

SHELTER COVE HARBOUR & MARINA

Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina Offers the Best of Hilton Head Island in a Magnificent Waterfront Setting

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA — Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort serves as a spectacular waterside shopping, dining and entertainment destination, conveniently located in the heart of Hilton Head Island.

Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina was designed in the style of a Mediterranean village and provides a picturesque setting of 178 slips where yachts, power boats and sailboats come to dock year-round.

The marina is the largest deep-water cove on the island, a popular port of call for boats and yachts traveling the Intracoastal Waterway between northern destinations and the warm waters of Florida and the Caribbean. Surrounding the harbour is a collection of shops, galleries, restaurants and service boutiques.

Located directly across Highway 278 from Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, Shelter Cove Harbour comes alive during the spring and summer months with a variety of outdoor activities and entertainment. Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina is home to various charters, nature cruises, dolphin tours, sport crabbing and fishing. Charter boats depart daily for inshore or offshore fishing, while ships set out for dolphin encounters and nature experiences off the South Carolina coast. Kayakers on guided nature tours silently paddle out of the harbour en route to the salt marshes where birds, crabs and other island creatures make their home.

One of Hilton Head Island's most popular summer events for more than three decades, HarbourFest, runs at Shelter Cove from mid-June through mid-August and encompasses live entertainment, food, arts and crafts and a flurry of activity.

Local entertainer Shannon Tanner, a part of HarbourFest since its inception, is an audience favorite and has been delighting generations of families on Hilton Head Island year after year. Tanner blends the sounds of favorite all-time tunes with sing-a-longs and his own original ballads. He invites children in the audience to participate in his shows, often a generational event for families vacationing to Hilton Head Island. On select Tuesdays, HarbourFest activities conclude with a spectacular fireworks display.

Not to be outdone, the traditional Fourth of July fireworks show is a distinctive crowd-pleaser that runs longer than the average show. For a unique perspective, fireworks cruises of various types are available to watch the fireworks from the water.

At the center of Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, look for artist Wayne Edward's towering sculpture of King Neptune, the Roman god of the sea. The much-loved, 12-foot bronze structure not only welcomes visitors to Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, it also doubles as a larger-than-life sundial. The statue depicts a bearded Neptune holding his signature trident. King Neptune was originally cast at a foundry in Princeton, N.J., and shipped by truck to Hilton Head in 1983. The statue is strategically mounted on a circular base with numbers around the edge. When the trident's shadow falls across the 26-foot wide base, the numbers indicate the precise time. It is hailed as the world's largest figurative sundial.

Engineers made meticulous measurements before the one-ton statue was installed, ensuring that it would be located at the ideal angle to indicate the time. They oriented the sculpture towards true south by aligning the constellation Ursa Major with the North Star. The official dedication for the statue, held at Shelter Cove Harbour on August 11, 1983, attracted residents and visitors alike. Today, the Neptune statue delights generations of visitors to Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina.

Stop by to see King Neptune in person and experience a true Hilton Head Island icon. With a little practice, guests can learn how to read the graph etched into the platform and how to adjust for the correct time any month of the year.

For more information about Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, please visit www.ShelterCoveHiltonHead.com or call 843- 842-7001.

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About Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is a 2,000-acre resort destination located in the middle of Hilton Head Island, S.C., bounded by 3 miles of Atlantic Ocean beach on one side and a sheltered Intracoastal Waterway marina on the other. Named No. 3 “Best Resort in the South” in Condé Nast Traveler’s Readers’ Choice Awards and to the top 25 World’s Best Family Getaways by Travel + Leisure, the resort features vacation home and villa rentals, three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis and pickleball center, an 11-mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing, and Hilton Head Outfitters for bike rentals, canoes, kayaks, fishing, beach rentals and retail shopping. The Mediterranean-style Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, Hilton Head Island’s largest deep-water marina, located right across from Palmetto Dunes, features waterfront shopping and dining and a wide variety of charters, including nature cruises, dolphin tours, fireworks tours and fishing. For information about activities or reservations, please call 877-567-6513 or visit www.palmettodunes.com.

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