



Sea Island Unveils Specially Designed Classic Yacht

Coastal Georgia Resort Adds Custom Yacht to Impressive Roster of Offerings and Experiences

SEA ISLAND, GA (February 2019) – Sea Island, a Forbes Five-Star resort on the coast of Georgia, recently welcomed a new 71-foot custom-built passenger yacht - known as the *Sea Island Explorer*. The state-of-the-art, three-level vessel, which is reminiscent of classic yachts of the 1930s, gives guests and club members the opportunity to explore the rivers and salt marshes that abound among Georgia’s barrier islands.

Built by J&M Metal Works in Green Cove Springs, FL, and DeJong & Lebet, Inc., Naval Architects in Jacksonville, FL, the *Sea Island Explorer* blends traditional flare with modern finishes, including arched, wrap-around windows that provide sweeping views of Sea Island’s natural setting. Accommodating up to 49 passengers, the yacht features a double living room on the main level, a covered top deck, and a prep kitchen and additional event space on the bottom level, making it ideal for scenic nature tours, pre-dinner cocktail cruises, customized private events and more. Food and beverage can be customized for each the occasion. Clay Fordham, a naturalist and Sea Island captain with more than ten years of experience in local waters, will lead all operations aboard *Sea Island Explorer*.

“We are always looking for ways to further enhance our guests’ experiences, especially those that provide the opportunity to see Sea Island and our expansive salt marsh from the water,” said Scott Steilen, President and CEO of Sea Island Company. “The *Sea Island Explorer* will live up to its name, allowing guests of all ages to get an up-close look and better understanding of our amazing ecosystem.”

In addition to unveiling the new yacht, Sea Island is celebrating its 90th “Emerald” Anniversary throughout 2018. Currently, The Lodge at Sea Island is undergoing a multi-million dollar enhancement project that will debut six new cottages this fall; an oceanfront pool, pool house and 18-hole putting course this summer; and a new state-of-the-art Golf Performance Center (early 2019).

About Sea Island

Since 1928, Sea Island has been known as an exceptional destination appealing to those who appreciate gracious service and heartfelt hospitality. With four Forbes Five-Star experiences – The Cloister at Sea Island, The Lodge at Sea Island, The Spa at Sea Island, and the Georgian Room restaurant – Sea Island entices families, outdoor enthusiasts, and those simply wanting to refresh. It is the only resort in the world to have received four Forbes Five-Star awards for 13 consecutive years. As the only U.S. resort to host a G-8 Summit of world leaders, Sea Island provides exceptional settings and service for conferences and executive retreats.

Located on the southeastern coast of Georgia, Sea Island features five miles of private beach, a Beach Club, tennis center, Yacht Club, Shooting School, and children's programs, as well as three championship golf courses, including Seaside and Plantation, home of the PGA TOUR's RSM Classic. Located on St. Simons Island, The Inn at Sea Island offers casual accommodations with access to many Sea Island amenities. Broadfield, a Sea Island Sporting Club and Lodge, offers seasonal hunting and fishing opportunities.

Sea Island continues to add to its legendary offerings including a bowling alley and pub at the Beach Club and refreshed rooms in The Cloister. Recent enhancements at The Lodge include seven cottages, an oceanfront pool, pool house, an 18-hole putting course, a 17,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Golf Performance Center, and complete redesign of one of the golf courses by PGA TOUR player and local resident Davis Love III and his brother, Mark Love, of Love Golf Design.

Those seeking adventures in the spirit of the American west may choose to visit The Broadmoor, the other member of the Sea Island family. Opened in 1918 and situated at the gateway to the Colorado Rocky Mountains in Colorado Springs, The Broadmoor is the longest consecutive winner of the Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond awards. Like Sea Island, the resort offers guests a unique way to experience one of the country's most beautiful settings, and is known for its history, tradition, and service excellence.

Media Contact:

Laura Lopez / Samantha Silvas
MMGY NJF
seaisland@njfpr.com
212-228-1500