

# JUNE 2025

## Tropical Topics

### Looking Ahead...

A Happy Father's Day, Art Art again mentioned that we need to start thinking about next year's officers. The positions on the board include:

- **President** (currently Art)
- **Vice-president / Communications** (currently Ginny)
- **Finance** (currently Chloe)
- **Membership and Merchandise** (currently Jean & Greg)
- **Events and Activities** (currently Laura-Leigh & Steve)

Although a few others have expressed an interest in stepping up, only Chloe has specifically stated that she is interested in continuing in her current spot as Finance chair, no one has specified which role they are willing to take on. Current officers are ready and willing to walk you through the responsibilities of their position, and you are invited to a current board meeting, usually the Thursday evening before a regular meeting, and usually held at Rally Point, to see up close and personal how we plan and organize.

If you are interested in helping to steer our ship, please let us know which position interests you. If more than one person is interested in the same position, we will schedule an election—but that takes time too!

### Parrot Head Reef Update

*a collaboration between Parrot Heads in Paradise & Eternal Reefs*

*(This article was taken verbatim from the PHiP website on the subject.)*

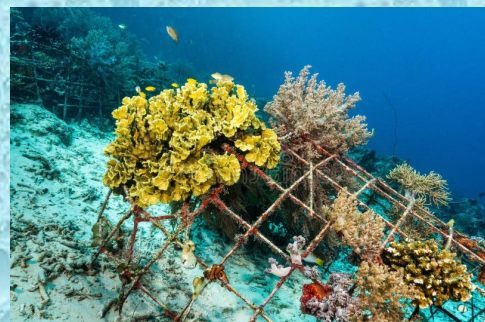
*For additional information and forms go to:*

<https://www.eternalreefs.com/home/parrot-head-reef/>

#### **FOLLOW-UP ON PHiP REEF:**

While a few changes were made to the original offer, such as relocating the reef from 21 to 10 miles off-shore, the PHofNC Board voted not to participate, choosing instead to support the charities that were selected at our annual January Business meeting.

The latest change on this project is that the deadline has been postponed until September 1, 2026.







**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

### Helping SiHP while Supporting BOTH Missions

On May 17th, a rainy Saturday morning, 10 members of PHofNC joined employees of Sterling Fox Financial in the parking lot of Ting Stadium to cut, sand, stain and brand the components of bunkbeds that will be distributed to vetted families in western North Carolina that were—and STILL ARE—devastated by Hurricane Helene.

THANK YOU to each of our participants who help all Parrot Heads look good!



(l to r) Ginny Markart, Ken McEntire, Tim Cross, Kay Campell, Jimmy Campbell, Chloe Barnett, Jeff Hickman, Liz Losey, Beth Cross and Jeff Losey.

## Volunteer Hours

As we have already discussed, PHIP has changed what qualifies as acceptable Volunteer Hours for 2024 going forward. Hours volunteered through organizations other than Parrot Head events no longer count.

However, hours spent on behalf of the club, such as committee hours, organization and solicitation hours in the planning and success of our activities and events DO!

Exceptions: Attending the event in and of itself does not, but the time you spend selling raffle, 50/50 tickets or rings, playing jailer, or any other assigned “job,” does.

NOTE: Personal time spent soliciting sponsorships and raffle prizes for MargaRALEIGHville counts too, as does time spent as a “committee member” building the jail, setting up and cleaning up, selling raffles, rings, and 50/50 tickets during the event. So October’s Volunteer Hours Sheet should need more than one page!!!



### more fun with a purpose!

After Saturday’s business meeting, member Kristene Hydan offered her professional services and led a few rounds of Music Bingo. She even went above and beyond by creating a personalized Buffett card especially for us. Cards sold for \$5. each with all money collected going to our charities fund. Winners of the Buffett segment were Greg Erlemann and Liz Losey, with selecting 80s rock for the last two rounds, Chloe Barnett and Deena Perillo took home the prizes—a combination of PH signs or a magnet, PHofNC lanyards, luggage tags and last year’s.MRV shirts. While it was fun in and of itself, this activity also resulted in another \$160 for our charity fund.



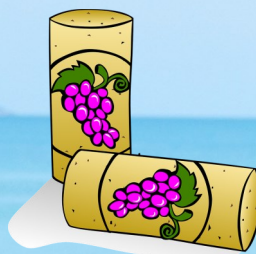
# MargaRALEIGHville 2025

We've shifted gears and making MRV a reality is in swing!

Sponsorship letters and forms are available. All forms and letters will be e-mailed out again this week. In asking a business you frequent or where you know the owner, the worst that can happen is you'll hear, "sorry, no." The BEST outcome would be a sponsorship check! Or even a gift basket...so don't be intimidated and ASK.

- Don't forget that many corporations have a matching fund program too.  
***As of the meeting's end on Saturday, we have already had commitments for or have already collected \$5,300.*** Of course, that is before any expenses that include the entertainment and accommodations, sponsorship t-shirts, and operational supplies.
- Once it gets here—**SEPTEMBER 13** (3—9:30) we will need people! It is once again at Rally Point Sport Bar, where we hold our meetings. Opening the event will be **JT ParrotHead**, WRAL's 2024 Peoples' Choice Award Winner for the Triangle. Returning as Headliners will be **Hungry Hard Luck Heroes** (Dave and Gary), with guest saxophonist, **Brad Brewer!**

The countdown has officially begun and there is less than 3 months to go! Your participation will help determine the outcome.



Save Your Corks! Along with the Ring Game and our Jail, a new idea to help raise money for our charities that we've thought about in the past but are going to initiate this year (with the enthusiasm of Saturday's meeting attendees,) is a Booze Basket.

It requires the donation of a bottle of liquor (or wine—we'll let you know the final decision in a future notice) for our members. Also needed are corks to be used as the raffle "ticket," so please save yours and bring them to the next two meetings—until August 9. We'd hate to have to drink all that wine by ourselves.

Laura-Leigh will be passing out the **Volunteer Sign-up Sheet** soon, so start block off your calendar for September 13th and help us make the 2025 event an even bigger success than last year.

Laura-Ligh Rowlette is asking that any and all questions related to MargaRALEIGHville go directly to her, so here's her official e-mail:



**phofncevents@gmail.com**



If you take photo at any PH event, especially our own, please send them to me for inclusion on our website, [phofnc.com](http://phofnc.com), and also be sure to include them on our FB pages:



- \* *PHofNC Phlocking and*
- \* *Parrot Heads of North Carolina*

**Continue to collect your pop-tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. Please turn them to either Michelle Harris or Laura-Leigh Rowlette at our meetings.



If you're a new member and haven't received your PHofNC badge, please submit a headshot to [PHofNCComm@gmail.com](mailto:PHofNCComm@gmail.com).

### NEW MEMBERS:

Please submit a headshot photo if you want a membership badge, and ask to join our members only FB page:

PHofNC Phlocking. Our Parrot Heads of North Carolina FB page is open to the public.



### Membership Report:

Our current roster number is 96.

## Reminder

This year we are donating non-perishable food, cleaning items and personal hygiene items to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Please bring your donations to our monthly meeting.

### MOTM 2025

Registration is now open, and two (Ellen Andrews and Lula Melisko) have already committed! Details can be found at:

[Meeting of the Minds](#)

### Treasury Update (6/14/25)

Balance on Hand:	\$ 6,970.50
Cash available:	\$ 4,628.50

The differences between the two amounts reflects \$ already collected and allocated to our charities via 50/50s, sponsorships, and miscellaneous other activities in 2025. Chloe has a breakdown of all income and expenses at every meeting. Specific balances for funds collected (membership, events, etc.), as well as expenses are available anytime.



MONTHLY PHofNC Meetings: 2nd Saturday of every month, 3:00 at Rally Point in Cary, unless otherwise noted

## PHofNC Calendar of Events – updated June 2025

*\*\* denotes a PHofNC sponsored event*

### JUNE

19th-22nd

**BOBAL Fest 2025**

Eastern Tennessee (Tall Paul & Kristie, Heather Vidal, Drop Dead Dangerous)

24th

**JT Parrothead**

(6-9pm), Blackbird Brewery, Wake Forrest

28th

**Carrie Welling**

**Lone Palm House Concert** - LL & Steve Rowlette, 195 Barley Place, Wake Forrest

### JULY

11th

**EG Peters**

Bond Park, Cary

12th

**\*\*PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

20th

**Bryton Stoll**

**Lone Palm House Concert** - LL & Steve Rowlette, 195 Barley Place, Wake Forrest)

### AUGUST

8th

**Donny Howard** at the Salty Turtle (Raleigh/Wakefield)

9th

**\*\*PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

18-25th

**Whale of a Good Time Alaskan Cruise**

- Reggie Starrett, Eric Erdman & Carrie Welling

31st

The Labor Day Weekend Show, Buffett Tribute

<https://www.paristown.com/laborday>

### SEPTEMBER

13th

**\*\*MargaRaleighVille, PHofNC Annual Party**, Rally Point Sport Grill

with JT ParrotHead and

Hungry Hard Luck Heros (Dave McKenny and Gary Green) plus Brad Brewer on Sax!

19th - 21st

**Throwback Shell Beach Party**, Myrtle Beach - Coast of Carolina Club

[https://cofcphc.com/tbsbp\\_tickets/](https://cofcphc.com/tbsbp_tickets/)

20th

**Kitty Steadman**, Truck Driver's Daughter Tour (Jackie's)

**Pondapalooza**—Jackie Carter, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC, 27502-8019

27th

**Mike Nash** (Jackie's venue in Apex)

**Pondapalooza**—Jackie Carter, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC, 27502-8019



## OCTOBER

11th

11th

8019

22nd - 26th

28th - 2nd

**\*\*PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

**Jesse Rice** (later in the afternoon and evening)

**Pondapalooza**—Jackie Carter, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC, 973 Beaver Creek Rd, Apex, NC 27502-

**Meeting of the Minds**, Gulf Shores AL

<https://motm.rocks/>

**Trop Rockin' Duval Street**, Key West FL

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

## NOVEMBER

8th

**\*\*PHofNC Monthly Meeting/Social** - 3pm, Rally Point Sport Grill

## DECEMBER

4 - 8th

**Donnie Brewer's Mexico Meltdown 6**

Margaritaville All-Inclusive Riviera Maya Cancun, <https://Trop Rock Travel>

13th

**\*\*PHofNC Christmas Party, Harryoke at the American Legion #116, Fuquay-Varina**

## 2026

### JANUARY

15-18

**Pardi-Gras, NOLA**

[www.pardi-gras.com](http://www.pardi-gras.com)

**25TH—February 1st**

**Charlotte Harbor Parrot Head Club Cruise**

Jerry York—[jyork@expediacruz.com](mailto:jyork@expediacruz.com)

**25th—March 1**

**Music on the Bay, Tampa**

[Music on the Bay - Music on the Bay](#)

**26-March 2**

**Landsharks Band Cruise**

[landsharkscruise.com/index.html](http://landsharkscruise.com/index.html)

## REFERENCE SHEET

Each month Art asks a different member to do the honor of leading the toast.

This month Jimmy and Kay Campbell, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month, led the Team Toast. The 50/50 pot held \$270, with half going to Deena Perillo!

### ♦ PHofNC Team Toast:

*There are cruise ships,  
And pirate ships.  
And ships that sail the sea,  
But the BEST ships are FRIENDships,  
And may they ALWAYS be!  
ARRRHH!*

### ♦ Parrot Heads of North Carolina social media:

- ♦ [PHofNC Phlocking FB](#) - private for members only
- [Parrot Heads of North Carolina FB](#) - public for information and awareness about who we are and what we do.
- [PHofNC.com](#) — our website

### ♦ Parrot Heads in Paradise:

- ♦ Web site: <http://phip.com>
- Instagram: [#parrotheadsinparadise](#)
- Twitter: [@parrotheadsIP](#)
- PHlockers Magazine: [PhlockersMagazine.com](#)

### ♦ PHofNC Officer Emails are:

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Chloe Barnett	<a href="mailto:phofncfinance@gmail.com">phofncfinance@gmail.com</a>
Jean & Greg Erlemann	<a href="mailto:phofncmembership@gmail.com">phofncmembership@gmail.com</a>
Laura-Leigh & Steve Rowlette	<a href="mailto:phofncevents@gmail.com">phofncevents@gmail.com</a>

### ♦ PHofNC Mailing Address:

Parrot Heads of North Carolina  
c /o (a particular board member's name can be inserted here)  
P.O. Box 553  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

### ♦ Meeting and Social Location

(2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, unless otherwise posted):  
Rally Point Sports Grill  
837 Bass Pro Lane (Harrison Avenue)  
Cary, NC 27513

- ♦ Parrot Head members can receive a 15% discount on most merchandise at:  
[WWW.MARGARITAVILLE.COM/SHOP](http://WWW.MARGARITAVILLE.COM/SHOP)

- ♦ Check out [www.workingadvantage.com](http://www.workingadvantage.com) for additional benefits of membership