



Ocracoke Island Independence Day Celebration

July 3, 4 & 5, 2018

Sponsored by the Ocracoke Civic and Business Assn. Inc. & Hyde County

Tuesday, July 3:

6 to 8 p.m.: TRADITIONAL ISLAND SQUARE DANCE

At Berkley Manor Barn. Music by Molasses Creek; Philip Howard, square dance caller.

8 to 9:15pm: GATHERING AT THE NPS DOCKS

Dance tunes with deejay Emerald Owl Productions

9:15 p.m.: FIREWORKS

Launched from the NPS parking lot. Gather at the NPS docks and around Silver Lake Harbor.

Wednesday, July 4:

8 to 10 a.m.: MEET NEW PONY, WINNIE, NPS Pony Pens

9 a.m.: FLAG RAISING CEREMONY and NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ocracoke School flag circle on School Road

9:30 a.m. to Noon: ANNUAL SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST

At the NPS Day Use/Lifeguard Beach. Judged and Peoples' choice awards.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Pony Island Motel lawn. Sponsored by Jimmy's Garage.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: OCRACOKE LIGHTHOUSE

The lighthouse will be open for viewing. All are welcome to see inside; no climbing.

4 p.m.: OLD TIME OCRACOKE PARADE

All are welcome to enter. Cash prizes. **Theme: 300th Anniversary of Blackbeard's demise.** Entrants may register online by July 2 at: <http://business.visitocracokenc.com/form/view/11301>. Pick up parade entry number between 1 and 4 p.m. on July 4 at Ocracoke Community Center. Entry forms available at the Post Office, or request a form from info@visitocracokenc.com. Parade starts at Ocracoke Oyster Company and ends at NPS Parking Lot.

5:30 p.m.: STORYTELLING WITH DONALD DAVIS

On the lawn at Books to Be Red; bring your own chair or blanket

6:45 pm AWARDS PRESENTATION

Winners announced for Parade and Sand Sculpture Contest. Books to Be Red lawn

7:30 to 11 p.m. GLOW PARTY with Emerald Owl Productions

Ocracoke Community Ballfield, end of Maurice Ballance Road (off Middle Road). Wear your best glow in the dark neon shirts, glow in the dark paint, and get ready to party to music from the last 5 decades, Top 40 music, and popular line dances! Event will be very interactive! Family friendly, fun for all ages. \$5 admission includes 1 glow stick. Additional glow-in-the-dark items and refreshments available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Ocracoke Youth Center.

Thursday, July 5:

Ocracoke Day Use Area/Lifeguard Beach

7 to 10 p.m.: COMMUNITY BEACH FIRE

Bring your beach blankets, chairs, marshmallows, roasting sticks. S'mores provided for first 150.