

Weekly news summary for Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Officials reached out this past week to thank the local community for helping clean beaches following the departure of Hurricane Erin. The work by the Buxton Civic Association, North Carolina Beach Buggy Association the Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men and lots of the local community members was acknowledged. Stated David Hallac, superintendent, National Parks of Eastern North Carolina. “Their tireless efforts to clean up miles of beaches following the storm reflects a love for America’s first national seashore and helps ensure a pleasant and safe experience for beachgoers. Thank you!”

In addition to community volunteer efforts, the seashore deployed heavy equipment and dozens of staff to Buxton Beach Access and Old Lighthouse Beach on multiple days to clean up a significant amount of house debris and large pieces of broken concrete and asphalt. Dare County hauled away nine dumpsters of collected debris.

About 70 residents and stakeholders gathered in Buxton on Wed, Sept 3, to listen to a proposal to repair the community’s southernmost groin. The meeting, hosted by the National Park Service, was attended by county elected officials, the Buxton Civic Association, Coastal Science & Engineering, County Mgr Robert Outten, and NC Division of Coastal Management Director Tancred Miller. The Island Free Press has an extensive article written by Editor Joy Crist. The article has illustrations. Please go to Island Free Press dot org for all the details.

Salvo Cemetery has new banner. On Friday, September 5, some descendants and residents gathered at The Salvo Community Cemetery. The cemetery is within the Salvo Soundside Beach Access, formerly the Salvo Day Use Area. The occasion was installing a replacement banner telling about some of the people buried in the cemetery and their families. The community cemetery was in dire straits before a group of descendants and volunteers undertook restoration. In 2021, photojournalist Justin Cook with help from the Pulitzer Center, created the large-scale outdoor exhibit.

Ocracoke Ferry Schedules change. Ocracoke Express passenger ferry will end 2025 seasonal service September 15. The long distance ferry routes over the Pamlico Sound return to off season schedules. Starting Tuesday, September 8, the new schedules will be Cedar Island to Ocracoke: 7:30, 10:30 and 4:30. Ocracoke to Cedar Island: 7:30, 1 and 4:30. Swan Quarter to Ocracoke: 10, 1:30 and 4:30. Ocracoke to Swan Quarter: 7, 10 and 1:30

Atlantic Ocean commercial flounder season opens September 11. North Carolina Marine Fisheries Proclamation FF-30-2025 opens the Atlantic Ocean commercial flounder season at 12:01 a.m., September 11, 2025, and establishes a 100-pound trip limit for vessels employing trawls. Properly licensed vessel Captains can possess landing limits for other states, but it shall be unlawful to offload those fish in North Carolina. The fishery will close by proclamation once the annual North Carolina quota is reached.

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles opened a new license plate agency this past week in Kitty Hawk. The new agency is located at 3809 N. Croatan Hwy., which is U.S. Hwy. 158, at the Sea Dunes Shoppes. The agency is open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, except on state holidays. The office is operated by Josh Bass and Denise Hall. The standard issue “OBX” plates are once again available.

In North Carolina, the Division of Motor Vehicles oversees License Plate Agencies, but the agencies are managed by private businesses or local governments. The new license plate agency offers vehicle registration services and title transactions, license plate renewals, replacement tags, handicap placards and duplicate registrations.

Senior Sunrise at Cape Hatteras Secondary

The Cape Hatteras Secondary School’s Class of 2026 decided to get a bright start to the school year with a Senior Sunrise event on Thursday morning, September 4, on the shoreline of Buxton, reports the Island Free Press.

More than half of the roughly 60-member class attended the celebration, with a breakfast at the school following the on-the-beach gathering.

See photos by Don Bowers on Thursday's Senior Sunrise celebration on Island Free Press.

Labor Day 5K; Buxton native takes top slot. Runners in the second annual Labor Day 5K at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse enjoyed sunshine and mild temperatures. But runners ran against winds gusting to 18 miles per hour at the race start around 7:32, Monday, morning, September 1, 2025. Some 153 runners signed up for the race. Of that number, 129 runners/walkers picked up bibs and started the race and 113 finished.

Runners were serious, many putting on a sprint at the end of the course. The 3.1 mile course goes by the famed Cape Hatteras Lighthouse now undergoing restoration, out and back Loran Rd and returns along the initial course. Barrier Island Group organizes this race and 3 more. This one was presented by lead sponsor Surf or Sound Realty. Three local non-profit organizations benefited from the race: Hatteras Island Meals, Buxton Civic Association and Frisco-Buxton Pathway Project. **Islanders in the Top 20 Finishers are**

1. Joey Crum, 40, Buxton,
5. Gaizka Kortadi, 47, Buxton
7. Curren Leggat, 13, Avon
10. Jason Forrest, 46, Buxton
11. Anna Grelecka, 43, Rodanthe
15. Amy Thompson, 36, Avon
16. Will Thompson, 39, Avon
17. Edouard Vandewalle, 32, Avon

Cape Hatteras Secondary Varsity Sports line up this week. Soccer plays Sept 9 at Northeastern at 5:00 and at Gates County on Sept 11 at 5:00. The team has a roster of 25 student athletes and a 1–1–1 record. Volleyball plays September 8 against Northeastern at home at 5:30 and plays in Columbia on September 11 at 4:30 as both middle grades and secondary teams will play. Cross Country runners have two meets this week: on September 9 at Camden at 5 o'clock and on Saturday, September 13 at the East Carolina University Pirate Invitational at 10 o'clock

Day at the Docks coming September 20. On September 18, 2003, Hurricane Isabel formed new inlets and destroyed the only highway connection when it slammed Hatteras Island.

In a couple of weeks in Hatteras village, Day at the Docks kicks off celebrating the hurricane's heroes, the commercial fishing and charter operators who restarted the village's economy.

This year's Day at the Docks is set for September 20. The community event offers numerous activities, including a children's fishing contest, live music, clam chowder tasting and a seafood throw down. An education tent features a variety of organizations that support the coast through advocacy, education and habitat restoration and preservation. Listen to Radio Hatteras for schedule tips, like registering for the Children's Fishing Contest before bait is in the water at 1 o'clock at Jeffrey's Seafood at Hatteras Harbor.

The Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation's 5K race is returning for its 22nd year Saturday, October 11, and registration is currently open for the popular annual event. This year's event is being held in honor of [Donna Peele](#), a beloved founding member of the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation who lost her own battle with breast cancer Saturday, October 14, 2023. The annual race is one of the primary fundraising events for the foundation, which has been an instrumental organization for the local community for more than two decades.

Founded in 2000, the foundation provides assistance to local residents dealing with cancer to help with needs such as travel expenses, prescriptions, and medical supplies, as well as medical bills that are not covered by insurance. Since its inception, the HICF has assisted hundreds of islanders with cancer and their families with grants in excess of \$1,000,000.

The cost to join in the 5K is \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the race. Children 12 and under are \$15. Children in strollers are free. The price includes this year's 5K T-shirt and awards. The race starts at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Folks are encouraged to wear pink in honor of Donna Peele, and to mark October's significance as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Participants can register for the October 11 event at runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=36599

Stay safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.