

## **Weekly News Summary for Sunday, September 14, 2025.**

Hatteras Island experienced rough surf and minor ocean overwash early this past week. Until Friday, the island stayed sandwiched between fronts bringing gray weather, cooler temperatures and north northeast winds.

Rip currents and strong longshore currents brought serious warnings from the National Weather Service.

Rain chances pick up in the coming week. A coastal low pressure system is likely to hang off the North Carolina coast. National Weather Service forecasters say “we will need to watch how this evolves but safe to say rain chances increasing quite a bit for midweek.”

### **Speed limit changes made Monday**

N.C. Department of Transportation crews will reinstall off-season speed limit signs along sections of N.C. 12 in several parts of Currituck and Dare counties on Sept. 15, weather permitting.

On Monday, speed limits in areas through Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo, as well as in Corolla and Frisco, will return to 45 miles per hour from their seasonal speed limits of 35. Off-season speed limits also will resume in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, such as the area near the Haulover Parking Lot south of Avon. The media release from the Department of Transportation did not list Avon village as returning to 45 miles per hour. Avon has been included in years past. Motorists are advised to continue driving with caution, as there are still many motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians on the Outer Banks in the fall.

Seasonal speed limits will return on May 15, 2026.

For real-time travel information, visit **DriveNC.gov**.

### **No electronic devices in District Court**

Going to District Court? Leave electronic devices behind.

Published on Friday, September 12, and effective immediately, electronic devices shall not be allowed inside District Court Courtrooms in the First Judicial District.

Any person before entering any courtroom in the First Judicial District in which District Court is or is to be in session, shall be subject to search of his or her person.

If any such electronic device is found, the same shall be subject to immediate seizure by the Sheriff and held until further order of the court.

If any person does enter any courtroom with such device without prior permission, he or she shall be subject to the contempt powers of this court.

Specifically exempted from this order banning devices are law enforcement officers, officers of the court and attorneys at law licensed to practice before this court.

### **Candidate party affiliation must be registered by September 19**

North Carolina law requires candidates that intend to seek a party nomination in the 2026 elections to be affiliated with a recognized political party for at least 90 days before filing.

That means those who intend to file for the March 2026 primary must have their party affiliation registered with their county Board of Elections no later than Friday, September 19, 2025, writes Sam Walker on the Island Free Press

Candidate filing for the 2026 election is scheduled for December 1-19, 2025.

Recognized political parties in North Carolina are Democrat, Green, Libertarian and Republican. Those who are registered as unaffiliated are not eligible to file in races that have a party primary, and must instead use the petition process to qualify to be listed on the general election ballot or as a write-in candidate.

More details about candidate filing can be found at [ncsbe.gov/candidates/filing-candidacy](https://ncsbe.gov/candidates/filing-candidacy)

### **Two island villages fundraising for Christmas decorations**

Buxton Civic Association started it last year and is adding more decorations this year.

For 2025, a group in Avon is raising funds for holiday decorations. The group called Avon Holidays and Events Committee already has \$3,600 provided.

The deadline is for contributions is September 22. Any amount helps.

Mosca Design, Inc., Youngsville, NC, has been chosen as the holiday lighting vendor. They've provided high quality holiday lighting for Hatteras, Ocracoke, and Kitty Hawk.

The goal is to provide at least 10 holiday lights in the first year. Adding on additional lights as funding permits over the coming years. Only poles with transformers can be used for lighting. Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative installs the lights along NC 12. The committee has asked that Harbor Road be included and is awaiting a response.

To donate please use this link: [gofund.me/56d542556](https://gofund.me/56d542556)

And the Buxton Civic Association is “at it again,” spreading Christmas cheer.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 to purchase and power additional festive lights for Buxton. Already \$2,600 has been raised.

Every donation, big or small, helps bring more light and joy to our community.

Donate [buxtoncivic.com/donate](https://buxtoncivic.com/donate).

### **Mirlo presentation Monday at 11**

On Monday morning, September 15 at 11 o'clock, Mel Poole will make a detailed presentation of the sinking of the British tanker the Mirlo and rescue of crew members.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station in Rodanthe is the site of the presentation about the August 16, 1918 event.

### **Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition meets Tuesday**

The North Carolina Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition (NCCCCFC) will hold its next public meeting on Tuesday, September 16, at 1 o'clock at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

The Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition was formed in the summer of 2025 after a proposal from Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert L. Woodard.

The coalition brings together coastal county leaders to advocate for the state's commercial fishing industry.

The location is the Crystal Coast Civic Center, Main Hall Waterside, 203 College Circle Morehead City. The meeting is open to the public.

### **Beach Buggy folks clean beach**

The North Carolina Beach Buggy Association (NCBBA) will hold its Adopt-a-Beach cleanup on Saturday, September 20. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the event.

The Adopt-A-Beach will be launched from the Off road Vehicle Ramp 23 parking lot, just south of Salvo, at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, September 20.

Volunteers will be asked to drive and walk the beach to the north and south directions looking for trash, litter, boards, burned firewood, etc.

The association will provide trash bags, grabbers, and vests. It is recommended to bring a five-gallon bucket as well, which is much easier to fill.

For details or to sign up, contact Director Tom Brueckner at [tom.brueckner@ncbba.org](mailto:tom.brueckner@ncbba.org).

### **Day at the Docks coming September 20**

On September 18, 2003, Hurricane Isabel formed new inlets, severed NC 12 and cut off Hatteras village from the rest of Hatteras Island.

At the end of this week, 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 Saturday, 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.

Help clean the beach in Salvo and head for Hatteras village. Day at the Docks offers a full day of activities.

### **Wellness Screenings and flu vaccines September 24 in Rodanthe at 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Outer Banks Health offers free wellness screenings, which include blood pressure, heart rate, cholesterol, blood sugar, and body mass index, as well as health coaching. Flu vaccines will also be available for participants 18-64 years of age. Anyone 65 and over is encouraged to see their provider or local pharmacy for the higher-dose flu vaccines. Walk-ins are welcome if appointments are available.

Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, 23646 NC 12, Rodanthe

It's another long online address: [secureforms.ecuhealth.org/252164064462958](https://secureforms.ecuhealth.org/252164064462958)

Call 252-449-4529 with questions. All screenings will take place on the Outer Banks Health Coach vehicle in the parking lot.

### **Dare Arts Reimagines Rock The Cape Into Art Gallery Tour**

The 13th Annual Rock The Cape will look different this year with Dare Arts reimagining the event into a full day Hatteras Island art gallery tour, which will be held on Friday, September 26. Eight art galleries from Salvo to Hatteras Village are participating in this year's Rock The Cape

Gallery Tour, which is a free, family-friendly, self-guided tour.

Each of the galleries will be open on Friday, September 26 for residents and visitors to enjoy shopping for local art. The galleries will also have visiting artists, live art demonstrations, snacks and drinks, sales, and/or Hatteras musicians playing live music to elevate the shopping experience and introduce more people to the Hatteras Island Arts community.

For a full list of the artists, musicians, activities, sales, demonstrations, snacks and more that these galleries will be featuring during the tour, visit **DareArts.org/rockthecape**.

This project is sponsored by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau and supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For more information about the event, visit **DareArts.org/rockthecape** or call (252) 473-5558.

### **Inaugural Volunteer Week starts October 11 on Hatteras Island**

Outer Banks Volunteer Week takes place October 11 through October 18. The initiative invites visitors, residents and second homeowners to connect more deeply with the community by volunteering with local organizations on a variety of projects and events.

Part of the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau's expanding Voluntourism program, Volunteer Week aims to support local partners and highlight the ongoing work that goes into caring for and sustaining the Outer Banks.

2025 Outer Banks Volunteer Week events and projects features 10 events, the first of which is the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation Donna Peele Memorial 5K scheduled for Saturday, October 11.

Registration is currently open for the Foundation's event.

The annual race is one of the primary fundraising events for the foundation. 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 foundation 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 from the entrance to Kinnakeet Shores Soundside in Avon.

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](https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=36599)**

For complete details about Voluntourism Week and volunteer registration, visit **[outerbanks.org/volunteer week](https://outerbanks.org/volunteer-week)**.

### **National Park Survey underway**

The National Park Service is seeking public input to help identify ways to improve visitor services in national parks, including more efficient methods for delivering and managing those services.

Comments and suggestions are being accepted until October 9, 2025, but are only being taken online at **[federal register.gov/documents/2025/09/09-17293](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/09/09-17293)**

Respondents are encouraged to provide specific examples from park experiences to assist National Park Service in evaluating and implementing improvements.

**Now, be safe out there. This is Radio Hatteras.**