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CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND NAMED #1 HAPPIEST SEASIDE TOWN IN AMERICA

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Chincoteague Island, VA—June 13, 2014: On a ten square mile island at the extreme northeastern tip of Virginia lies the Happiest Seaside Town in America according to *Coastal Living*. The top 10 towns were revealed in the March issue of *Coastal Living* and America was invited to vote for their favorite. Voting ended on March 31 and the ranked list was announced by *Coastal Living* on June 12, 2014.

Chincoteague Island is the winner! The complete list of the ten best places to live and visit by the sea is featured in the July/August issue of *Coastal Living* and on www.coastalliving.com.

Settled in the 1600's and incorporated in 1908, Chincoteague Island has grown from a sleepy little fishing village to an island shared by wildlife enthusiasts and space geeks. Nestled in between the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge to the east and NASA's Wallops Flight Facility to the west, Chincoteague Island has quite a unique location. Most famously known for Chincoteague Oysters and wild ponies, it has most recently become the venue for space watchers to enjoy rocket launches from the Mid Atlantic Regional Spaceport, some carrying supplies to the International Space Station.

Chincoteague Island is a refuge for the senses. It has been called a healing place, a grieving place, a place to relax, unwind, and reconnect—with nature or each other. The first page of our visitor guide reminds all to "Relax....you're on island time now", says Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Evelyn Shotwell. "Things move a little slower here and we like it that way. Perhaps that's what makes us happy!"

Please make your plans now to "Discover the Spirit of Chincoteague Island", as the chamber tag line suggests. Visit the chamber website at www.chincoteaguechamber.com or call 757-336-6161 for more information on the Happiest Seaside Town in America.

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