



## **FUN & GAMES – SPORTS OFFERINGS IN MYRTLE BEACH**

If deciding where to go on a vacation is an annual dilemma, Myrtle Beach is sure to fulfill the desires of every active family member's varying ages and personalities. Though long referred to as the "seaside golf capital of the world," the Myrtle Beach area has a new moniker -- Sportstown USA -- thanks to Sports Illustrated magazine and the National Recreation and Park Association. Offering hundreds of thrilling options, such as zooming around a racetrack, hitting a golf ball, tennis, horseback riding, observing wildlife and nature by bike and even dolphin-watching cruises, Myrtle Beach provides your ticket to fun.

### ***100 Kilometers of Beaches Across 12 Communities***

Naturally, the fun begins at the Myrtle Beach area's No. 1 attraction – 60 miles of coastline. The Grand Strand's beaches provide visitors with all the necessary resources for an ideal getaway. It's no wonder the Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina has been named the "World's Best Beach" by Yahoo! Travel and "Favorite Beach Town" by *Southern Living*.

### ***Just Add Water: Sail, Surf, Kayak, Dive***

Sailboat, Jet Ski, canoe and kayak rentals are offered up and down the Grand Strand. For those looking to descend below the water, there are several historic shipwrecks that can be explored via scuba diving. Strap on your scuba gear and explore the submerged hulls of the Hebe, a Dutch merchant ship; St. Cathan, a British submarine chaser; and the Richmond, a passenger ship that sank off the shores of the Grand Strand. Those who'd rather keep their adventures above water can choose from parasailing, surfing, boogie-boarding, wind surfing and kite surfing.

### ***Hook, Line and Sinker: Fishing***

Fishing along the Grand Strand can be enjoyed from one of eight fishing piers located along the beach. There are also backwater creeks between Georgetown and Little River that provide great crabbing opportunities. More serious anglers can board a boat for bottom fishing, or venture all the way to the Gulf Stream, just 300 meet offshore, for true deep-sea sports fishing experiences.

Also, each year, visitors can enjoy the Grand Strand Fishing Rodeo. Anglers of all ages enter for a chance to win cash and other prizes totaling more than \$20,000. From April to October, fisherman can enter their catch caught from pier, surf, inlet or deep sea. Participants could win monthly decals, shoulder patches, cash and merchandise.

***For more information about Myrtle Beach fishing trips, parasailing or water activities, contact:***

- Action Water Sportz, [www.actionwatersportz.com](http://www.actionwatersportz.com); (843) 294-2859

- Banana Capt. Dick's at Crazy Sister Marina, [www.capt dicks.com/bananaboat.html](http://www.capt dicks.com/bananaboat.html); (843) 651-3676
- Banana Boat Express, [www.expresswatersports.com](http://www.expresswatersports.com); (843) 357-7777
- Blue Wave Adventures Dolphin Watch Tour, [www.bluewaveadventures.com](http://www.bluewaveadventures.com); (843) 340-7713
- Capt. Dick's Deep Sea Fishing & Water Sports, [www.capt dicks.com](http://www.capt dicks.com); (843) 651-3676
- Capt. Ricky Long's Charters, [www.captrickylong.com](http://www.captrickylong.com); (843)249-1889
- Downwind Sails, [www.downwindsailsmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.downwindsailsmyrtlebeach.com); (843) 448-7245
- Enchanted Sailing Charters, [www.downwindsailsmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.downwindsailsmyrtlebeach.com); (843) 241-6874
- Express Watersports, [www.expresswatersports.com](http://www.expresswatersports.com); (866) 566-9338
- Fisher of Men Charters, [www.fisherofmencharter.com](http://www.fisherofmencharter.com); (843) 249-8662
- Fishhook Charters, [www.fishhookcharters.com](http://www.fishhookcharters.com); (843) 283-7692
- Hurricane Fleet, [www.hurricanefleet.com](http://www.hurricanefleet.com); (910) 579-3660
- Island Adventure Watersports, [www.islandadventurewatersports.com](http://www.islandadventurewatersports.com); (843) 650-7003
- Jet Ski Express, [www.expresswatersports.com](http://www.expresswatersports.com); (843) 357-7777
- Longway Fishing Charters, [www.longwaycharters.com](http://www.longwaycharters.com); (843) 249-7813
- Lucky Strike Charters, [www.luckystrikesportfishingcharters.com](http://www.luckystrikesportfishingcharters.com); (843) 249-2049
- Marshwalk Water Sports, [www.marshwalkwatersports.com](http://www.marshwalkwatersports.com); (843) 602-1899
- Myrtle Beach Watersports, <http://myrtlebeachwatersports.com>; (843) 651-9915
- Ocean Watersports, [www.parasailmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.parasailmyrtlebeach.com); (843) 445-7777
- Parasail Capt. Dick's at Crazy Sister Marina, [www.capt dicks.com/parasailing.html](http://www.capt dicks.com/parasailing.html); (843) 651-3676
- Parasail Express, [www.expresswatersports.com](http://www.expresswatersports.com); (843) 357-7777
- Pirate Adventures of Myrtle Beach, [www.myrtlebeachpirates.com](http://www.myrtlebeachpirates.com); (843) 651-3676
- Rover Tours, Inc., [www.roverboattours.com](http://www.roverboattours.com); (843) 546-8822
- Scuba Express, [www.expresswatersports.com](http://www.expresswatersports.com); (843) 357-7777
- Thomas Outdoors Watersports, [www.mbjetski.com](http://www.mbjetski.com); (843) 663-RIDE
- Voyager Fishing Fleet, LLC, (843) 626-9500
- Waterway Power Sports, [www.waterwaypowersports.com](http://www.waterwaypowersports.com); (843) 315-4448

### **A Pier to Remember**

Whether dangling your feet on the end of the dock, catching a boat tour, renting a jet ski, embarking on a dolphin watch cruise or just enjoying the ocean scenery; the communities of Myrtle Beach offer up plenty of piers and locations to catch whatever wave you wish:

- 2nd Avenue Pier, [www.2ndavepier.com](http://www.2ndavepier.com); (843) 626-8480
- Apache Campground Pier, <http://apachefamilycampground.com>; (800) 553-1749
- Captain Dick's Marin, [www.capt dicks.com](http://www.capt dicks.com); (866) 557-FISH
- Cherry Grove Fishing Pier, [www.cherrygrovepier.com](http://www.cherrygrovepier.com); (843) 249-1625
- Myrtle Beach State Park Pier, <http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/795.aspx>; (843) 238-5325
- Osprey Marina, [www.ospreymarina.com](http://www.ospreymarina.com); (843) 215-5353
- Pier 14, [www.pier14.com](http://www.pier14.com); (843) 448-4314

- The Pier at Garden City, [www.pieratgardencity.com](http://www.pieratgardencity.com); (843) 651-9700
- Springmaid Beach Pier, [www.springmaidbeach.com](http://www.springmaidbeach.com); (843) 315-7156
- Surfside Beach Fishing Pier, [www.surfsidepier.com](http://www.surfsidepier.com); (843) 238-0121
- Marlin Quaaq Marina, [www.marlinquaymarina.com](http://www.marlinquaymarina.com); (843) 651-4444

## **Batters Up: Professional and Youth Baseball**

### ***Myrtle Beach Pelicans***

The Myrtle Beach Pelicans is a Texas Ranger Carolina League Class-A affiliate who call TicketReturn.com Field in Myrtle Beach their home. The team's season begins in April and wraps up in September. Along with exciting sports action, fans are treated to between-inning entertainment that is fun for the whole family. For more information, call (877) 918-TIXX or visit MyrtleBeachPelicans.com.

### ***The Ripken Experience***

The Ripken Experience opened in June 2006 as one of the nation's top youth sports facilities, boasting six youth- and three regulation-size baseball fields. This unique experience brings tournament play and baseball camps to the Myrtle Beach area. Residents and visitors are also invited to watch more than 20 youth baseball and softball tournaments annually at The Ripken Experience fields. Each is modeled after one of the game's historic ballparks: Polo Grounds, New York; Comiskey Park, Chicago; and Forbes Field, Pittsburgh. All of the fields are made from FieldTurf®, the game's most advanced artificial surface. For more information, telephone (843) 918-7815 or visit TheRipkenExperience.com.

## **Nothin; But Net: Basketball**

### ***Beach Ball Classic***

The Beach Ball Classic is a holiday tradition that Myrtle Beach has played host to for over 30 years. This basketball tournament is held at the end of December and attracts the top high school teams in the nation. This tournament has included future NBA superstars like Kobe Bryant and Jason Kidd. For more information, go to [www.beachballclassic.com](http://www.beachballclassic.com).

### ***VisitMyrtleBeach.com Big South Conference Basketball Championship***

The Myrtle Beach area gets its own taste of March Madness when it hosts the VisitMyrtleBeach.com Big South Conference Basketball Championship just a few days ahead of Selection Sunday. The Grand Strand will play host to the event for the next two years, and the HTC Center at Coastal Carolina University is a great venue for hoops excitement. So, come cheer on your favorite team and help them advance to The Dance! For more information, go to [www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/bigsouth](http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/bigsouth).

## **Zoom, Zoom: Amateur Auto Racing**

### ***Myrtle Beach Speedway***

Spectators can enjoy professional and amateur racing on a half-mile, tri-oval asphalt track sanctioned by NA- SCAR. Races are scheduled every Saturday from April through September, with special events adding to the fun. Adding to the excitement, visitors can now drive a real racecar or ride as a passenger for a NASCAR Experience. For more information, call (843) 236-0500 or visit MyrtleBeachSpeedway.com.

***Putt Putt: Miniature Golf***

Golf fans of all ages can choose from a myriad of miniature golf themes. Myrtle Beach offers everything from man-eating dinosaurs and lava-spewing volcanoes, to high-seas adventures aboard pirate ships. The Grand Strand is considered the miniature golf capital of the world with 50 miniature golf courses from which to choose, including a sample below:

- Cane Patch & Midway Par 3, [www.MyrtleBeachFamilyGolf.com](http://www.MyrtleBeachFamilyGolf.com); (843) 315-0317
- Dragon's Lair Fantasy Golf, [www.MyrtleBeachFamilyGolf.com](http://www.MyrtleBeachFamilyGolf.com); (843) 913-9301
- Jungle Lagoon Miniature Golf, [www.junglelagoon.com](http://www.junglelagoon.com); (843) 626-7894

For a complete list of sports facilities in Myrtle Beach, visit [www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com/sports](http://www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com/sports).

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