

## COASTAL THREADS FASHIONABLY OPENS

The sign was raised last month. The attractive vintage style black barn lights were installed and the building formerly known as the 'Sears' building has taken on new life as 'The Brick'. When the soon to be open doors open, a trio of businesses will be housed inside the newly renovated space. Where garden tractors, lawn mowers, washers and dryers once stood, a coffee shop, an ice cream store and an apparel store opening under the banner, Coastal Threads will attract a crowd looking for coffee, ice cream and new threads.

While the massive windows where once sporting painted Christmas Ornaments that turned into decorative blockers for curiosity seekers, allowing just a teasing peek, I had the opportunity for a preopening interview and tour with the owners of Coastal Threads. Sisters Amber Stoyer and Lauren Long recently relocated to Edenton after their father, Jim Long purchased the building just before COVID hit. Long had a history of buying buildings in towns with great potential. Edenton caught his eye and the building was the perfect rehab venture.



Originating in suburban Philadelphia the family enjoyed vacationing in the Outer Banks, where their dad eventually wanted to live. However, their mom, Kristen Long wanted to live in the Inner Banks. Edenton won out and The Brick has come to life.

Since the birth of the Brick, Edenton's population has increased. Some family reunions only last the weekend. This one is lasting longer. "Three generations of family members have moved to the area to be together. Oh my gosh. We've got our whole family here. Our grand-mom lives here now. Our mom and dad, and our aunt and uncle live here", said Amber. The family's middle sister, Miranda also moved to town. With a background in retail both girls have the experience needed to open a retail operation. It's a dream come true for Lauren, who always thought of having her own store. Amber focused on business throughout college. Together they're the team behind Coastal Threads. Their vision is a casual contemporary store featuring both men's and women's everyday wear. "We want to be more of an everyday cloth-



ing store where you can find staple pieces and less of a boutique", said Amber. The shop will carry a line of hats and accessories. Local North Carolina vendors for both apparel and accessories are on their radar and the pair are searching for local vendors that fit their look and feel. They're not interested in duplicating other shop's inventory and are focusing on the current clothing voids not offered in Edenton.

"It's a dream. It's my dream coming into a reality, which is so cool to see. I'm excited to just be in there and to talk to people and be the face of the store. I mean, I love putting together outfits. I love shopping. I love all of that", said Lauren. At press time, the Brick was still under construction. The goal is to have all three businesses open simultaneously April 5. The layout of the building also incorporates open space which the shop owners are hoping to use for events, through the preservation of its built history.

## Kraken Coffeehouse is Brewing, Huckleberry's is Scooping

Broad St. has been boasting new businesses for months now and the trend continues into April with the opening of new stores at The Brick. Brewing at The Brick, The Kraken Coffeehouse opening on April 5 with a variety of specialty drinks and freshly brewed coffee. Owner Diana Bennett sees coffee as more than a drink.

"Coffee is more than a drink, it's a culture. A culture that combines aesthetics, flavor and positive energy," said Bennett. Many of Bennett's drinks are nautical themed, which is apropos for Edenton and its history with pirates. The Captain Vane is a tea latte named after famed English Pirate Charles Vane who supposedly roamed the southeastern seaboard. The new space located in The Brick is family and pet friendly, and has a number of coffee creations for the adventurous tastebud. It has numerous tables, comfortable chairs and a counter that stretches almost the length of the store.

Edenton's Kraken Coffeehouse will be Bennett's third location. Currently she has an Elizabeth City location and Camden is home to the second location Bennett opened.



Edenton's Farmer's Market Barista Caleb Fueston currently works at The Kraken locations and may be pulling espressos at the Edenton location soon. "I can't wait for it to open. It is just a great place to work and the coffee is terrific," said Fueston on a recent visit. "All elements of Kraken have been meticulously selected based on integrity,

experience, knowledge, and diversity. From unique lattes and fruity refreshers to "Cannonballs" with Italian soda and Red Bull, this coffee house has something enjoyable for everyone," said Bennett.

While coffee is culture to Bennett, ice cream is her Kryptonite. In light of her love of ice cream and the fact the space at The Brick was available, Bennett is opening Huckleberry's Ice Cream Shop in another Brick location. Huckleberry's will be serving Blue Bell ice cream and will offer wide selection of flavors. Huckleberry's will also be known for their home made waffle cones. Both Kraken Coffeehouse and Huckleberry's Ice Cream shop are opening on April 5. If you can't make up your mind on whether it's a coffee or ice cream day, why not a cup of coffee with a scoop of vanilla? Sounds good, right. Just ask Diana Bennett. For the real scoop go to EdentonSocialLight.com.



## Smooth Sailing Ahead

Enjoying Edenton Bay & The Albemarle Sound

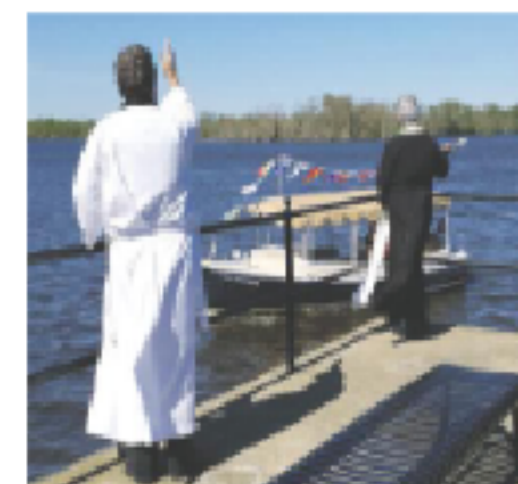


Many of us have made Edenton our home to be close to the water. That great body of water captivates us as we walk and play near, on the many beautiful days and evenings in Edenton. Some may dream and others may determine that time on the water is great for the soul. Robert Wyland, an American Artist and conservationist said once, "The ocean stirs the heart, inspires the imagination, and brings eternal joy to the soul." The Edenton Yacht Club was formed in 1970 for the love of sailing and building friendship with kindred souls. The robust band of sailors conduct Spring and Fall racing series. As members of the Albemarle Sound Sailing Association EYC also co-sponsor races. The club enjoys traditional sailboat racing in Edenton Bay weekly. The Edenton Yacht states, "One thing all our members have in common is that we share the joy of boating here on the Albemarle Sound".

For the not-so racing enthusiasts, the club has cruise events, regattas, summer sailboat training and pot luck dinner parties that bring everyone together. Members have all kinds of boats including Kayaks, sailboats, canoes and power boats. Members can also assist on other boats for far races. To apply for membership visit [edentonyatchclub.org](http://edentonyatchclub.org) and have a wonderful spring and summer.

Edenton's Mayor Hackney High commented on his love of boating. "One of the best parts of living in Edenton is the convenience of keeping my boat in the water during the summer. Within five minutes of leaving my house or office, I'm on the boat, ready to go. Some of my fondest memories are spending time with my family and friends on the water—relaxing on Mary and Peter Boehling's dock, fishing for rockfish with my son, William, tossing my then three-year-old daughter, Molly, into the air and catching her just before she hit the water, and enjoying sunsets with my wife, Martha."

Annually the Edenton Yacht club invites boaters to the free "Blessing of the Fleet". Boaters are encouraged to decorate their boats for the occasion which takes place each May. [EdentonYatchclub.org](http://EdentonYatchclub.org)



Spring. The days get lighter and longer, breezes are a bit warmer and the trees start blossoming. It's time for a daily walk along Edenton Bay. Soon the brightly colored Kayaks and sunfish sailboats appear in Colony Park eagerly awaiting an adventure and visitors from far and wide enjoy our water-front town. An easy way for folks who do not have access to boating can enjoy the waters of Edenton Bay by kayaking. Edenton offers kayak rentals by the waterfront at Colonial Park (check in with Dock Office). There are many levels of 'Paddling Trails' for the adventurer. They are ranked from beginner to advanced levels. Depending on your ability there are over six to choose from. Kayaks are rented by the hour. Visit the Colonial Park to see a Park Attendant for rental (weather permitting).

## Ready About, Prepare To Tack

Many Edentonian's enjoy their Thursday night, summer strolls along Edenton Bay to view the brightly colored sails of a half dozen or so sunfish sailboats. The Edenton Sailing Club meets

Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. during the summer at the waterfront of Colonial Park. They offer free sailing experiences and lessons to anyone who's interested. No prior experience is required and sailboats with vests are provided. The club's goal is to introduce people to sailing through a unique opportunity to enjoy the Edenton Bay. Sailing a sunfish sailboat is easy to maneuver and is a great way to learn the basics of sailing. Boats sail in the same area of water so someone is always close by. This is a great reason to try something new on a warm summer evening. Put this on your bucket list no matter what age.



## A Classic Tour of Historic Edenton On The Bay

After visiting historic sights and shopping in Edenton you may be ready for an enjoyable, less strenuous experience on the historic Edenton Bay Cruise. Take in the wonderful views of Edenton's waterfront homes and prominent buildings from



Edenton's American History. This is a great addition to town walking tours. Captain Mark, an Edenton Historian Story Teller will share stories by waterfront in the Liber-tea. The charming twenty-two foot craft is an eco-friendly, all-electric boat that holds six guest. Get ready to hear some

interesting maritime stories about the Albemarle Sound that date back to colonial times and the role Edenton played in the Underground Railroad, helping people escape to freedom.

This 45 minute boat cruise provides an enjoyable and entertaining snap-shot of this charming southern town. Tours begin in May, weather permitting. The Liber-tea is located across from the Penelope Barker House, where you purchase tickets. Choose from late mornings, mid-day or request a sun-set tour or a private tour. [edentonbaycruises.com](http://edentonbaycruises.com).