

Things to DO In Wilmington, NC!!!!

Socials:

USS North Carolina Battleship Tour & Dinner

The Battleship USS North Carolina will be the site for Saturday night's social. A traditional eastern North Carolina BBQ dinner with all the fixin's will be provided with beverages provided by the Front Street Brewery. Attendees will have the opportunity to take a tour of this WWII legend following their meal.



Student Social/Mixer

Students and professionals will have a chance to mingle Friday night in the Hilton's Grand Ballroom. *Hors d' Oeuvre's* and refreshments will be provided. Attendees will have a chance to party to the sounds of Wiffer Creek, an acoustic collaboration between mandolinist and singer-songwriter Charles Pettee and guitarist and singer-songwriter Doug Bremseth.

Student-Mentor Lunch

The goal of the student-mentor luncheon is to establish mentoring relationships between those working in the fisheries profession and students. The luncheon was first held at the 2001 Southern Division Midyear meeting in Jacksonville, FL and again during the 2002 Midyear in Little Rock, AR. This year we will endeavor to link students and mentors based on their career goals and professions as indicated on the meeting registration form. Participants will be notified either before or at the beginning of the Spring Meeting as to pairings so that communication may be established. The luncheon (at the mentors' expense) will serve as the meeting focal point, but other opportunities will be available at the meeting to interact. Mentors are encouraged to introduce students to other professionals at the meeting and follow up after the meeting about research, career advice, and job openings. We have received much positive feedback on past student-mentor luncheons, and with pairing students and mentors according to their professional goals, we believe this year's luncheon will be the best yet.

Places to See

NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher

Located on US HWY 421 in Kure Beach (approximately 20 minutes from Wilmington), this newly expanded facility (84,000 sq. ft.) was recently reopened with the theme, "Waters of the Cape Fear". Open year round. Admission fees, \$6/adult, \$4 for children aged 6 to 17.

Fort Fisher State Historic Site & Museum

A state historic Civil War site, Fort Fisher protected blockade runners en route to Wilmington with supplies vital to the Confederate armies. Open 10 am to 4 pm Tues. through Sat. (Nov.-March) and 1-4 pm Sundays. Located just up the road from the Aquarium. Free admission.



The Cotton Exchange

The Cotton Exchange is a charming complex of shops and restaurants located in restored historic warehouses on Wilmington's waterfront. (Located directly across from the Hilton)