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THE SHORE'S ONLY LOCALLY OWNED NEWSPAPER Shore Fired Up for the Fourth

By Amanda Mehall

The Fourth of July is approaching and the Eastern Shore is packed with happenings to make the holiday weekend a special time for families and friends. Events honoring the red, white and blue will take place on Chincoteague Island to Cape Charles, to spread patriotism up and down the coast. Check out these events and make your plans to unleash your American pride this holiday weekend.

Chincoteague:

Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival:

Kick off Fourth of July weekend with a trip to Chincoteague's annual carnival! Filled with rides, games and food, the fireman's carnival is undoubtedly a way to make special summer memories. The carnival grounds are located off S. Main Street, has free admission and will run Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1. Carnival begins at 7 p.m.

Fireworks:

On July 1, the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, the Town of Chincoteague and the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual old-fashioned fireworks display. Fireworks will be at the carnival grounds starting at 10 p.m. Rain date is July 8.

Music at the Dock:

Start Fourth of July weekend on a high note and check out the Salisbury Community Band's free performance at Robert Reed Park in downtown Chincoteague. The performance will be at 7 p.m. on July 1, and be sure you bring something to sit on, or dock your boat and enjoy some patriotic music on the water.

KOA Campground weekend party:

If you're interested in camping and spending your Fourth of July weekend outdoors, KOA will host a party the whole weekend. From the first to the fourth, tons of family fun activities will take place like a pool party, live entertainment, hotdog

eating contest and patriotic campsite decorating competitions!

<u>Day trips:</u>

Accomac Non-Motorized Parade:

Deck out your bike with anything and everything red, white and blue and ride through the town of Accomac. Or walk, pull a wagon or push a stroller. The Shore's most inclusive parade happens every year along Front Street, beginning at Ward's Service Station and ending on the courthouse green where everyone gets a red, white and blue popsicle as a band plays patriotic favorites. Parade begins at 10 a.m.

Freedom 5K:

Kick off your Fourth of July with a running start by signing up for the fourth annual Ocean Pines Freedom 5K. The race will take place at 8 a.m. on July 4 and a portion of the proceeds will go to Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. Once you complete the walk or run, entertainment will be set up including waterslides, games, a dunk tank and face painting until 2 p.m. For more information go to: <u>http://octrirunning.com/ocean-city-md-running-event/</u> <u>ocean-pines-freedom-5k/</u>

Picnic and parade:

Celebrate the fourth with Wachapreague, and show your American pride at its annual parade. Wachapreague will have a Fourth of July parade and picnic with live music on Independence Day at Seaside Park, 12 - 4 p.m.

All-day Fourth of July celebration:

Cape Charles will celebrate the fourth with a day filled with traditional Independence Day events such as a parade, fireworks display and beach volleyball tournament. Festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. and go until 8 p.m. on Bay Avenue. For more information, visit: <u>http://www.capecharlesbythebay.com/event/</u> july-4th-celebration-parade-street-fair-fireworks/

Free music and ice cream:

Enjoy a free dish of ice cream, with a complete



Photo by Linda Cicora

Fourth of July Fireworks.

toppings bar, to the tune of patriotic music performed by the Accomack Community Band on July 3. Painting supplies will be supplied for children, and pets on a leash are welcome. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the town square and gazebo on Market and West Streets in Onancock.

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Storytelling Event Will Feature Four Local Tellers

Submitted Article

The Chincoteague Storytelling Guild is hosting its monthly Hear A Story/Share A Story on June 30, featuring Josh Chapman from Black Narrows Brewing, Elise Trelegan from Chincoteague Bay Field Station, Stewart Lundy from Perennial Roots Farm and Kristin Willis from Eastern Shore Coastal Roasting Company.

As at previous meetings, the featured guests' stories will be followed by the opportunity for members of the audience to also tell a brief story. No one will be asked to tell a story; all speakers will be volunteers.

The event will be held at the Chincoteague Center for the Arts (CCA Building) at 6309 Church St. It is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 7 p.m.

The Guild continues to find residents of Chincoteague with stories to tell. Hear A Story/Share A Story provides everyone a welcoming environment to hear stories told by notable local residents and to share tales of their own. At every story swap event like this, members of the audience have taken advantage of the chance to share a short story to a very warm and receptive crowd. Stories can be based on real situations, total fabrications, history, legends, fairy tales, small lies, big lies, innuendo and half-truths. A good story is a good story.

The Chincoteague Storytelling Guild is a partnership of the Chincoteague Island Library, the Museum of Chincoteague Island, and the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. The Guild continues to work with the Virginia Storytelling Alliance to advance the art of storytelling in all its forms.

Mark your calendars for the first Chincoteague Storytelling Festival Nov. 3 - 4, featuring Donald Davis, Sheila Arnold, Anthony Burcher, and Denise Bennett.







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What to do this week in and around Chincoteague

Friday, June 30

Chincoteague Story Telling Guild, 7 p.m., refreshments at 6:30 p.m., free admission, Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St. www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/chincoteague-storytelling-guild.html

Friday, June 30 - Saturday, July 1 & Friday, July 7 - Saturday, July 8:

Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, 7 - 11 p.m., Chincoteague Island Carnival Grounds, <u>www.cvfc3.com</u>

Saturday, July 1:

Free Kids Art Class, 1 - 2 p.m., all supplies provided, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., <u>www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/free-kids-art-class.html</u>

Music at the Dock, 7 p.m., Free admission, Robert Reed Park in Chincoteague's historic downtown, <u>www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/music-at-the-dock.html</u>

Saturday, July 1, Wednesday, July 5 & Saturday, July 8:

Chincoteague Island Farmer & Artisan Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St.,

www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/chincoteague-island-farmers-market.html

Saturday, July 1 & Saturday, July 8:

Imagination Playground, 11 a.m., geared toward ages 4 - 9, NASA Wallops Visitor Center, <u>https://www.nasa.gov/content/wallops-visitor-center/public-programs</u>

Peculiar Planet, 2 p.m., all ages welcome, NASA Wallops Visitor Center,

https://www.nasa.gov/content/wallops-visitor-center/public-programs

Wednesday, July 5:

Engineering Challenge, 2 p.m., pre-registration required, registration begins 1 hour prior at the front desk, ages 6 and up, NASA Wallops Visitor Center, <u>https://www.nasa.gov/content/wallops-visitor-center/public-programs</u>

Thursday, July 6 - Thursday, July 13:

"Despicable Me 3", 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., (9:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday), Island Theatre, 4074 Main Street Chincoteague, see website for ticket information, <u>www.islandtheatres.com</u>

Friday, July 7:

Rocketry, 2 p.m., all ages welcome, NASA Wallops Visitor Center, <u>https://www.nasa.gov/content/wallops-visitor-center/public-programs</u>

Main Street Fun Fridays, throughout the afternoon and evening, Shops on Main Street, Chincoteague, <u>www.chincoteaguemerchants.com</u>

Saturday, July 8:

The Artful Flea Market, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Free Parking, Free Admission, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/the-artful-flea.html

2nd Saturday Art Stroll, 5 - 8 p.m., Main Street and Maddox Boulevard, <u>www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/2nd-saturday-art-stroll.html</u>

Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

Friday, June 30 - Saturday, July 1

Beauty and the Beast Jr., 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings, 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, \$15 reserved, \$10 general admission, 34 Market St., Onancock, 757-787-2050, <u>www.northstreetplayhouse.org</u>

<u>Friday, June 30 – Tuesday, July 4</u>

"Megan Leavey", 7 p.m. (6/30 - 7/3), 3 p.m. (7/4), adults \$9, seniors \$8, children (12 and under with parent) \$7.50, 48 Market St., Onancock, <u>http://www.roselandonancock.com/</u>

Tuesday, July 4

"Independence Day", 7 p.m., \$5, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles, 757-331-2787, <u>http://artsentercapecharles.org</u>

Fourth of July Firecracker Book Sale, 9 a.m.– noon, free refreshments, Fundraiser for Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomac Library 23610 Front St., Accomac, 757-787-2589

Wednesday, July 5

"Jaws", 7 p.m., \$5, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles, 757-331-2787, <u>http://artsentercapecharles.org/calendar/</u>

Friday, July 7 - Wednesday, July 19

"Spider-Man: Homecoming," 7 p.m. (7/7 - 7/15 and 7/19), 4 p.m. (7/9 and 7/16), adults \$9, seniors \$8, children (12 and under with parent) \$7.50, 48 Market St., Onancock, <u>http://www.roselandonancock.com/</u>

All listings are provided for information only; call or check websites for updates and confirmation.

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Fishing from the Shore By Bill Hall

The offshore fishery continues to improve, with large bluefin tuna making a brief appearance off Chincoteague and yellowfin tuna catches are becoming a little more consistent out in the canyons. In the lower bay, the cobia bite remains steady, while undersized rockfish continue to dominate the action in the shallow waters of the upper bay.

Chincoteague - Mark and Donna Rae, of Captain Bob's Bait & Tackle, reported that croaker are slowly starting to move in, with the larger fish measuring 12-14 inches. Kingfish (whiting/ sand mullet) have been a dependable catch in the surf of Assateague, as well as in the inlet between Buovs 11 and 14. Fresh bloodworms and Fish Bites have been the top baits for these tasty bottom fish. Undersized flounder still outnumber keepers by a large margin, but patient anglers working the channel between the Rt. 175 bridge north in front of the high school are producing some keepers. Mark recommended that anglers concentrate in depths of 10-feet. Pink is still the hot bait color, with pink Berkley Gulps and pink Mylar tandem rigs tipped with live minnows producing. The deep hole adjacent to Tom's Cove Campground has also produced catches of keeper flounder. Shark catches have



been coming from the inlet near the CI Buoy on cut mackerel and bunker baits.

Tom, from Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that anglers found some bluefin tuna over the Lumpy Bottom this weekend, with some very large fish hooked, but not landed. As recently as last Thursday, false albacore and sharks were the dominant species on the Lumpy. Tom agreed that the best flounder fishing has been occurring from the new bridle north to the high school. The surf is holding kingfish, a few bluefish and lots of sharks. Cockle Creek is also holding some large sharks. Black sea bass catches on the wrecks have been very good, with lots of "knotheads" boated. Large hammerheads and duskys are prowling around most of the offshore structures.

Wachapreague - Captain Lindsay Paul, of Trident Tackle, reported that anglers were finding a few keeper flounder and lots of throwbacks. Flounder fishing was very good last Thursday and Sunday. Unfortunately, stormy conditions on Saturday adversely affected the ladies flounder tournament. Captain Paul recommended the waters of Green and Drawing Channels, as well as in front of the old Coast Guard Station, as areas for anglers to concentrate their efforts. Minnows, fished with strips of fresh squid or Berkley Gulp, have been the old standby baits. Offshore vessels found a few yellowfin tuna in the Washington Canyon. Wreck fishing for seabass has been good if you can find structures that has not recently been hammered. Don's Tackle reported that the nasty weather on Saturday resulted in only two fish being caught in the ladies' flounder tournament. On the bright side, nice-sized flounder are coming from the offshore railcars.

Lower Shore – Mark, from Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported that cobia fishing remained good in the lower Chesapeake, with the top action coming from the areas around Buoys 13, 16 and outside the highrise section of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Flounder fishing in the lower bay is improving, as quality catches of fish measuring 18-24



Photo courtesy of SeaHawk Sports Center Pictured from L – R: Chuck Carter, Josh Harrison and Fred Harrison with a catch of yellowfin tuna out of Chincoteague aboard the Fin Crazy.

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as well as under the small bridge connecting Fisherman's Island and the tip of the Eastern Shore. There is a large school of spadefish hanging around the bridge-tunnel's fourth island, but the fish are small with most weighing 1-2 pounds. Sea mullet (whiting, kingfish) are being caught just outside the Kiptopeke pound nets and off of Sunset Beach. The pier at Kiptopeke State Park is producing catches of sea mullet, croakers, and ribbonfish. Croaker catches are coming from Marker #4 out of Oyster and around the inlet. **Upper Chesapeake Bay** – Matt, from SeaHawk Sports Center, report-

inches coming from the bridge-tunnel,

from SeaHawk Sports Center, reported that local Brooks Bailey enjoyed a catch of quality sized speckled trout in Tangier Sound. Cobia fishing seems to have leveled off in the northern bay, but quality sized fish continue to be caught to the south. One of his clients landed seven cobia on a trip out of Cape Charles last weekend. Anglers fishing for flounder over the rail cars caught limits of large fish. Smelt, large strips of squid and flounder bellies were the most productive baits. Matt said some of his customers found yellowfin tuna in the Washington Canyon. Coastal Killer's Kyle Krabill fished with local legend C.L. Marshall near Saxis at the mouth of the Pocomoke, landing a 24-inch keeper rockfish while casting for speckled trout. The duo caught an estimated 30 rockfish, but did not see a single trout. In an earlier trip, Krabill landed a small black drum and some specks near Watts Island. A recent trip on the Pungoteague Flats produced one small cobia.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.

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