



Newsletter

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NC Fish Feature Great Barracuda



We're not featuring an article about the well known Heart song or the Dodge muscle car. No, we're talking about the predator of the seas—the Great Barracuda, *Sphyraena barracuda*. This fish range anywhere from 18 inches in length all the way up to 6 feet long and are classified as a type of ray-finned fish. On average, they live at least 14 years and can be found in near shore coral reefs, seagrasses, mangroves and the open oceans between 30°N- 30°S.

The most noticeable feature of the Great Barracuda is its two sets of razor sharp teeth and prominent underbite. Their food sources include a variety of fish like grouper, snapper, small tuna, mullets, herrings, and anchovies. Great Barracuda primarily locate their prey using their sight and stealth and it's estimated they can swim as fast as 36 mph in order to catch their dinner!

Despite their menacing look, Great Barracudas rarely attack humans but are known to be curious. They will unnervingly trail divers and occasionally will attempt to steal a fish from spearfishers.

Tiki Bar Updates On

facebook

Are you connected to Southport Marina on facebook yet? Now is the time because as the weather gets warmer, we'll let you know when the Tiki Bar is open for the weekend. So, if Southport is lucky enough to have "spring-like" weather we'll open up the Tiki Bar for the day! But, make sure to watch facebook because you never know if warm weather will arrive early!

Planning an Event?



Don't forget about Southport Marina's gorgeous Live Oak Park and Events Deck! The location is perfect for all your events, especially as the weather starts warming up!

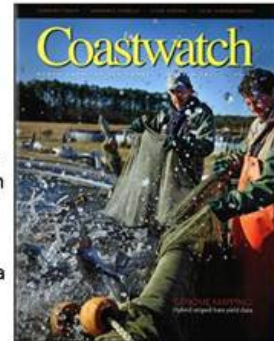
Also, all slipholders receive a 30% discount off the rental rate. We've already got several weddings and parties booked this year, so please contact the marina office soon to reserve your date.

Boating in Style

The Concierge Boat Club is available for dry storage customers!! For \$50/month, we'll put your freshly rinsed off boat in the water before you arrive, stock it with a cooler of ice and two plush towels, and rinse it off when you return. You'll receive an additional 5¢/gal. fuel discount and refueling service too. Join the Concierge Club today!

Extreme Makeover

Southport Marina has been featured in numerous magazine and newspapers over the years. It's most recent news attention has come from Winter 2011 edition of *Coastwatch* Magazine, a local North Carolina publication that is produced by the NC Sea Grant College Program.



The magazine featured Southport Marina in a six page spread, titled "Extreme Makeover: Southport Marina Edition."

The article primarily focuses on the marina's Clean Marina award and how the facility positively interacts with the environment by detailing the marina's eco-friendly renovations, recycling of the old docks, stormwater management, and the Live Oak Park. The article also describes the Clean Marina Program in detail and its importance to the city of Southport.

Customers Edgar and Coleen Anderson and Sam and Karen Johnson were featured in the article as well, describing their relationships with Southport Marina and Southport. To read the entire article visit,

www.seagrants.org/home/coastwatch.