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## Surfalorus Seeks Original Aquatic Films for Annual Festival

**Dare County, N.C., July 10, 2015** – Calling all surfers, filmmakers, nature lovers, water weirdos, cinephiles, and fans of everything aquatic! The 4th annual [Surfalorus Film Festival](#) seeks original short and feature film submissions for this year's event. Sponsored by Cucalorus and the Dare County Arts Council, this three-day gathering of coastal North Carolina marine culture will take place October 1-3, 2015 in the Outer Banks, North Carolina.

The Surfalorus Film Festival is a fun-and-sun filled cinematic celebration of all things aquatic, showcasing the year's hottest surf films and ocean documentaries with a series of outdoor sunset screenings and accompanying festivities. To submit a film to be screened in this year's festival, visit [www.surfalorus.org](http://www.surfalorus.org) for entry details. Film submission deadline is July 29.

This year, Surfalorus will be held in conjunction with the Design+Art+Science+Humanities (DASH) Symposium, a bi-annual cultural tourism initiative that explores the intersection of art and science. DASH 2015: Boats and Boards, Ripples and Waves will focus on waves and the vehicles humans use to navigate them. This year's keynote speaker is Reuben Margolin, a kinetic sculptor who is known for his mesmerizing work with waveforms. Water-soaked attendees also have the opportunity to join in seminars, workshops, meet-and-greets, and (of course!) multiple film screenings. DASH is organized by [UNC Coastal Studies Institute](#) in Wanchese, NC.

Surfalorus began in Wilmington, North Carolina in 2012 as an initiative of the Cucalorus community education and engagement program. For more information about Surfalorus, visit [www.surfalorus.org](http://www.surfalorus.org). Stay tuned for more details on this year's Surfalorus Film Festival including: exact times, location, and featured films.

### **About Cucalorus:**

Cucalorus was founded in 1994 by the underground filmmaking collective Twinkle Doon. Today, Cucalorus is a multi-disciplinary arts organization supporting emerging and innovative creative professionals through an annual film festival, a residency program, a micro-cinema, a summer outdoor screening series, and an extensive community engagement program. The annual festival takes place every November, celebrating independent and international film for five days in historic downtown Wilmington, NC. MovieMaker Magazine recently recognized it as "One of the Coolest Film Festivals in the World, 2014." More than 200 films screen each year at venues all over downtown Wilmington, attracting a large number of participating artists (300+) and thousands of fans and industry professionals (accumulated attendance in 2014 was 15,743). Cucalorus is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that relies on funds from individuals, businesses, and grants to fund its annual celebration. For more information on the Cucalorus Film Festival visit [www.cucalorus.org](http://www.cucalorus.org).

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