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Ocean Drive Scene

Thanksgiving is a week from tomorrow, and the Christmas season on the Grand Strand is already under way. Last Saturday the Surf Team was live from the Dickens Christmas Show & Festivals at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, and the Galleon has two holiday nights coming up.

On the Countdown, "Young Again" by Andy & Oneida held No. 1 for a third straight week, and Gary Alexander's "Soul full of Sunshine" jumped 16 places, from No. 20 to No. 4. At the bottom there's a familiar name back, and it's an Ocean Drive original. "The Sea, Sand and You," the duet from Deb Browning and Townsend Link of The Pink Slips, returned at No. 20. It's this week's Chart Spotlight.

With CBMA Weekend 2026 behind us, we go back twenty years to the 12th Carolina Beach Music Awards. In 2006 The Surf was FM Station of the Year, Keith Houston went home with four awards, and Archie Bell, Roy Roberts, Danny Woods, Chris Beachley and Sammy O'Banion went into the Hall of Fame. A few of the 2006 winners were on the stage again this month.

The Yachts for Tots Kick-Off Party with the Band of Oz is Friday, Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving, at the Spanish Galleon. Bring a new, unwrapped toy. Then Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot bring the Yacht Rock Christmas Show to the Galleon on Sunday, Dec. 13. And if you're shopping early, Four Tops tickets for next May's Ocean Drive Beach Music Festival are on sale now.

Then ring in 2027 at the Galleon. The 27th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration runs three nights: 2026 Group of the Year Too Much Sylvia on Wednesday, Dec. 30, the Embers featuring Entertainer of the Year Craig Woolard on New Year's Eve, and Band of Oz, whose "Ocean Boulevard" just went into the Hall of Fame, on New Year's Day. One $60 advance ticket covers all three bands. Tickets are on sale at O.D. Resort, online and through Julian B. Fowler at 843-617-3433.

See you on Ocean Drive.

Yachts for Tots Kick-Off Party

The Band of Oz at the Spanish Galleon

Friday, November 27 • 7:00 p.m. • Spanish Galleon, North Myrtle Beach

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Intracoastal Christmas Regatta's Yachts for Tots drive.

Presented by Gone Coastal Carts North - Also sponsored by Coastline Getaway

To sponsor or reserve seats, contact Bo the Webguy at 843-564-2610.

Upcoming Events

- Sat., Nov. 21 — The Surf Countdown with CBMA Hall of Famer Jay Kinlaw, 10 a.m.–noon
- Sun., Nov. 22 — A Joyful Noise with Jim Morgan, 7–10 a.m., and Soulful Sunday with DJ Heavy, noon–3 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 27 — Yachts for Tots Kick-Off Party with the Band of Oz, Spanish Galleon, 7 p.m. Bring new, unwrapped toys.
- Sun., Dec. 13 — Yacht Rock Christmas Show with Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot, Spanish Galleon
- Wed., Dec. 30 — 27th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration opens with Too Much Sylvia, Spanish Galleon, doors 7:30 p.m., music 9 p.m.
- Thu., Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve with The Embers featuring Craig Woolard, Spanish Galleon; Butch Davidson spins for shag dancing in Hoto's from 6 p.m.
- Fri., Jan. 1, 2027 — New Year's Day with Band of Oz, Spanish Galleon; Butch Davidson in Hoto's from 6 p.m.
- Sat., May 1, 2027 — Ocean Drive Beach Music Festival with the Four Tops, Band of Oz and Jim Quick & Coastline, gates 10 a.m.
- The Daily Calendar for NMB is posted every morning

This Week's Surf Countdown

Surf Countdown Top 20 • Saturday, November 14, 2026

This Wk	Last Wk	Title	Artist
1	1	“Young Again”	Andy & Oneida
2	2	“Sunset Marquis”	Miranda Lambert
3	5	“Bands on the Beach”	Vaughan Penn
4	20	“Soul full of Sunshine”	Gary Alexander
5	8	“Music Makes the World Go Round”	The Holiday Band
6	12	“For Only You”	The O.G.'s
7	NE	“Jump On It”	Gary Lowder and Rhonda McDaniel
8	14	“Every Road”	Rick & Lesa
9	6	“NMBSC”	The Tonez
10	13	“At the End of the Day”	Rivermist
11	9	“Windows Rolled Down”	Pink Slips Band
12	RE	“Love Is What I'm Talkin' About”	The Castaways
13	16	“Forevermore”	Gary Lowder
14	17	“Baby, You're the Melody”	Ken Knox and the Chairmen of the Board
15	7	“Just Love”	R. Mark Black
16	19	“Bad Is Bad”	Boogah Brothers
17	10	“I Shiver”	Main Event Band
18	11	“Sandbar Shuffle”	Vaughan Penn
19	15	“Where Did You Go?”	Classic Soul with Terri Gore
20	RE	“The Sea, Sand and You”	Deb Browning featuring Townsend Link

RE – Re-Entry NE – New Entry

At the top

Andy & Oneida's “Young Again” is No. 1 for the third straight week. It came onto the Countdown at No. 7 on July 25 and took the top spot on Halloween. Miranda Lambert's “Sunset Marquis” holds at No. 2 in only its third week on the chart. It came in at No. 8 on Oct. 31.

Vaughan Penn's “Bands on the Beach,” the No. 1 song from mid-August into October, moves up two to No. 3. Right behind it is the biggest move of the week: Gary Alexander's “Soul full of Sunshine” jumped 16 places, from No. 20 to No. 4. The Holiday Band's “Music Makes the World Go Round” rounds out the top five, up three from No. 8, a week after it came back onto the chart.

Movin' up

The O.G.'s keep climbing. “For Only You” is up six, from No. 12 to No. 6, its third straight climb. Two weeks ago it was No. 16. Rick & Lesa's “Every Road” also gained six, from No. 14 to No. 8.

Four more songs moved up three places each: Rivermist's “At the End of the Day” (13 to 10), Gary Lowder's “Forevermore” (16 to 13), Ken Knox and the Chairmen of the Board's “Baby, You're the Melody” (17 to 14) and the Boogah Brothers' “Bad Is Bad” (19 to 16).

New and Back on the Chart

The only new song on the chart came in high. “Jump On It” by Gary Lowder and Rhonda McDaniel is new at No. 7. It was a bubble song back in June. With “Forevermore” at No. 13, Lowder has two records in the Top 13, and he and Smokin' Hot bring the Yacht Rock Christmas Show to the Galleon on Dec. 13. Twenty years ago, McDaniel won the CBMA for Blues Song of the Year with “You Got What It Takes.”

The Castaways' “Love Is What I'm Talkin' About” is back at No. 12, a week after it won Smoothie of the Year at the CBMAs. It first charted in April.

And “The Sea, Sand and You” by Deb Browning and Townsend Link is back at No. 20. It first made the Countdown on Aug. 29 at No. 15 (see Chart Spotlight). Rate next week's songs at surfcountdown.com.

Listening In • Saturday's Countdown

Deb Browning got the thread going, and she had reason to. “The Sea, Sand and You” was back on the Countdown at No. 20, and she checked in with “THE SEA SAND AND YOU crew says Thank you!” Wayne Troutman of Ocean Drive Productions, which put the record out, said good morning from Ocean Drive.

Other artists were listening, too. Tony Smith of the O.G.'s tuned in from Horsepasture, Va., and the Surf answered him with “Congrats on #6!!!” Frankie Burney, Christy and RGB were in The Swamp just outside Clarkton, N.C., “Home of The Pink Slips.” And Oneida Locklair, who sings with Andy & Oneida, stopped by the thread to say good morning on the day “Young Again” spent its third week at No. 1.

A week after the Hall of Fame, the congratulations kept coming. Marlisa Kay Small, all the way down in Key West, opened with “Good morning to a hall of famer!!!” Bootsie Howard congratulated Jay on his award and on being named the Fox Point Shag Club's official DJ the same weekend. Tony and Sue Choy in Palmerton, Pennsylvania, went with “Good Morning Mr. HOFer!” and Shug and Kenn Ward were “ready for your Countdown.” Jason L. Butler was “still recovering from The Cammy's” at General Beauregard's Man Cave. Marc and Dru Ackerman in Charleston enjoyed seeing Jay at the Awards, and so did Rita Smith in Eden. Wally Welch in Waltham had an awesome time with Jay and Robin. Ellen Goff Nobles and Michael Nobles, home in Wagram, “loved the weekend celebrating beach music,” Keith and Cheris Copeland at Badin Lake called it an awesome weekend, and Dawn Melton, Mike and Chipper were back in the 704. Adrianna Waddy was at her desk on Main Street in Orange, Virginia, listening to “our new Hall of Famer.” Lori Yandle Stone in Little River, Ben Fleming in Cherry Grove, Suzette Smith Holloway in Laurinburg, Spike Young in Ferrum, Va., Karon

Anderson in Swansboro, Andy Pulliam in Lacrosse, Va., Pam Snider, Shawn Briggs, Greg Adair, Rae French and Jill and Wayne McCulloch added theirs.

Winter showed up Saturday. Dean Martin, on Interstate 81, saw snow that morning in Hillsville, Va., and Lynne Watson Bell checked in from “a snowy Blowing Rock.” The Kennerly clan said it was cold in western North Carolina, and Henry and Shirley Woods said the same from Madison. It was chilly in Winston-Salem for Margaret Shell Hill, in Cary for Ray Rouse, in Virginia Beach for Pat Ottaviano and in the Port City for Sylvia Ritchie. Delia Gilmore had it at a sunny, breezy 45 in Raleigh, Ginny Moore Pratt was sunny but chilly in Carolina Beach, and KB and Teddie Boland had sunshine in Chapin.

David McClain was planting butterbeans in a chilly central Florida garden and reported that when the seeds heard Vaughan Penn they started “doing the sandbar shuffle all over the dirt.” David Rudisill and all the bellmen were listening at Club Wyndham in OD. Rich and Patricia Polhemus were by the fire table at Paradise Resort. Faye Young, Steve Floyd and Debbie were “Chillin on the Chowan Rivah” in Tunis, N.C., and Chef Brian and Susan of Fins Catering checked in from Iron Station. Art and Peggy Seward were on the road to Fairfax, Va. Michael S. Britt went with “ChooChoo!” and Sherie Davis in Mocksville wanted to get “this Countdown Train Rollin'.” Robbie and Cathy Clark told Jay to “keep the air chair hot.” Cindy Smith brought a crowd to Banner Elk, and Wendy and Dennis Murphy in Blacksburg sent their best to Jay and to “Heavy.” Walter and Jan Spivey tuned in from Southern Pines, and the Surf said it was great chatting with them at Harold's.

Some listeners had heavier things on their minds. Mandie Jo Staley, with Linda, Joe, Jake and Allie, was listening as the family got ready for Ed's Celebration of Life. And Phillip and Sharon Harrelson in Reidsville asked for prayers for Kenny Loftis, longtime stage hand for the Cat 5 Band.

The map ran from Key West and central Florida to Boston, with stops in Gulf Shores, where Richard and Marsha Andrews were “better late than never,” Kentucky, New Philadelphia, Ohio, Ocean City, New Jersey, and Palmerton, Pennsylvania. Virginia sent Horsepasture, Hillsville, Orange, Virginia Beach, Lacrosse, Blacksburg and Ferrum. North Carolina sent Clarkton, Coats, Cary, Raleigh, Battleboro, Southern Pines, Saluda, Winston-Salem, Eden, Banner Elk, Blowing Rock, Stokesdale, Wagram, Wilmington, Carolina Shores, Madison, Kannapolis, Raeford, Pinnacle, Carolina Beach, High Point, Laurinburg, Reidsville, Badin Lake, Bolivia, Swansboro, Iron Station, Tunis, Oak Island, China Grove and Mocksville. South Carolina added Charleston, Chapin, Lugoff, Greenwood, Gaffney and Easley, a Little River contingent that included Figgy and Sweetie, and the home crowd in Cherry Grove and Ocean Drive.

Tim and Mary Elizabeth Wright in High Point had the last word: “listen every weekend!! Great show!!!!” Thanks for listening.

Out and About

The Surf Team broadcast live Saturday from the Dickens Christmas Show & Festivals at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, with Brother Brian on hand all weekend. David Avery had the Surf “locked and loaded” and planned to stop by the remote. Anyone who found the “Hidden Pickle” could bring it to the Surf for a chance to win prizes.

Twenty Years Ago: The 2006 Carolina Beach Music Awards

A big year for The Surf, four trophies for Keith Houston, and a Hall of Fame class that ran from “Tighten Up” to the Rock House.

The 32nd Carolina Beach Music Awards are in the books, so this week we go back two decades to the 12th, in 2006. That show was held on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006.

A Good Year for 94.9

Start close to home. WVCO The Surf 94.9 was named FM Radio Station of the Year in 2006, and Ray Scott took FM Radio DJ, the Larry Crockett Award. Chad Sain won Club/Mobile DJ. Twenty years later, Ray and Chad were two of the three hosts of this year's Industry Awards.

On the AM side, the station award went to WLWL “Big Wave 770” in Rockingham, and the DJ award to Charlie Brown, the late Ed Weiss. “R & B Top 40 Countdown with John Hook” was Syndicated Radio Show of the Year.

The Big Winners

Keith Houston had the biggest afternoon of anybody. He won Producer and Engineer for the Locals Only CD, Locals Only won Compilation Album for KHP, and he took the Michael Branch Award. That's four.

Craig Woolard won Male Vocalist, and the Craig Woolard Band won Song of the Year with “I've Got A Feeling” and Ballad/Smoothie with “Hey There Lonely Girl,” featuring Mark Roberts.

The Rickey Godfrey Band was Group of the Year, and Once In A Lifetime Love won twice, as Group Album and as Blues Album.

The Rest of the 2006 Winners

- **Entertainer:** Scott Fine
- **Female Vocalist:** Molly Askins
- **Rising Star:** The Castaways, who were back on Ocean Drive for this year's CBMA Weekend, playing the Thursday pre-party at Deckerz
- **Songwriter:** Tim Cashion, for “Lovin' On Ocean Drive”
- **Instrumentalist:** Chris Jennings, guitar, with the Fantastic Shakers
- **Solo Album (a tie):** Paul Craver, *Macon, Memphis and Muscle Shoals*, and Dink Perry, *Think Dink*
- **Collaboration/Duo:** Young Guns, “Nights Like This”
- **Blues Song:** Rhonda McDaniel, “You Got What It Takes”
- **National Shag/Dance Song:** Mighty Mike Schermer, “Big Sister's Radio”
- **Club of the Year (Bill Griffin Award):** Fat Harold's
- **Live Music Venue (Cecil Corbett Award):** Dynamite's at Doc Holidays, North Myrtle Beach
- **Event of the Year:** Fun Monday, North Myrtle Beach
- **Industry and CBMA Appreciation Awards:** Carolina Pepsi Bottlers, Johnson's Furniture and the Fresh Water Coast Festival
- **Fan of the Year:** Ms. Frances Gordon

The Hall of Fame Class of 2006

Roy Roberts. Roberts also received the Joe Pope Pioneer Award. Born in Livingston, Tennessee, he grew up on the blues and R&B coming out of WLAC in Nashville and moved to Greensboro at 18. Solomon Burke took him on the road as his guitarist, and he went on to tour with Eddie Floyd, Little Stevie Wonder, Dee Clark and Otis Redding while his own band, the Roy Roberts Experience, worked the Southeastern beach-town circuit. Back in Greensboro he built Rock House Records, where he cut his own records and produced Eddie Floyd, Chick Willis, Lou Pride and Priscilla Price. Two years before his induction, his “I Slipped” won the CBMA for Blues Song of the Year.

Archie Bell. Out of Houston, Texas, came one of the great dance records. “Tighten Up,” which Bell wrote with Billy Butler, went to No. 1 pop and R&B in 1968 and played a role in the Embers’ “Far Away Places.” Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff took over for the follow-up, “I Can't Stop Dancing,” a Top 10 hit that summer, then “Do the Choo Choo” and “(There's Gonna Be A) Showdown.” With a new set of Drells, Bell became a fixture on the beach-music circuit.

Danny Woods. Woods signed his first record contract at 19 and later estimated he sang on about 50 records. When Holland-Dozier-Holland left Motown and started Invictus, they put him together with General Norman Johnson, Eddie Custis and Harrison Kennedy as the Chairmen of the Board. “Give Me Just a Little More Time” and “(You've Got Me) Dangling on a String” came in 1970. In 1978 the General re-formed the group with Woods and Ken Knox, started Surfside Records, and made the Chairmen one of the biggest draws in beach music until Johnson's death in 2010. Woods went on to front Board of Directors. He died in January 2018 at 73.

Chris Beachley. Few people have done more to document the music. As a Charlotte record-store owner, Beachley edited *It Will Stand*, the beach-music magazine, and he's been explaining where the music came from to reporters for more than forty years. He ran the Wax Museum record shop in Charlotte and produced *On the Beach with Charlie Brown*, the syndicated show heard on about 40 stations. That makes the 2006 AM DJ award to Charlie Brown a nice coincidence: the two had been working together on the show since 2003.

Sammy O'Banion. An Augusta, Georgia native who grew up on Jackie Wilson, Otis Redding and the Platters, O'Banion fronted Charlotte's Sammy O'Banion and Mardi Gras. His “Smoke Gets In Your Eyes” at the 1996 Cammys drew a standing ovation from his peers. He has sung the national anthem at NFL games, including for the Chicago Bears and the Atlanta Falcons, and performed for President George H.W. Bush. When the pandemic closed the clubs, he built a stage on a trailer and kept playing around Lake Norman. His story is in his book, *O' My Goodness! The Sammy O'Banion Story* (2017).

Then and Now

Several names from the 2006 list turned up again this month. Craig Woolard, the 2006 Male Vocalist, is the 2026 Entertainer of the Year. The Castaways, 2006's Rising Star, won Smoothie of the Year on Nov. 8 with “Love Is What I'm Talkin' About,” featuring Karen Clayton. Tim Cashion, the 2006 Songwriter, went into the Hall of Fame on Nov. 6, and so did the Chairmen of the Board's “Give Me Just a Little More Time,” the record Danny Woods sang on in 1970. Ken Knox, who re-formed the Chairmen with Woods and the General in 1978, came back onto the Countdown the next morning, and this week “Baby, You're the Melody” moved up to No. 14. Chad Sain, the 2006 Club/Mobile DJ, will emcee the Ocean Drive Beach Music Festival in May. And the Michael Branch Award, Keith Houston's in 2006, went this year to Melissa Hinson of the OD Mafia, who also helped bring “The Sea, Sand and You” to the Countdown.

Christmas Show at the Spanish Galleon

Yacht Rock Christmas with Gary Lowder & Smokin’ Hot

Sunday, December 13 • Spanish Galleon, North Myrtle Beach

Christmas favorites alongside smooth yacht rock staples. Something for everyone.

Presented by JP Real Estate and 94.9 The Surf. Also sponsored by Coastline Glass, SPG Apparel, Synovus Bank and Island Spirits.

Tickets with reserved seating on sale at odchristmas.com

9th Ocean Drive Beach Music Festival

The Four Tops • Band of Oz • Jim Quick & Coastline

Saturday, May 1, 2027 • Gates 10 a.m. • Main Street & First Avenue South, Ocean Drive

A pair of festival tickets fits nicely in a Christmas stocking.

Advance tickets at odmusicfest.com

27th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration

Live Carolina Beach Music at the Spanish Galleon

Wed., Dec. 30 • Too Much Sylvia

Thu., Dec. 31 • The Embers featuring Craig Woolard

Fri., Jan. 1, 2027 • Band of Oz

Doors open 7:30 p.m. in the Galleon • Live music 9:00 nightly • Coat check provided New Year's Eve

Advance tickets $60, including all 3 bands, plus shag dancing with Hall of Fame DJ Butch Davidson in Hoto's from 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday nights

Book 3 nights and save 20% on accommodations at the Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort: 1-800-438-9590

Tickets • Seating • Tables • Reservations: contact Julian B. Fowler, 843-617-3433

livecarolinabeachmusic@gmail.com • Reserved tables are limited.

Tickets on sale online at Ticket Tailor

Surf Program Guide

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SHOW	HOST	TIME
Morgan In The Morning	Jim Morgan	Mon–Fri, 7–11 AM
Best Day Ever Show	Jim Quick	Mon–Fri, 11 AM–3 PM
The Traffic Jam	DJ Heavy	Mon–Fri, 3–6 PM
In Southern Soul at 6	DJ Heavy	Mon - Fri 6–7 PM
Swamp Soul	Jim Quick	Fri, 7 PM
The Surf Countdown	Jay Kinlaw	Sat, 10 AM–12 Noon
A Joyful Noise	Jim Morgan	Sun, 7–10 AM
Soulful Sunday	DJ Heavy	Sun, Noon to 3PM

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