



BEACH NOURISHMENT NEWS AND NOTES

March 13, 2020

Welcome *Borinquen*!

The dredge *Borinquen* arrived in Banks Channel on Thursday and started dredging the channel and pumping sand on the beach this weekend! The *Borinquen* will be focused



on dredging in the sound channels near the inlet and pumping sand on the Beach starting at the Drum Avenue access. While the work is initially underway, the public beach access adjacent to the Sea Vista Motel will be closed for safety purposes. **For your safety and the safety of the workers, please avoid the designated work areas.**

The *J.S. Chatry* is located just outside the inlet working on dredging the outer bar. Unfortunately, sea conditions and shallow water has inhibited their ability to move the dredge's anchors. This has created a delay in the beach project, but Weeks Marine crews are working diligently to remedy the situation and get back on track.

Legislative Tour Update

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the Town has decided to take the utmost precautions and cancel the scheduled Dredge and Beach Nourishment Tour with federal and state elected officials and staff. While we are disappointed to miss the opportunity to discuss the importance of beach nourishment and inlet maintenance on our environment and economy, we felt cancelling was in the best interest of all parties. We will continue to reach out to our State and Federal Representatives to tell our story.

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Please continue to visit our website often to keep up with our Beach Project. New drone videos and pictures are added frequently, and progress maps have been added to the site. We will continue to add important information to this site, so be on the lookout. Just go to our website at www.topsailbeach.org and look for the icon below.



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