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Sept. 21: Going at Sea

When nature calls, you have to go! But the question is, where do we go at sea? Though the answer for some might seem simple, you may be surprised with some methods. This presentation looks at the unique and creative ways that people have been relieving themselves while out at sea. The lecture covers the time period of the last three hundred years. Warning, this presentation does contain potty humor.

Sept. 28: Get the Lead Out: Conservation Basics-Lead Chelation in Archaeological Conservation

Lead is a soft and malleable metal that has been used for thousands of years as a writing surface for stamps, seals, and inscriptions, as well as an unintentional repository for tool marks and other signs of human workmanship. Like any other metal, lead can corrode, and this valuable information can be lost! In this talk, We will explore the use of special chemicals called 'chelators' in the cleaning of lead artifacts and the preservation of information inscribed on their surfaces.

Oct. 12: The Story Behind Echo the Whale and his Skeleton

Join us for an informal discussion about "Echo" (the Museum's 33.5-foot sperm whale skeleton) and his heart. When the adolescent male whale came ashore at Cape Lookout in 2004, his bones and heart were preserved for study and display. We will cover the step-by-step process of retrieving, preserving, and displaying the specimen that now resides in the museum gallery.

Oct. 26: North Carolina's Blue Crab Fishery

This talk traces the development of North Carolina's crab fishery over the years. From being one of the State's least profitable fisheries to one of its leading, blue crabs have played a big role in seafood harvests of North Carolina.

Nov. 2: Early North Carolina Ferry Crossings

Most ferry operations in the North Carolina started as private enterprises but eventually were turned over to the state. Some date back to the late 1700s, well before the automobile. The basic form has remained somewhat the same, they just got bigger to accommodate bigger loads. Whether you consider it unfortunate, or enjoy the slower pace, some watery routes still require the use of a ferry today.

Nov. 16: Pirate's Table

We will be looking at clues from the remains of ships such as Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge* and the British warship *Mary Rose* to help us learn more about the lives of the sailors and pirates during the golden age of piracy, between 1650 to 1730. This program will look at what the pirates were eating, how they were preparing and storing their food, and what materials they were using to cook and consume their food with.

Dec. 7: U.S. Life-Saving Service in North Carolina

We will cover the history of the United States Lifesaving Service in North Carolina. The small crews of this service, the predecessor to the United States Coast Guard, rescued hundreds of sailors in a time when most people traveled by water. Come learn about the various stations along our coast and how the surfmen carried out their duties.

Dec. 14: History of Santa Clause, Patron Saint of Sailors

Did Santa prefer a green suit before he started wearing his now iconic red? What is Mrs. Claus's first name? We may not have all the answers regarding the mysterious and jolly figure, but during this family friendly presentation we will try to answer some questions without taking away any of the magic. We will present on the history of Santa Claus for this holiday related program.