

## Beach Project Update

The two dredges, the JS Chatry and the Borinquen are in the Wilmington area preparing for our project. The JS Chatry is being fueled and prepped to begin its work in the New Topsail Inlet, and the Borinquen is completing another local project first then will head to Topsail after. Support equipment used to install the pipe and heavy equipment used to maneuver sand is also in the area and undergoing final preparation. In addition, TI Coastal is working on necessary survey work for our project. Look for the following events to occur:

- Drum Avenue will be closed between S. Anderson Blvd. and Ocean Blvd. starting **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. This area will be used for equipment and the dredge pipe installation.
- The Drum Avenue access will be closed to vehicles on the beach on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> as well.
- Weather permitting, “pipe landing” is expected to occur on the beach this weekend. This will involve loaders and other heavy equipment on the beach, as well as large vessels in the water close to the shoreline. Please note that the beach **will not be closed during this time**, but we ask that you avoid the areas where work is ongoing for your safety and the safety of the workers.
- Once all the pipe is in place the JS Chatry will arrive and begin the dredging process!

**While unforeseen delays are still possible, the project is still on track for completion by April 30<sup>th</sup> as scheduled.**

Town staff is developing a new page on our website dedicated to the Beach Nourishment Project. It will include frequent updates, valuable information, pictures and video links, as well as progress maps. Our goal is to keep our residents and property owners up to date throughout the process, but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need any additional information.



**The "J.S. Chatry" dredge**