

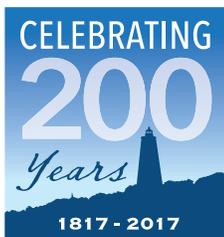


## BALD HEAD ISLAND, NC

Located two miles off the coast of Southport, NC, Bald Head Island is a boat-accessed community where transportation is restricted to golf carts, bicycles or your own two feet. Of the island's 12,000 acres, 10,000 acres of beaches, salt marsh and maritime forest are protected and remain undeveloped. The island is home to Old Baldy, one of the oldest lighthouses in the country. [Check out this brief video about Bald Head Island.](#)

### STORY IDEAS

*From its rich history, to its outstanding architecture, to its coastal ecology, Bald Head Island has a sense of place unlike any other town in North Carolina. Learn more at [www.BaldHeadIsland.com](http://www.BaldHeadIsland.com) and check out the story ideas below.*

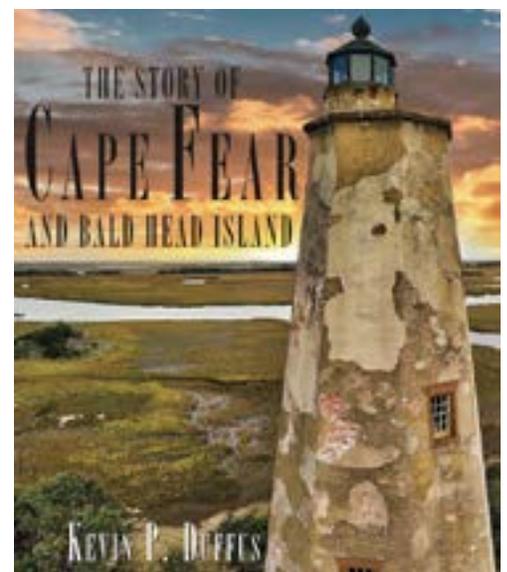


#### YEAR-LONG CELEBRATIONS FOR OLD BALDY'S 200<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

North Carolina's oldest lighthouse, Old Baldy, turns 200 years old this year. The non-profit Old Baldy Foundation is hosting a year-long celebration focusing on the Cape Fear region's illustrious maritime history with a series of events that incorporate the state's best food, spirits, literature, art, music and crafts.

*Here are a few highlights:*

- **OLD BALDY'S 200<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY, SATURDAY, April 15.** Join the biggest birthday party ever, as thousands gather to celebrate during this free event open to the public. Confirmed dignitaries in attendance include North Carolina Senator Phil Berger and Congressman David Rouzer.
- **NORTH CAROLINA TREASURES WEEKEND, June 2-4.** This 3-day weekend highlights the state's history, art and food treasures. Special guests include artist Bob Timberlake, who will unveil a new Bald Head Island print at an art show and lecture; author Kevin Duffus, who will be lecturing and signing his new book, *The Story of Cape Fear and Bald Head Island*; and chef Dean Neff of Pinpoint, who'll be hosting a gourmet dinner highlighting NC agricultural products.
- **TWO CENTURIES OF LIGHT NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND, August 4-6.** This 1817-themed weekend includes historic food tastings, lectures, and a special event on the lighthouse grounds where visitors can interact with fully costumed historic figures, including pirates, Revolutionary War and Civil War soldiers, and Thomas Jefferson himself, who commissioned the lighthouse.



For more information on Old Baldy and its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, visit [www.oldbaldy.org](http://www.oldbaldy.org).

## SOUTHERN LIVING IDEA HOUSE OPENS IN JUNE.

The *Southern Living* Idea House, designed to provide creative ideas and inspiration for home visitors and readers of the magazine, opens its doors for tours this summer.

[Check out this video about the Idea House on BHI.](#)

- The *Southern Living* Idea House opens for public tours in mid-June and will be featured in the August issue of the magazine. Open throughout the summer and on select weekends in the fall, a portion of all \$15 house tour ticket sales will benefit the Old Baldy Foundation.
- A special panel including *Southern Living* Editor Sid Evans, architect Eric Moser, designer Lindsey Coral Harper, and Whitney Blair Custom Homes president Jeff Sanderson will be on hand for the ribbon-cutting and roundtable question and answer session.
- Roast and Toast on the Coast, October 6-8. *Southern Living* inspired events take place all weekend including an oyster roast, wine dinner, barbecue dinner by Southern Smoke, and concert under the stars. The Old Baldy Foundation is the benefactor from the weekend's events. For more information or event tickets, visit [www.roasttoastcoast.com](http://www.roasttoastcoast.com).



## BALD HEAD ISLAND CONSERVANCY CELEBRATES ITS BEST TURTLE SEASON IN DECADES.

2016 was a record-breaking loggerhead sea turtle nesting season on Bald Head Island. Since female turtles return to the beach they hatched on to lay their own eggs 25 to 30 years later, the early turtle protection efforts of the Bald Head Island Conservancy appear to be paying off in a big way. [Click here for more information on this successful season.](#)



- “2016 was the most successful sea turtle season in the state of North Carolina to date - with Bald Head Island having its best season in over 25 years. We had 102 nests total and sent approximately 9,000 hatchlings to sea. A large part of our island’s success is due to our protection program and our volunteers who assist us in preserving this species for years to come,” said Brooke Milligan, Coastal Scientist, BHI Conservancy.
- The nesting season stretched over 111 days, with the first nest being laid May 11<sup>th</sup>, and the last August 30<sup>th</sup>. The hatching season began July 19. [Check out the stats here.](#) Expectations are that 2017 could be another record-breaking season for loggerhead turtle nesting and hatchings.
- Visitors to the island can accompany Conservancy staff on night-time Turtle Walks all summer long to view female turtles laying their eggs and nests hatching, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

For more information on the BHI Conservancy and its programs, visit [www.bhic.org](http://www.bhic.org).

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