



DARE COUNTY BOAT BUILDERS FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

DARE COUNTY NC: The Dare County Boat Builders Foundation is pleased to announce and congratulate its scholarship recipients for 2009.

Applications were available to students from all three Dare County High Schools – First Flight, Manteo and Cape Hatteras. Based on several criteria, including academic merit, a letter of intent and future academic goals and recommendations from the community, scholarships for \$1000 were awarded to two Cape Hatteras students, one First Flight student and six students from Manteo High School.

Cape Hatteras High School recipients are Mariah Ashley James, who has been accepted to UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Greensboro and Johnson and Wales, and Catlyn Elizabeth Gray, who has been accepted to East Carolina University; First Flight recipient Ryan Zeigler has been accepted to both Appalachian State University and UNC-Asheville. Recipients from Manteo High School include Paige Parks, who will attend UNC-Chapel Hill; Kaitlyn Midgett, who will attend Liberty University; Carolina Harmon, who has been accepted to NC State, UNC-Greensboro and Boston University; Landon Elliott, who will attend Roanoke Bible College; Michael Jordon Gregory, who plans to complete a 2-year technical program; and Meredith Gwaltney, who has been accepted to Elon University, UNC-Greensboro and Barton College.

These scholarships are made possible by proceeds from the annual Dare County Boat Builders Challenge tournament at Pirates Cove.

There is a significant change in the requirements for participation in the tournament this year. Formerly “The Boat Builder’s Challenge,” the tournament has previously been open only to custom built boats in Dare County, NC.

This year and from now on, the tournament – now the “**Carolina Custom Shoot Out**” – will be open to ANY custom sportfish boat built in the states of North and/or South Carolina.

The tournament is release only and, in addition to basic entry, includes two Calcutta categories and a game fish category. Awards will also be given for Top Angler, Top Female Angler and Top Junior Angler. The Manufacturer’s Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the builder of the tournament’s first place boat.

As before, the tournament will be held at Pirate’s Cove Marina. Registration begins at 5pm on Thursday July 23, 2009. Fishing begins with lines in the water at 9am on Friday July 24. Boats may lay one day, Friday through Sunday, and the awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday July 26 at 6pm. For more information and to register, visit the Foundation website at www.dcbbf.org. General info about the tournament venue can be found at the Pirate’s Cove Big Game Tournament site, www.pcbigggame.com.

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Group photo Manteo High School, left to right: Ricky Scarborough, Jr, Paige Parks, John Bayliss, Meredith Gwaltney, Caroline Harmon-Scott, Landon Elliot, Michael Jordon Gregory, and Katie Midgett.

Second photo, First Flight High School, left to right: Robin Mann, Ryan Zeigler, John Bayliss.

**No photo available from presentations given at Cape Hatteras High School*