



Newsletter

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The Hurricanes are Coming!



Hurricane season is coming up soon, beginning June 1st and running until November 30th. In order to prepare for this uninvited weather, wet slipholders are strongly urged to sign up for Southport Marina's Hurricane Haul Out Program.

For a seasonal, one time license fee your boat is guaranteed a space in our yard to ride out threatening hurricanes. For Southport Marina slipholders who sign up prior to the end of May, the license fee is \$11/ ft. After May, the slipholder rate is \$13/ ft and \$15/ft

for nonslipholders. **Space is extremely limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis!**

Contact a marina staff person for more information today! Haul out rates do apply.

Boat in Style!

The Concierge Club is up and running! We are now offering this program to any current dry storage customer. Contact a marina staff person today to learn how you can boat in style!

Saturday, June 11th, 12-4pm

Celebrate



at

Southport Marina

- Slipholder Giveaway!
- Free Cook-Out
- Live Music
- Tiki Bar
- Hands On NC Aquarium Exhibit
- Coast Guard Demonstration

Congratulations to...

... Mallory Lane! She became the 200th fan of Southport Marina on facebook and won a Southport Marina Gift Bag including a t-shirt, koozies, hat and visor!

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We're waiting to see who will become our 300th facebook fan and promise an even BIGGER prize to that lucky person!

NC Fish Feature: Greater Amberjack



The Greater Amberjack, or *Seriola dumerili*, is a subtropical species that is found in the US all along the east coast and the Gulf of Mexico. The fish are commonly found near rocky reefs, debris, and wrecks anywhere from 60-240 feet below the water's surface. They like to eat squid, Bigeye Scad, sardines, and crustaceans. As for predators, Amberjack fish must watch out for Yellowfin tuna, European wake, Brown noddy, Sooty tern, and seabirds.

Amberjacks can grow up to 6.2 feet in length and typically weigh up to 39.7 pounds, but the record is 177.6 lbs. Michael Krantz caught the largest NC Amberjack; it weighed a whopping 126 lbs and 7 oz. This species also lives at least 17 years and females typically live longer than the males. While they are young, juveniles will congregate in schools but tend to live solitarily as they age.

The Amberjack is commercially caught and their flesh is marketed fresh in Florida and Mexico because it can be cooked in a number of ways. There have been cases reported of ciguatera poisoning in the larger Amberjacks, which is caused by the accumulation of toxins in its flesh. When infected, humans report stomach illness, weakening of their limbs, and the inability to differentiate between hot and cold temperatures.

When fishing the Amberjack species, North Carolina requires that their minimum length be 28 inches and only one may be caught per person per day.

Courtesy of the Florida Museum of Natural History and the NC Division of Marine Fisheries

MAY TIKI BAR HOURS

Open

Fridays 3-7pm

Saturdays 12-7pm

Closed: May 21st 4-8pm

