

Pack 446 Fishing Derby June 27 at Fort Macon State Park Beach, Atlantic Beach, NC

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The sun was warm, the breeze off the water was refreshing, the tide was full, there was plenty of bait (squid, shrimp) and each Scout came armed with fishing rods and tackle – all this contributed to the excitement and anticipation for 15 Cub Scouts who competed in the Pack 446 Fishing Derby at [Fort Macon State Park Beach](#), Atlantic Beach, 10am – Noon, Saturday June 27.

Parents and family members also joined in the beautiful day and ideal fishing conditions. At the end of the Fishing Derby there was an added and very unexpected treat: a pair of dolphins surfaced and swam right by where the Scouts had been fishing.

Registered participants in the Fishing Derby were: Joshua Pittner, William Philips, Chance McCubbin, Derek Smith, Walker Carson, Addison Martz, Calvin Gossert, Ian Lau, Matthew Jones, Jackson Rogers, Evan Poe, Ian Sanchez, Cameron Sanchez, Trevor O'Brien and P.J. Kramer.

The official fishing period ended precisely at noon with a whistle blast (serendipitously coinciding with a passing boat's horn blast). When the final tally was counted there were winners in the following five categories:

- "First Fish" – Chance McCubbin
- "Most Fish" – Calvin Gossert
- "Smallest" – Walker Carson
- "Longest" – Ian Lau, and last but not least,
- "Ugliest" – William Philipps with a Puffer fish.

Sibling Natalie Poe (9) had a simultaneous catch of a lizard and pin fish, and her total for the day was 6 fish (one more than the top Cub Scout!). She's hoping for a "Sibling Category" next year, and she'd obviously be a prime contender. She even bested her twin brother, Webelos I Scout Evan, who had one catch for the day. Her dad, Assistant Cubmaster David Poe admitted "Natalie's always been good at fishing."

Remaining Pack 446 summer events (held at Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church):

Homemade Rain Gutter Regatta, 10am Saturday July 25

Pack Olympics, 10am Saturday August 22





The Gossert family: Susan and Jay along with Cooper (4) and Wolf Cub Scout Calvin (seated in chair) enjoyed the Fishing Derby. At the end of the two hour competition (10am-noon), Calvin had won the "Most Caught" category with five fish. The [Fort Macon State Park Beach](#) is along Beaufort Inlet and boasts ideal conditions for fishing.



Enjoying the sun and the water: (left to right) David O'Brien with his shovel, Trevor O'Brien (yellow shirt) and Chance McCubbin (white shirt) with fishing rods along with Cubmaster Dave McCubbin all took part in the Cub Scout Fishing Derby at Fort Macon State Park Beach on Saturday, June 27.



When your hook gets snagged on something, it's time to get a new set of tackle. Pictured (left to right) are: Marty Martz, Addison Martz (black hat), Walker Carson, Cubmaster Dave McCubbin, Ernie Carson (seated), David O'Brien (with shovel) and Darlene McCubbin (seated under umbrella).



(foreground, left to right) Tony Smith, Bear Scout Derek and sister, Justina came well-prepared with coolers, chairs and their fishing gear. David Lau and Bear Scout Ian are in the background. The expanse of white sand and the gentle current along the Eastern Bogue Banks by Beaufort Inlet gave ample opportunity for Cub Scouts, parents and siblings to find the perfect spot to catch fish.



David Lau brought his sons, Sean and Bear Cub Scout Ian to the Fishing Derby to enjoy the sun and beach. Ian came out winner in the competition for "Longest Fish".



Made in the Shade: Den 5 Tiger Den Leader (aka Cubmaster's wife) Darlene McCubbin supervised distribution of the bait (shrimp and squid) and was keeper of the official tally sheet for the Fishing Derby logging winners in five categories:

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Scout sibling Brady Carson (2) thoroughly enjoyed his time at the beach. Here he successfully extricated himself from having been buried up to his knees in the sand.



Bear Cub Scout Trevor O'Brien (8) took the opportunity to bury his brother David (4) in the wet beach sand. Fortunately, David was not buried up to his neck, the tide was not coming in, and Ernie Carson kept a watchful eye on this pirate-like escapade.



Scoutmaster Dave McCubbin was certainly a proud dad when his son, Bear Scout Chance McCubbin won "First Fish Caught" category at the 2015 Cub Scout Fishing Derby at Fort Macon State Park Beach on Saturday, June 27.



Standing with his very happy dad, Jay, Wolf Scout Calvin Gossert proudly holds up his dual catch ! Calvin went on to catch three more fish capturing the “Most Caught” category with a total of five fish.



Natalie Poe (9) held her own with this simultaneous catch of a lizard and pin fish. Her total for the day was 6 fish (one more than the top Cub Scout !). She's hoping for a "Sibling Category" next year, and she'd obviously be a prime contender. She also bested her twin brother, Webelos I Scout Evan, who had one catch for the day. Natalie's dad, Assistant Cubmaster David Poe was only too pleased to join her in this celebratory moment. "She's always been good at fishing," he said with pride.



At the end of the Fishing Derby Scouts had an additional treat when they spotted a pair of dolphins surface several times just off shore from where they had been fishing.