

THE BEAN/ORIENTAL CREEKS

Saturday, March 13th 2010

WHEN: Saturday, March 13th, 2010 at **9:00 a.m.**

WHERE: Meet in Oriental at the Bean Coffee Shop, downtown on Hodges Street (take a left just before reaching the bridge coming in on Highway 55 from Bayboro). Paddle departure and path depends on weather conditions. Will paddle Whitticher Creek if wind favorable.

PADDLE DISTANCE: 5-6 miles (depending on conditions) and 3 hours

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: This trip is appropriate for beginners as long as wind conditions are below 10 to 15 miles@ hour

TRIP DETAILS: We will meet at The Bean coffee shop in downtown Oriental at 9:00 a.m. for a pre paddle social . Drink some java or just swap sea stories on the porch overlooking the harbor before we pick a creek and sally forth. We will put in at the public beach (near the Bean). This trip is not a wringer outer, but rather a time to paddle and chat while checking out the boats, nooks and crannies around the beautiful town of Oriental .

PROVISIONS NEEDED: **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR THEIR PFD AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THEIR VESSEL AND AFLOAT.** Bring warm clothing (dress for success -) and a dry bag w/ some emergency clothing and towel is always prudent. Avoid cotton ("**COTTON KILLS**"). Some water and a snack are advised . We will take a lunch break along the way.

LAUNCH: by 10:00 a.m.

TIME ON THE WATER: 2 to 4 hour max (off the water by 2 p.m.)

TRIP COORDINATOR: Terry Rich at rich enough@always-online.com or 252 633-9715

Note for non-members: While club membership is not required to participate in this trip, non-members may be asked to complete a trip registration. Also, for safety, there may be a limit to the number of outside participants. Please, contact the trip coordinator/leader ahead of time, if you plan to join us on this paddle.