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Edenton, North Carolina celebrates 300 years

North Carolina's first Colonial capital, Edenton—located on Albemarle Sound near the Chowan River—was founded on November 6, 1712 and continues its 300th anniversary celebrations with a wide variety of events. Once the second largest port in the state, Edenton played a significant role in helping slaves escape through the Maritime Underground Railroad.

The anniversary events began in November 2012 and will continue until the end of December 2013. Plenty of activities draw water-borne visitors to the Edenton Harbor to participate, but since it is August, the Beat the Heat Tour is

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For unstructured events, Edenton is part of the North Carolina Paddle Trails, with six trails meandering around the local creeks, rivers and Albemarle Sound to explore by kayak, canoe or any other small craft. pathsofchowan.org

For those arriving by boat, the Edenton Harbor is in the downtown area, close to shops, restaurants and banks. Dock there for a few hours or up to seven days. Showing true Southern hospitality, the first two nights are free. Fees for additional nights are \$1 per foot per night plus utilities. townofedenton.com

A view to the future in Florida

While the rest of the country is squabbling over ethanol and its effects on engines, the Florida State Legislature has taken the matter into its own hands. Since 2008, Florida state service stations have been required to sell a gasoline blend with a certain percentage of ethanol. The new law passed in June repeals that statute. Legislators hope that the repeal of the mandate will result in the availability of more ethanol-free fuel for boats as well as small engines and older cars, something any constituent who has had to pay to repair ethanol damaged fuel tanks and engines would vote for.

Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts announces Florida Keys project

The popular 139-unit Islander Resort located in Islamorada, Florida, is being converted to a Guy Harvey Outpost Resort. As part of the new affiliation, a portion of the resort's recently completed conference center will become the Florida Keys Discovery Center and Theater, dedicated to showcasing the history and environmental conservation efforts of the Florida Keys. Work on the Discovery Center and renovations to the resort will begin immediately according to resort owner David Curry.

By **Suzi DuRant**



The newly-restored Roanoke River Lighthouse

most appropriate. The tour of the James Iredell House (home of James Iredell, Sr., an Associate Justice on the first United States Supreme Court) explores how 18th-century families dealt with heat and humidity. The house is open Tuesday through Saturday all month long with a small fee for the tour.

The 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse was moved to the Edenton waterfront in Colonial Park in May 2007 and its exterior reconstruction has been completed in time for National Lighthouse Day on August 7th. It was in service from 1887 to 1941 on the Albemarle Sound, marking the entrance to the Roanoke River near Plymouth, and is believed to be the country's last existing example of a screw-pile lighthouse with a rectangular frame structure.

Edenton celebrates second Saturdays each month from 10AM to 2PM, a family event that includes history, music, children's activities, and artistic displays. Plus, the 11th Annual Shrimp by the Bay festival takes place Friday evening, August 9th at Wharf