



A private island paradise

*Basking under a bright tropical sun on the western edge of the
Great Bahama Bank lies a tiny t-shaped dot of gleaming sand and coral
that brings to a glittering reality the dream of an island paradise.*



Cat Cay Yacht Club



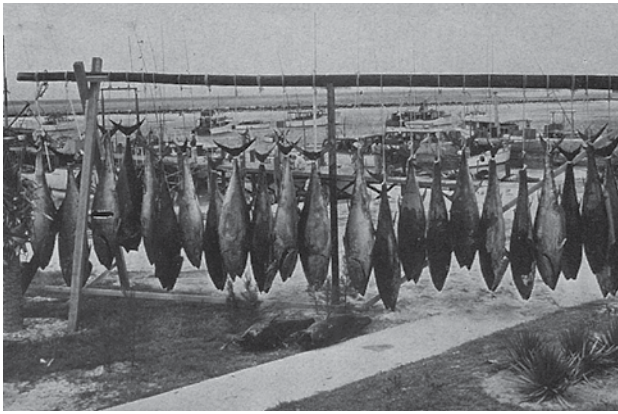
Legend has it that the name “Cat Cay” came from pirates who thought the island was shaped like the cat line of a sailing vessel. It is shaped like a truncated “r” about two and a quarter miles across the top and a half-mile at its widest point. It is located on the western edge of the four-meter-deep Bahama Bank which protects the island from heavy weather coming in from the east or southeast. Just to the west of Cat Cay the sea floor plunges into the Gulf Stream, where fisherman go for marlin, tuna and other pelagic big-game fish. Bimini, long a favorite location for serious anglers, Hemingway historians and island aficionados, lies about 10 miles to the north.



Many have felt that Christopher Columbus eliminated the need for eulogy when he wrote of the Bahamas with flat finality:

“This land surpasses all others.”

Yesterdays at Cat Cay



In 1874, Queen Victoria granted the original deed for Cat Cay to Captain William Henry Stuart, as a reward for his services as keeper of the Lighthouses. Later, Captain Haigh, of a distinguished English family, became the owner of Cat Cay. In 1915, Milo Strong and his wife bought the island where they built and lived in the Manor House. In 1931, Milo died and Mrs. Strong decided to sell.

Friends of the Strong's, Louis and Rae Wasey purchased the island for \$400,000. Wasey enlarged Manor House for his own home and built a number of English style "cottages" for his guests. During the depression years, Wasey turned the island development over to his friend Mike Smith, an architect. Smith loved the old English and Bahamian architecture and used both in making the island buildings attractive.



In 1935, Wasey converted the island to a private club and sold lots to his friends. Eventually he had about 200 members paying annual dues

of \$500.00. Wasey had built a nine hole golf course that the Duke of Windsor, while Governor of the Bahamas, enjoyed playing. The Duke mentioned that it might be fun to have a casino on the island for guests. Wasey agreed and the Duke issued a license in Wasey's name.

Upon Wasey's death in 1963, the island's casino license expired. Wasey left the island to his daughter Jane, but in 1965 Hurricane Betsy did enormous damage and the island was closed.

A few years later, Al Rockwell, the head of Rockwell International, put together a small group and bought the island. Eventually it became a private club owned by members... as it remains today.





*Cat Cay features a brightly designed mural of yachts and outriggered cruisers,
big game fishing and graceful palms, excellent food and white crescent beaches...*

Cat Cay Today



Many a dreamer yearns for the splendid isolation of a lush tropical island, where the languid murmur of the daily tide and whispering sea breezes replace the fast-paced hustle of normal existence. Cat Cay, located just south of Bimini in the northwestern Bahamas, is just such a place.

Over the years the Cat Cay Yacht Club has managed to combine the best features of private island life with the infrastructure of a major resort. Many members own luxurious beachfront homes, play tennis or golf on well-maintained inland facilities, dock their yachts in the modern, protected marina and dine in the island's first-rate restaurant. The only allowed transportation on the island is by foot, bicycle or golf cart.

Cat Cay is also a close-knit community of like-minded families from all over the United States, Canada, Europe and abroad. At peak times of the year the island buzzes with lively parties, social gatherings and activities at private homes or yachts, or at the pool. At other times Cat Cay lapses into a blissful quiescence perfect for beachcombers or hammock-bound readers.

Island Life



The heart of Cat Cay is the camaraderie shared amongst members and guests. Throughout the year on holiday weekends Cat Cay is alive with activities for the young and young at heart. Sporting events include fishing tournaments, golf scrambles, tennis round robins, and the much anticipated yearly member Olympics. From yacht hops to house hops, gourmet dinner parties, wine tastings, family cookouts and world class entertainment, the island offers a variety of good times!



One of the most anticipated events is the Junkanoo Parade. Junkanoo is reminiscent of New Orleans' Mardi Gras or Rio de Janeiro's Carnaval, but it is distinctly and uniquely Bahamian. A combination of both culture and art, the participants parade in the street showcasing brightly colored costumes and headdresses. The rhythmic music and dancing are accompanied by cowbells, drums, and whistles. The main street of Cat Cay is alive with a sea of revelers!





Marina



The marina at Cat Cay is one of the most protected and well-equipped in the Bahamas. Ringed on three sides by the main island to the west, the airstrip to the east and a sandy spit to the south connecting the two, the marina features a 108-slip capacity for yachts up to 160 feet. The durable pre-stressed concrete facility also has a fuel dock, and all the slips have nightlights, shorepower capacity and wireless internet access.

The Bahamian government maintains a customs station on Cat Cay, making the island an ideal port of entry for yachtsmen who want to explore the Bahamas or fish in territorial waters.

The marina also enables members who have a yacht, but not a home on the island, a place to relax whenever visiting. During the peak season and major holidays, the marina becomes a lively focus of social activity and onboard parties for members and sponsored guests.

Fishing & Diving



The Bahamas has long been known for its superb fishing. The present-day era of sportfishing was introduced in these waters back in the 1930s, when Ernest Hemingway made Bimini famous with his fishing tales and the Rybovich brothers designed and built the first modern sportfishing boat. Hemingway's novel "Islands in the Stream" was based in part on his experiences around Bimini and Cat Cay.

In the blue Gulf Stream water to the west are record marlin, sailfish, bluefin tuna, wahoo and swordfish. To the east is the Great Bahama Bank, only 10-15 feet deep and the home of many a lobster, grouper and yellowtail snapper. To the south, between Cat Cay and the uninhabited South Cat Cay are great bonefish flats, and anglers can throw out lines on the beach next to Windsor Down's par-five fifth hole to catch these elusive fighting fish.

Bahamian waters are among the clearest in the western hemisphere, and snorkeling and scuba diving remain some of the most popular activities. Snorkelers can cruise the grassy bottom to the west looking for conchs, pen shells and octopi... (the famous sunken ship "Sequoia" lies just offshore). Divers visit nearby wrecks and the deeper waters near the Gulf Stream to explore the reefs and find larger fish.



*The sport of fishing plays a dominant role
in the life at Cat Cay.*



*Majestic days with brilliant sunshine
and bright blue skies.*

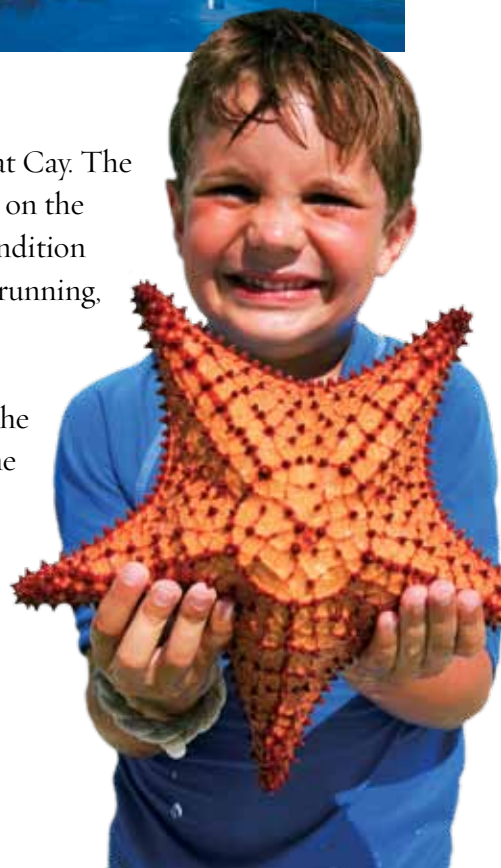


Beach & Water Sports



Fine white-sand beaches line almost the entire western side of Cat Cay. The trade winds come most frequently from the southeast, so the beaches on the quiet lee side of the western shore are the best places to find mint-condition shells. It is on this side that the water is calmest for waterskiing, waverunning, kayaking, sailing or simply mattress-floating off the beach.

An Olympic-sized swimming pool at the waterfront Beach Club on the western shore is one of the most popular spots on the island. Here one can swim across the protected bay for exercise, then dip in the fresh water pool to rinse the salt off. The pool area is often a favorite site for evening parties as the sun sets to the west and the sea breeze cools the island for the night.



Golf & Tennis



Occupying the center of the island is Windsor Downs, a nine-hole, par-33 golf course offering an afternoon of tee box-to-green challenges for the linksmen among the members. The course is named after the Duke of Windsor, who was the Governor of the Bahamas during World War II and a frequent guest on the island. The narrow fairways and greens are dotted

with bunkers and palm grove obstacles and lined with lush bougainvillea, hibiscus and seagrape landscapes. Even during the season there is never a wait to tee off.

For the tennis buffs, two newly-resurfaced lighted tennis courts are next to the golf course. Practice your serve and volley under the stars, then rest up under the covered courtside cabana. Cat Cay also features a fitness center with a treadmill and elliptical machine.





*A splash of color and gaiety at sea — Cat Cay just about sums up
the words holiday, tropical hideaway and luxurious escapism in the sun.*



*The natural beauty of this palm-studded, two-mile paradise
immediately arouses the enthusiasm of most visitors.*

Dining on Cat Cay



Dining out on Cat Cay is a delightful culinary experience. The *Victoria Dining Room* is the premier choice for a casually elegant evening and now features a veranda overlooking the ocean. The restaurant serves continental fare for the most discriminating palates — such as roast rack of lamb, beef tenderloin and red snapper. Next door is the *Cone Bar* which is the centerpiece of member cocktail parties and gatherings. Both are reserved for the exclusive use of members and their registered guests.

The *Nauticat Restaurant and Lounge* is a perfect place to dine on Bahamian favorites overlooking the marina. Island history lives on in the Nauticat where pieces of the original Kitten Key Bar have been re-constructed. This montage of signatures of members and famous island visitors is a special tribute to years gone by. *Bu's Bar* also overlooks the marina and is an open-air tiki bar that is a popular haunt day or night. Both the Nauticat and Bu's Bar serve members, guests, and visiting yachtsmen alike.



Guest Accommodations & Amenities



VICTORIA HOUSE INN — The Victoria House Inn features two spacious suites upstairs and four lovely bedrooms downstairs. Rental of these units is available only to members and their guests. In addition, select member homes are available for rent.



CAT CAY BOUTIQUE — It is located behind the Nauticat and carries a variety of casual logo resort wear, souvenirs, gift and household items, and an incredible selection of jewelry.

CHAPEL — The San Luis Rey Catholic Church offers Sunday mass at noon. The Chapel is always open for prayer, reflection or quietude.

CAT CAY MARKET — Our market features an amazing selection of provisions and supplies to stock your home or boat.

SPA SERVICES — We offer professional face and body spa therapies during member event weekends including massage, facials, manicures and pedicures.

TRANSPORTATION — Golf carts are available for rent to members and their sponsored guests on a first come, first serve basis (no reservations). In the Bahamas we drive on the left side of the road.

UTILITIES — Our power plant has 3 giant generators that supply all of our electrical needs. Cat Cay's water makers can produce up to 60,000 gallons of fresh water per day.





Safe Haven



MEDICAL FACILITIES — A fully staffed and equipped medical clinic is located opposite the Cat Cay Market. The medical clinic is open for emergencies 24/7/365 and the doctor on duty can be found on VHF Channel 8 or via the Club's front office. Patients with non-acute situations are encouraged to visit the clinic during daily office hours from 9-10am and 5-6pm, or to schedule appointments via the island doctor. The Cat Cay Medical Clinic is staffed at all times by Emergency Medicine Physicians provided by the Visiting Physician Program. The clinic is fully equipped to handle any major emergency that may occur on the island, as well as any minor illness. Members can secure emergency air evacuation service information from the Cat Cay office on the island.

SAFETY — Cat Cay is one of the most secure communities in the Bahamas. Residents and their guests are assured of a seldom-equalled level of security within our tranquil island setting. Entry by air and sea is strictly monitored and only members and their guests are admitted.

SECURITY — The Cat Cay security force provides round the clock island coverage. In addition, a member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force is stationed on the island at all times.

CUSTOMS — Bahamas Customs and Immigration officers are on duty from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days-a-week.

Getting to Cat Cay



BY AIR —

Island Air Charters — Scheduled flights and private charters, departing from the Customs West Building at Ft. Lauderdale airport at 1050 Lee Wagener Blvd. 800-444-9904 · www.islandaircharters.com.

SouthernSky Charters — Flight service from Tamiami, Miami Intl., Ft. Lauderdale and Opa Locka. 305-256-1841 · www.flysouthernsky.com

A1 Air Carriers — Helicopter service
954-938-4469

PRIVATE — Members and their guests with private aircraft may use the Cat Cay landing strip. A fee is applicable. The runway has been extended to 1,950 ft. and aircraft must be STOL type.

BY SEA — Cat Cay is 50 nautical miles from Miami,

60 miles from Ft. Lauderdale and 90 miles from West Palm Beach. The marina is on the Eastern (Bahama Bank) side of the island and is accessible from the Florida Straits via Gun Cay cut. Hug the shore of Gun Cay closely until past the sand bar extending north from Cat Cay. Marina reservations may be made at 242-347-3565. Non-member visiting yachtsmen are limited to a stay of 24 hours.

ENTRY — Bahamas Customs and Immigration officers are on duty daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Overtime charges may apply on Weekends, Bahamian holidays and anytime outside of business hours. All U.S. and Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport for entry. All other nationalities must have documents as required for international travel — i.e. valid passport with valid Visa, alien registration card. An import permit is required for all pets.



GUN CAY LIGHT
25 34.5 N / 79 18.8 W

CAT CAY MARINA
25 33.16 N / 79 16.30 W



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