

# Spring Tide: A Day for the Inlet

**What:** 26<sup>th</sup> annual cleanup of the streets and marsh

**When:** Sunday, April 30

**Where:** Hot Fish Club Gazebo, Business 17 South, Murrells Inlet

**Cleanup on Land and Water:** 9:30 a.m. to Noon

**Great Murrells Inlet Chowder Cook-off and Danny's BBQ:** 12:30 on, and free to volunteers

**Celebration, Fellowship, and Entertainment (with a wedding!):** 12:30 – 4:00

Hunter, boater, birder, angler, paddler, jet skier, sailor: We *all* love the Inlet – and Spring Tide, Sunday, April 30 – is our chance to show up and show it. Started 26 years ago in the lingering wake of Hurricane Hugo, Spring Tide is the biggest and longest-running community and saltmarsh cleanup in South Carolina. Now Matthew didn't leave us what Hugo did: That first year, some 600 volunteers gathered between 70 and 140 *tons* of trash and debris from the creek and streets in a single day! This year, we have another storm to clean up after, and a marsh to restore before the green heat of summer.

By land or water, show up at 9:30 a.m. at the Hot Fish Club by Morse Landing. Work where you want or get your assignment, and clean up till Noon. At noon the cleanup gives way to the Great Murrells Inlet Chowder Cook-off, in which Inlet restaurants compete for the Best Damn Chowder award – and, along with Danny's BBQ, feed the volunteers (who eat free). The afternoon promises laughter, fellowship and celebration featuring Three Acoustic Mulletts; The Spots; and Perlino: everything from Grateful Dead to Bluegrass and Country. There will – if we have enough T-shirts – be several contests to win a free one The shirts this year are a real eye-catcher, and top quality – featuring, as always, the kingfisher: King of the Creek. And if we neglected to mention it, diver Vince Sherman and his fiancée, Tammy Loving, are getting married at this year's Tide.

It's not too much to say that Spring Tide, beginning in 1992, awakened and taught this community what it could do if it came together – and five years later, out of that same spirit, Murrells Inlet 2007 was formed as a community organization and effort, by the citizens of Murrells Inlet coalescing around their appreciation for the creek and the fishing village atmosphere. Spring Tide is an integral part of Inlet history and tradition, and one to which Murrells Inlet 2020 remains dedicated: *By the Inlet*; and *For the Inlet*.

Volunteers are needed now to distribute and post flyers; and at Spring Tide to walk the streets and pick up; drive pickups to pick up bags; scour the Inlet of trash and debris with boats, ropes, and long-handled nets; unload the boats at Morse Landing; help with the cook-off and general housekeeping; set up tables representing their own non-profit causes; get there early to help set up or stay late to clean up afterward: and more. *This is the festival where everyone works.*

Devote a day to the Inlet and see what a difference you can make, while seeing old friends and making new ones. This year's motto? **“Come Together. Clean 'er Up: A Day for the Inlet.”**

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