfollybeach.com

Surf Bar is reminiscent of a Costa Rican roadside bar (or soda) and it's Pura Vida inside. Try one of their killer Philly cheesesteaks, a house-made black bean burger, or a juicy beef burger, all cooked on the wood-burning grill; or one of their famous Painkillers, made with dark rum, cream of coconut, pineapple and orange juice, and fresh ground nutmeg. There are also a handful of beers on tap. There is also a back patio with a fireplace and foosball a table.

SUSHI BY LISA

Drop In Deli, 32 Center St. 633-0234

www.dropindeli.com/sushi-by-lisa/

Serving up sushi 4 nights a week from the side bar at Drop In Deli, Lisa takes care in rolling your sushi to order. From tuna, eel, salmon, to fish roe, she's got everything you need for a sushi roll! There's large and small rolls; even nigiri. Enjoy calamari salad (when available) and seaweed salad on the side. Tuesday-Friday.

TACO BOY

15 Center St. 588-9761
www.tacoboy.net

Taco Boy is always one of the busiest restaurants on the beach, but you can usually belly up to the bar at any given time and get a margarita, Dos Equis, Negra Modela, or Pacifico. While you're there, grab a taco (grilled fish, al pastor, carne asada, kimchi beef, portobello mushroom) or nachos with cowboy beans, chili con queso, salsa cruda, guac, & crema. Come in on the weekends and try their frozen screw-driver, a true hangover slayer.

TATTOOED SENORITA

1846 Old Folly Beach Road. 444-3439
www.tattooedseñorita.com

Just before you get to Folly Beach, there is a great place to stop and get some quality Mexican food and great drinks in a casual and rustic atmosphere. Tattooed Señorita is open for lunch, dinner, and a great Mexican brunch on Sunday.

THE WASHOUT

41 Center St. 633-0143
www.follywashout.com

Get into the Folly state of mind at The Washout, the ultimate beach restaurant & bar. Feel the sea breeze on the huge covered patio, enjoy an ice cold drink, watch a game on 12 large screen TVs, play corn hole and enjoy some delicious Beach Eats including seafood, burgers, salads, wings, sandwiches, and more. Live music 6 nights a week and happy hour Monday - Friday from 4-7pm with select \$5 appetizers. The Washout is fun for all ages and offers dog-friendly seating for your four-legged kids. Owned by local folks with a passion for building relationships, the friendly staff will ensure that you have a great experience at The Washout. Follow them on Instagram: @the_washout and like them on Facebook.

WIKI WIKI SANDBAR

106 E. Ashley Ave. 588-9454
www.wikiwikisandbar.com

Moules Frites are a must-try on the polynesian/ southern menu of this 65,000 square foot restaurant boasting three floors, four dining rooms, and a rooftop tiki bar with a view of Folly that rivals any on Folly Beach. Poke bowls are a great healthier option for bikini season and a Pineapple Dole Whip is a great way to end a satisfying taste of the islands.

WOODEN SPOON DELI

202 E. Ashley Ave. 588-9449
www.bertsmarket.com

Bert's offers a whole lot more than free coffee! Located inside Bert's Market, their full-service deli features Applegate Farms' all natural, steroid and antibiotic-free meats and cheeses and all organic produce. Enjoy made-to-order subs, wraps and paninis and house-made sides like Southwest couscous. Wash it down with an organic smoothie or cold-pressed juice, always made-to-order!

WOODY'S PIZZA

39 Center St. 588-0088
www.dowoodyspizza.com

Much more than just a local pizzeria, Woody's is a local hotspot. Sit inside at the bar or if you're one of the lucky ones to grab the few outdoor bar seats that open up to the restaurant, you might just want to stay parked there all evening. Order pizza by the slice or a whole pie. There's also subs, served hot or cold, breadsticks, and a couple of salads. It's one of the best spots on the island to people watch.



For the Love of Beer

CHOCOLATE TREATS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

vessel for chocolate, as most stouts have characteristics of the dark treat already in their flavor profile.

Young's & Co. brewery in London offers what is considered by many to be the standard chocolate dark ale: Double Chocolate Stout. This beer falls into the sweet stout category, and is the least aggressive of the beers to follow. At 5.2 percent alcohol by volume (ABV), Young's stout lets the milk and dark chocolate come through in a smooth fashion at or just below room temperature.

Rogue Ales in Newport, Oregon offers Chocolate Stout, which proves to be a beer/chocolate lovers dream. This American stout has real chocolate blended into the mixture. One of the most chocolate tasting of the bunch, there is also the ever-present west coast hop flavors that run underneath the sweetness. Think of this one as a spicy, dark cocoa drink, 6 percent ABV.

If you want your chocolate beer to be over the top, try Brooklyn Brewery's Black Chocolate Stout. This New York beer is a Russian Imperial Stout with strength and

complexity, checking in at 10.6 percent ABV. Bittersweet dark chocolate flavors mix with strong coffee and alcohol! This is a powerful brew not intended for the inexperienced. I actually think this one is better after having been aged for a year or two.

By far the best chocolate beer I have ever enjoyed is brewed by Southern Tier Brewing Company. Choklat is a 9.5 percent ABV American Double Stout and it is divine. This beer has the most chocolate aroma and taste of any beer I know brewed today. This is dark bittersweet chocolate beer at its best. The extremely limited release and availability of Choklat make this ale all the more prized and amazing.

Pairing chocolate stouts with sweets is always a fine idea. Homemade brownies and chocolate chip cookies are a great mix with any of the above beers. I've even made a beer float with a rich chocolate stout. Try different combinations and see what works for your tastebuds. Of course, most of these beers can act as a dessert in and of themselves. Enjoy the brews ... Cheers.



Of the few traditions associated with Valentine's Day, chocolate may be the most delicious. The sweet, dark goodness of this sinful delight has been touted as an aphrodisiac and is a stimulant. Often when discussions of alcohol wander to chocolate, the prevailing wisdom is that the perfect pair is red wine. However, certain reds can overpower the sweet stuff, and in many of my own attempts, the two don't always mix well. However, beer and chocolate can pair wonderfully. An even better option is a beer brewed with chocolate. Now that sounds like a perfect Valentine dessert.

Unlike many porters and stouts that claim an aspect of 'chocolate' flavor due to the use of highly roasted chocolate malts, several brewers incorporate actual chocolate, cocoa, or a related ingredient into their brewing, and the overwhelming choice for this addition is stout ale. Stout is an ideal



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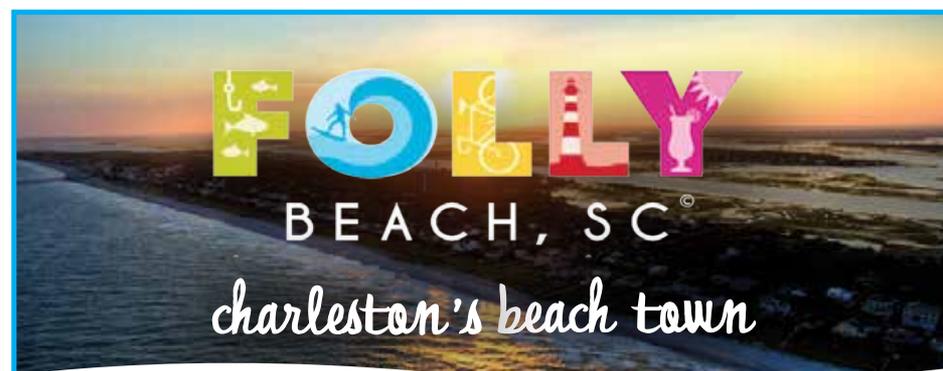
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SALT MARSH DIARIES

BY CAPTAIN ANTON DUMARS OF SPARTINA SAILING ADVENTURES

Shifting Sands

An old chart, dated 1900, features a prominent spit on the southwestern end of Morris Island. This spit existed 1,600 yards seaward of its 21st century progeny. The past and present spit show uncanny resemblance in both size and orientation.

After almost 100 years of retreat, Morris Island's southwestern sand volume once again made muster. Natural wind and wave forces persisted, rendering a modern copy. Daily processes usually trump episodic events.

My guests returned and boarded the boat through ankle-deep water. I started the motor, stowed the anchor, and began my retreat from what was the day before a predictable exit. Bumping and lurching my way out of the cove at dead high tide had me wearing a nervous smile, the bottom now foreign like the dark side of the moon.

The next day, I re-visited the spot to finding five acres of sand occupying the



former cove.

A coastline, like one's life, experiences months, even years, of relative stability. Then some random event takes the whole mess, shakes it up, and casts it back out, rendering our world unrecognizable. But nature finds an average.

Persistent daily forces once again take charge, sculpting life into a semblance of its previous existence.

Captain Anton DuMars, a coastal geologist and long-time Folly Beach resident. Contact Anton at sailspartina@gmail.com



OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

BY CHARLIE STONECYPHER

Hello My Friends, before I start my ramblings I would like to throw a big shout out to You, the readers for taking the time to read these articles and the great response I've had and the cool people I've met because of it. Also much Love to the Folly Current and all it's staff for really capturing the spirit of the beach every month.

Many dread doing yard work, or reconstruction, cleaning, etc. but there is

a way to make a dreaded upcoming task bearable, (maybe even fun.) They say it's the little things that make a difference in our lives and I'm rediscovering that. Try this: On an upcoming project that is out of your comfort zone why not talk to someone familiar who is good at it and get some tips on the work, mistakes to avoid, etc. Take Notes.

Don't get your materials the day of scheduled project. You do not want to be running back and forth on game day. Vendors can be inconsistent as well.

Time is money, pack a lunch. Make it a good one worth taking a break for. By this I don't mean a huge lunch but better

quality. If others are involved bring enough for them, even it's just snacks and drinks. People love unexpected kindness. Even if you're working solo, you're worth it aren't you? Drink lots of water. The other day I was buying oranges for a snack and was about to grab the cheap bag and said, "C'mon Charlie, drop a few extra bucks on the sweet, nice ones that you'll actually enjoy after peeling." It was well worth it. It turns out everybody else had been eating cheap oranges and were not that crazy about them until that day. Go the extra mile and the world will follow.

Morale is huge in our pursuits. Both for us and any others involved. Of course

there's a tipping point where there's too much fun and games and the productivity curve goes down but do your best to find that line and ride it. I hope you all have a great February and let's get everyone's morale up. Start with yourself.

Aloha My Friends!

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1. Recreational area
5. French for "Storehouse"
10. Desiccated
14. Curved molding
15. Cottage
16. Nil
17. Kookaburra
19. Requests
20. A late time of life
21. Daisylike bloom
22. Near
23. Demolish
25. Willow
27. Hankering
28. Impersonator
31. Narrow inlet of the sea
34. French school
35. Anger
36. Relating to aircraft
37. Applied to a wall or canvas
38. 1 1 1 1
39. Actress Lupino
40. Embankment
41. Anxiety
42. Litterbug
44. Slice
45. Pig sounds

46. Whorl of petals

50. Happy cat sounds

52. Literary genre

54. "Dig in!"

55. Murres

56. Blushing

58. Anagram of "Deer"

59. Anagram of "Talon"

60. Killer whale

61. Leisure

62. In a fitting way

63. One who colors cloth

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1. Prodded
2. Lissome
3. Rips
4. Beer barrel
5. Invented the light bulb
6. Yummy
7. Throb
8. Secretion chemical
9. Hearing organ
10. A type of rhododendron
11. Utilizing
12. Bothers
13. An amount of medicine
18. Got along
22. Give as an example

24. Apprentice

26. Sediment

28. Less friendly

29. Mining finds

30. A musical pause

31. Be unsuccessful

32. A Star Wars hero

33. Speeches

34. Listen in

37. Benefit

38. Savvy about

40. Focusing glass

41. Vibes

43. Rant

44. Pleasing to the eye

46. A clique

47. Apprehensive

48. Javelin

49. Fragrant oil

50. Unadulterated

51. Urine component

53. Litter's littlest

56. Estimated time of arrival

57. Atlantic food fish

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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1. Automobile

What classic American sports car won MotorTrend's Car of the Year for its redesign saw its high-performance engine moved from the front of the vehicle to the middle of the car, similarly to Ferrari and Lamborghini?

2. Television

What new HBO original series starring and directed by Jason Bateman is the latest Stephen King book to get adapted for a TV?

3. Scandals

What Major League Baseball team fired their General Manager and coach last month following a sign stealing scandal that resulted in a year suspension for each?

4. The Oscars

Oscar nominations were announced recently, what movie leads all others this year with 11 nominations?

5. Directors

What Oscar-winning director of movies like American Beauty and Skyfall, just won the Golden Globe for Best Director for his World War I flick 1917?

6. Sports

What NBA star just made history by becoming the first player ever to play a game in four different decades?

7. Actors & Actresses

What English actor, who starred in another popular movie franchise, is set to become the next Batman after Ben Affleck's Batman is hanging up his cape?

8. Golden Globes

What movie star and rapper of just became the first Asian-American to win the Golden Globe for best actress?

9. The Munchies

Inspired by his "passion for plant-based protein and love of glazed donuts," what legendary stoner made a sandwich for Dunkin' Donuts that's a beyond sausage patty with a donut bun?

10. Music

Announced last month, what rapper will be part of the 2020 class of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

The Folly Current Community Billboard is a Free listing for events happening on Folly Beach.

Please submit all happenings to info@follycurrent.com by the 21st of the month in order to be included in the next issue of The Folly Current.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Arts & Crafts Guild Meeting
Meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Exhibiting Membership \$35, Associate Membership \$20. Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Folly's Art and Craft Village
Sundays 12-4pm and Wednesdays 5-9pm. Held at The Washout, 41 Center St.

CLUBS & SUPPORT GROUPS

Civic Club
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Community Center, 55 Center St. For more information, contact Regina Anderson 633-0200.

Exchange Club
Meeting is the 1st Thursday of each month. Dinner program is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact May Holmes at 588-9238.

Folly Association of Business
Business meeting open for all Folly Beach business owners. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. For more information, email secretary4FAB@gmail.com. Tides Hotel, conference room, 1 Center Street.

Folly Beach Book Club
Join in the discussion of "My Sister, the Serial Killer" by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Monday, Feb. 10th at 2:30pm. Folly Beach Community Center. 55 Center St. For more info, call 588-0093.

Folly Green Team
Meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 6pm in the Community Center. For more info, contact Teresa Marshall (728) 543-4670 or teresa_marshall56@hotmail.com.

Home & Garden Club
Meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 12pm. Folly Beach Community Center. 55 Center St. For more info, call 588-0093.

Men's Club Breakfast
Meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at 10am. The cost of the buffet, featuring

pancakes, scrambled eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy and fruit salad. \$6 per person. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 105 W. Hudson Ave. For more information, call 588-2336.

Men's Club of Our Lady of Good Counsel
Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm for a light meal and fellowship. Meeting at 6:30pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Father Kelly Parish Hall, 105 W. Hudson Ave. For more information, call 588-2336.

Recovery in Christ
Biblically based; seeks God concerning our habits, hurts, & hang-ups. Meets Thursdays at 6 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St.

Save the Light
Meets the 1st Wednesday at 7pm every month. For more information, call: 633-0099.

Senior Citizens Club
55 and over are invited. Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 11am. Contact Pauline Ray at 588-9580.

Women's Guild
Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Father Kelly Hall, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

EVENTS

Oyster Roast Benefit. \$25 for oysters, \$12 without oysters. All you can eat steamed local oysters, catfish stew, hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts, and drinks. Saturday, Feb. 29 from 4-8pm at Father Kelly Parish Hall at 105 W. Hudson Ave. Purchase tickets from club members, after mass or at the door. For more information, call 588-2336.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Family Movie Night
Held the 4th Sunday of the month at 5 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Family Storytime (all ages). Monday, Feb. 3, 10, & 24 at 10:30 am. Folly Beach County Library, 55 Center St.

Folly Beach Farmer's Market
Folly Beach Farmers Market is held every Monday from 4-8pm. www.follybeachfarmersmarket.org

Saturday STEM Play
Get creative during a fun, STEM-themed activity. Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10am-1pm. Folly Beach County Library, 55 Center St.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Beach Yoga
Check with Serenity Tree Yoga and Folly Beach Island Yoga for weekly schedule.

Christian Meditation
Meets every Monday at 8 am. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Folly Beach Community Yoga
Tuesdays from 10-11am and Thursdays 10-11am. Fee: Folly residents \$5; non-residents \$10. Contact Jennifer at Follybeachcommunityyoga@gmail.com Folly River Park or in the Community Center during inclement weather.

Oceananda Yoga
Classes held at Malama Massage Therapy. OceanandaYoga@gmail.com or (704) 779-8451.

Open Water Swimming Meet Up
9am every Sunday. Meet at the Pier next to the showers.

Yoga Unplugged by CPRC
Mondays and Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm
Live acoustic music; open to all levels. Meets at Folly Beach County Park
Fee: \$10/\$8 CCR Discount/Free Move IT Pass Holder.

OUTDOOR

Charleston County Parks
offers a variety of summer camps and courses including lifeguard classes, SUP, surfing, kayaking, and more at the Folly Beach County Park and Lighthouse Inlet

Preserve. www.charleston-countyparks.com for more info.

Seabirding at Folly Beach Pier. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8:30-10am. Ages 12 & up. Meets at the Folly Beach Pier. www.charlestoncountyparks.com for more info.

RELIGIOUS

Christian Meditation Group
Meets every Monday at 8:30am. Father Kelly Hall, 105 West Hudson Ave.

Faith Formation
Meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Girlfriends Bible Study
Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am & 6:30pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Mary's Rosary Guild
Meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 10am. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Men's Bible Study
Meets Mondays at 7pm Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Soup Ministry
Every Monday at 12pm Meets in the Fellowship Hall. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Women's Bible Study
Meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church. 77 Center St. 588-9414.

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Corvette
2. The Outsider
3. Houston Astros
4. Joker
5. Sam Mendes
6. Vince Carter
7. Robert Pattinson
8. Awkwafina
9. Snoop Dogg
10. The Notorious B.I.G.

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