

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual North Carolina Maritime History Council Conference  
Call for Papers: Hidden Histories of Maritime Carolina**



The Carolinas are home to many famous shipwrecks and stories that represent only a fraction of the rich maritime cultural landscape of the region. These sites range from the wrecks of infamous pirates like Blackbeard, to legendary rescues by members of the US Life-Saving Service, and discoveries related to the WWII Battle of the Atlantic off the Outer Banks. While many people have read about these shipwrecks or heard these stories, hidden below the surface are aspects of maritime history that might be drowned out by such major events. The stories from these hidden histories contribute to our collective maritime past and help form the network of maritime activity that has not been explored...until now.

The theme for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual North Carolina Maritime History Council Conference is “Hidden Histories of Maritime Carolina.” This conference seeks papers related to topics that cover aspects of maritime history of North and South Carolina that have yet to be told. Potential papers might discuss enslaved populations, indigenous histories, maritime workers, historic fisheries, maritime infrastructure, ports and harbors, ferry systems, and lesser known shipwrecks or sites. While the conference committee accepts papers on all aspects of maritime history related to North or South Carolina, we especially encourage papers that speak to the conference theme. Presentations by students, both undergraduate and graduate, are all welcome.

To submit a paper, each individual or group should email the title and a 150 word abstract to the Vice-Chair of the NC Maritime History Council, Will Sassorossi ([william.sassorossi@noaa.gov](mailto:william.sassorossi@noaa.gov)). The deadline to submit an abstract for consideration is **Saturday July 31, 2021.**

## Conference Venue

Southport Community Building  
223 East Bay Street  
Southport, NC 28461

<https://cityofsouthport.com/southport-community-building/>

Southport, a quaint coastal town at the confluence of the Cape Fear River, Intracoastal Waterway, and the Atlantic Ocean, will host the 2021 conference. Known for its iconic oak trees, boatbuilding, and fisheries industries, this community is filled with outdoor recreation, museums, restaurants, and shops.

<https://cityofsouthport.com/visitors-and-tourism/>

## Accommodations

River Hotel of Southport  
704 East Moore Street  
Southport, NC 28461

A nine-minute walk to the Conference and NC Maritime Museum.

30 rooms are blocked with double occupancy.

NC Maritime History Council Conference Rate is **\$118.00 plus taxes**.

Conference attendees must reserve their room before **October 1, 2021**.

<https://www.riverhotelofsouthport.com/>

## Post-Conference Activities (Pre-Register)

Annual Southport Wooden Boat Show – Old Yacht Basin

Bald Head Island Package – Lighthouse and museum, tour of the island (ferry ride)

Tour of NC Underwater Archaeology Branch at Kure Beach (ferry ride)

## Tributaries

*Tributaries* is the annual publication of the North Carolina Maritime History Council. Any presenters at the Council's annual conference are encouraged to submit a paper to *Tributaries*, which is published in November each year. The journal accepts a range of articles in the field of maritime studies and seeks to support continuing historical, archaeological, and cultural research by publishing articles and reviews related to the maritime history and culture of North Carolina and the Eastern seaboard. All members of the maritime history community, including students and independent researchers, are welcome to submit articles and/or reviews. Contributors need not be members of the NCMHC or live in the state of North Carolina. Manuscripts submitted for consideration must be based on original research and analysis, and all manuscripts are subject to a peer review process at the editor's discretion. For more information about *Tributaries*, please contact the editor, Jeremy Borrelli ([borrellij16@ecu.edu](mailto:borrellij16@ecu.edu)).