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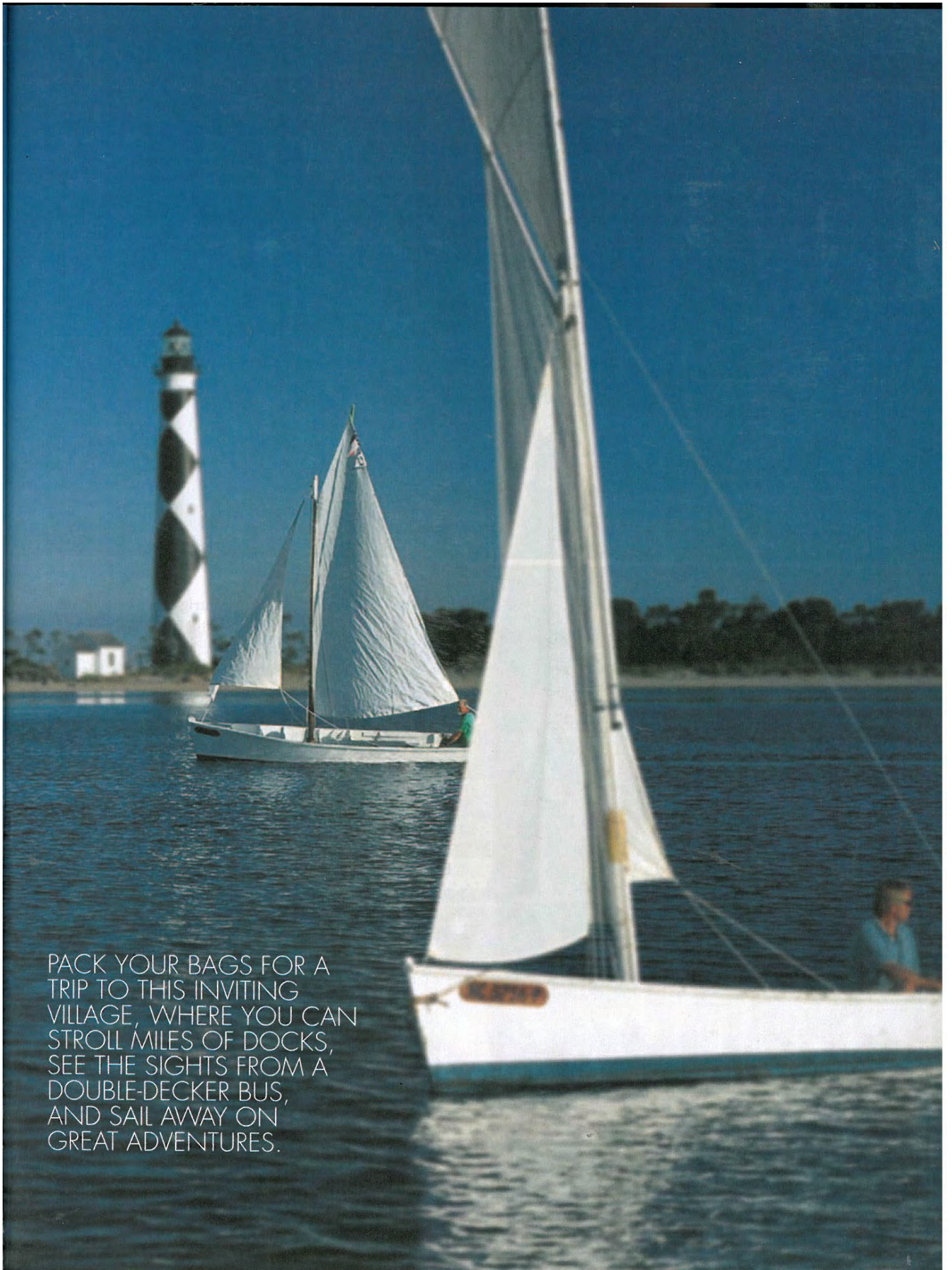
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Beaufort

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PACK YOUR BAGS FOR A TRIP TO THIS INVITING VILLAGE, WHERE YOU CAN STROLL MILES OF DOCKS, SEE THE SIGHTS FROM A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS, AND SAIL AWAY ON GREAT ADVENTURES.



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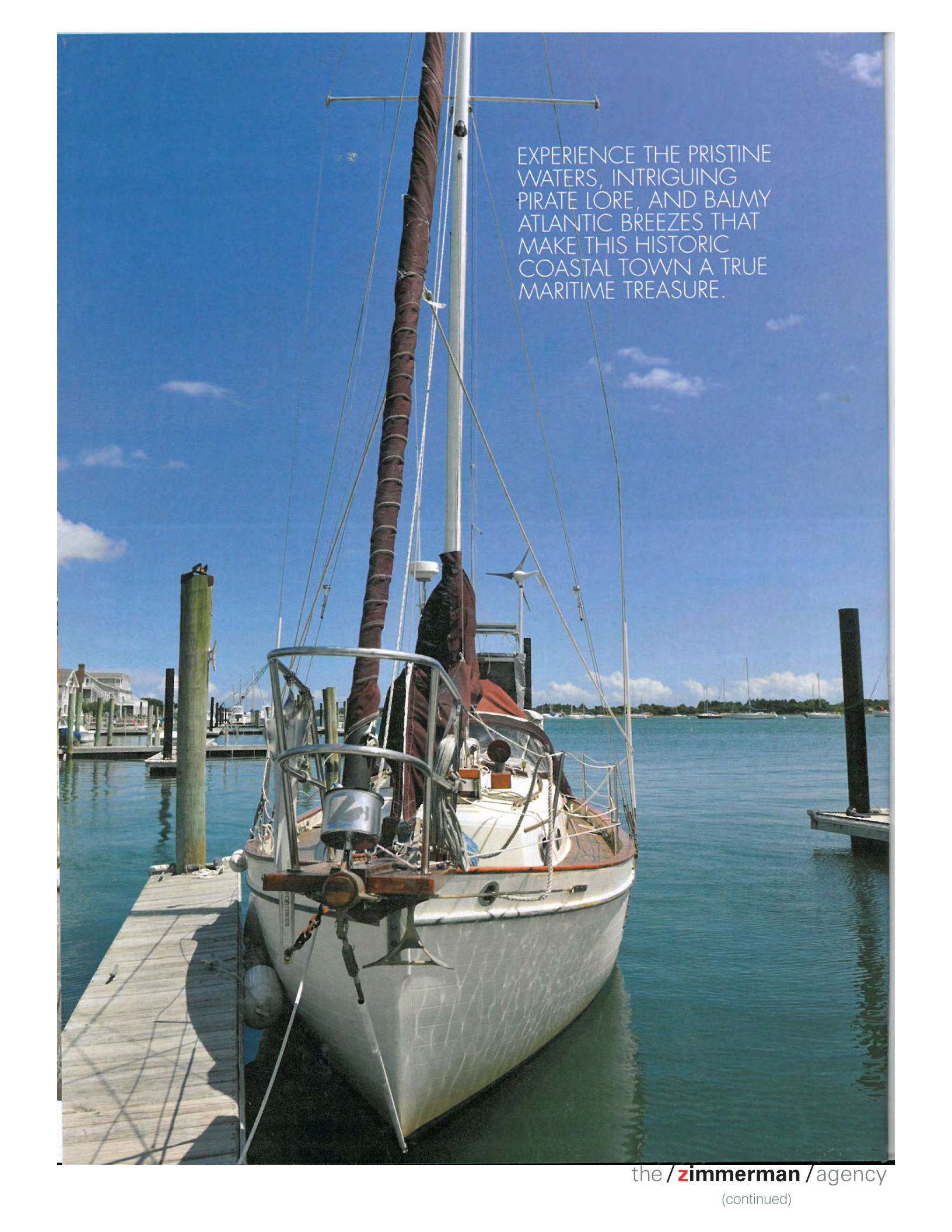
Whether lured by the intrigue of pirate lore or the overall charm of this coastal city, you certainly will not lack for things to do in Beaufort. Satisfy the explorer in your group with a quick 3-mile boat ride to the barrier islands of Cape Lookout. Pack a picnic, and spend the afternoon sunbathing on the lighthouse beach, or search for the area's famed wild horses on a guided tour of Carrot Island. Then, head back to shore and see the sights of the city from a 1967 Double-Decker bus before retiring to the Inlet Inn, a boutique hotel with bed-and-breakfast appeal. Part of this inn was built in 1850 and exemplifies the historic architecture throughout Beaufort, and the newer construction provides some of the most gorgeous views of the East Coast.

Founded in the early 1700s, the town is rich in history. The Beaufort Historical Association helps maintain six authentically restored buildings, which give insight into local life in the 18th and 19th centuries. Also on-site is the oldest art gallery in Carteret County. Be sure to see the North Carolina Maritime Museum and all its many marvels, including artifacts from Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge*. With your hunger for history satiated, stop in Clawson's Restaurant and Pub to satisfy your actual appetite. Opened in 1905 as Clawson's Grocery and Bakery, the present-day venture serves fare ranging from crab cakes to fish tacos to steaks. Then, return to the boardwalk to watch your cares wash away with the sea breeze, savoring the joy of vacation as you unwind, Carolina style.



North Carolina's Beaufort is surrounded by nearly a mile of water. Shop and dine in the quaint downtown area, and visit The Fudge Factory on Front Street for a sweet sampling of handmade candy. At Fort Macon State Park, you will find public access to the sand and surf as well as a Civil War fort open for tours. OPPOSITE: The Maritime Museum is a must-see and offers a superb city view—just ask a volunteer to take you up the spiral staircase for the best vantage point.





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