

NC East Sports Announces the Return of the Crystal Coast Grand Prix and the Annual Lookout Shootout Fun Run

Morehead City, NC

09/12/2020 Lookout Shoot Out Fun Run and 09/13/2020 Crystal Coast Grand Prix

We are very excited to announce the return of the Crystal Coast Grand Prix, presented by NC East Sports, OPA, Adams Beverage and several supporters. It is scheduled for September 13th. Spectators can view the race from a boat in designated areas, on Sugar Loaf Island, and from the Morehead City waterfront. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to COVID-19 and restrictions set forth by Governor Cooper, the NC PORT will not be available for viewing as it has been in the past. Spectators can view the race from any public property. If viewing from a boat anchored in designated areas, please be advised the Coast Guard along with Morehead City Fire & EMS are responsible for keeping the race course clear and the area safe. NC East Sports would like remind everyone to be respectful of law enforcement and follow directions in order to keep everyone safe. The course set up will begin at 9a.m. and continue as late as 5p.m. The first race is scheduled to begin at noon. The course will be open to boat traffic in 30 minute intervals depending on the races. All times are subject to change.

September 12th, Jack's Waterfront Bar will host the Lookout Shootout Fun Run. Enjoy a boat run with friends around our beautiful Crystal Coast, and return back to Jack's for something light to eat and pull your poker cards for a fun game to raise money. Spectators will be able to enjoy the race boats lined up and testing along the waterfront.

This year we are happy to dedicate the Run and Race in the memory of "Coach" Craig McClanahan. Craig along with his son Michael were part of Jack's Family for a few years helping with whatever was needed. Craig lost his fight with Cancer this year, his larger than life presence will be missed very much. MHC Downtown has also lost a smiling face, Dave Albanese. Dave will forever be the smile on the waterfront, the helping hand whenever you needed it and the best laugh around and we were all honored and lucky to call him a friend. We know that so many friends have lost love ones to cancer, and even more who are currently fighting cancer. Carteret Cancer Crew will be set up at Jack's and offer a unique opportunity to send a message to a

loved one who has lost the battle or is fighting cancer now. Carteret Cancer Crew is a nonprofit made up of local friends who have a passion for helping, healing and holding hands for friends going through a very difficult time. We have chosen Carteret Health Care Cancer Foundation and the Pretty in Pink Foundation as our charities benefiting from the profits of this event. The groups provide financial assistance when Breast Cancer is present but Health Insurance is not.

Be Safe

We can't stress enough that your safety is our first priority. If you have decided to enjoy the Fun Run on Saturday, please be safe. It is "rules of the road." The course will be decided the morning of registration which starts at 9am Saturday. The course will depend on weather and tides. If you decide to enjoy the Race on Sunday by boat, please watch the safety officials along with the Coast Guard, they are there for your safety on the course. There will be a point in time, for your safety and the safety of the racers, you will be unable to move your boat around. Please arrive early to get your spot, and please stay in your spot until the last race is over. Again, it is for your safety and the safety of the racers.

The Weekend Events

The boats will line the streets of downtown Morehead City as early as Thursday night. You and your family and friends are welcome to visit, take pictures and meet the racers. Please be respectful of everyone's space. Enjoy the wonderful restaurants, shops and art galleries in our area. Please keep in mind COVID restrictions keep us at half capacity. Patience is a virtue these days. Run and Race T-shirts will be available for purchase at Jack's Waterfront Bar. All proceeds will be given to our charities. Visit us on Facebook "Jack's Waterfront Bar" or "Crystal Coast Grand Prix" or "Lookout Shootout Poker Run" and Instagram "Jackswaterfrontbar_mhc" for updated details on the weekend. Visit our sponsors stores, restaurants or websites. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or would like to donate feel free to contact us at 252-515-8131, email us from jackswaterfrontbar.com.

Easy ways to donate will be available in the next few days. Please stay tuned to our websites and social media sites listed above

We look forward to seeing everyone. Enjoying some Races. And making memories.

*****NOTICE TO MARINERS*****

As permitted by the United States Coast Guard, a special event will close the adjacent water surrounding the NC State Port/Morehead City including the Intercoastal Waterway (ICW) on Sunday 13 September, 2020 from 9:00am-5:00pm(1700). The area inside the red box will be a restricted area and only authorized vessels will be allowed passage during the powerboat races. The total time of closure is subject to be adjusted as required based on racing schedules and operations as well as any potential opportunities to allow passage between races. Please note that the USCG has final authority and all interests should monitor VHF CH 16 for broadcast updates.

Spectator fleet participants if you are asked to move your anchorage, please do so as directed for this is with the safety of all parties involved on the water in mind. Once again, the USCG and supporting agencies have final authority. Please monitor VHF CH 16 for broadcast updates.

