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# LADY'S ISLAND MARINA DIGEST

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## August 2024 News

### August Events in Downtown Beaufort, SC:

We're deep into summer and events are light this month after the excitement of the Waterfront Festival in July. But there are still a few things to look forward to in downtown Beaufort.

August 2nd: First Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Downtown Beaufort is having a Back to School Bash for this month's First Friday! Enjoy live music from the talented Katie Lynn Music, participate in fun games on Bay Street, and explore the Beaufort County School District Traveling Preschool Bus. Teachers can show a school ID to receive a discount from participating stores and an extra entry into the raffle.

August 24th: Watermelon Crawl Sip & Stroll, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be a day of watermelon-themed goodies, shopping and dining. Explore various downtown Beaufort retailers while enjoying complimentary beverages and special retail and restaurant promotions. There are several ticket options from 10:00 a.m. up until the last stroll at 2:00 p.m. Contact the Beaufort Area Hospitality Association for more information.

August, 2024: With Waterfest in our rear view mirror, we're enjoying a return to a more-typical level of activity before things ramp up again in the fall. We have time to work on various projects around the marina, with the biggest one (so far) being a soft opening of our Marina Store and Boater's Lounge! Be sure to check out September's newsletter which will feature all of the details.

In the meantime, we hope everyone is enjoying a fun summer out on the water. If you'd like to stay with us for a night, a weekend, or longer, give us a call at (843) 522-0430 or you can book on Dockwa. We're looking forward to seeing you!

### Featured Local Business of the Month: Nevermore Books



Locally owned and operated in downtown Beaufort, NeverMore Books is a unique experience for book lovers of all ages. They have a wonderful collection of new and used books, vintage posters, vinyl LP's, and Edgar Allen Poe-inspired decor.

The friendly owners are always willing to lend a hand if you're looking for something specific. If they don't have it, they can likely order it. Go check it out at 910 Port Republic Street. You won't be disappointed!

Do you have any suggestions or comments for us? Do you want to send us a photo of Lady's Island Marina to be featured on our Facebook page? Send suggestions, comments, or photos to [kthomas@ladysislandmarina.com](mailto:kthomas@ladysislandmarina.com).

## meet our team

*We're focusing on a member of the Lady's Island Team in the July, August, and September Digests.*

### Tom Daniels - Owner



Tom Daniels purchased Lady's Island Marina in October, 2018, when he and his wife, Zanne and son, Newell, relocated to Beaufort, SC.

Born and raised in Southern California, Tom worked as a writer in television, film and finally for an ESPN affiliate covering college football. Exhausted by the Hollywood hustle Tom went back to school, completing his post graduate studies in Educational Psychology. After a practice focused on early autism, Tom was offered a job supporting special needs children in Beaufort, North Carolina. Always being directionally challenged he came to Beaufort, South Carolina and never left.

Realizing he was in the entirely wrong place he didn't know what to do. Thankfully Lady's Island Marina was for sale. Having absolutely NO experience with boats, taking everything the couple had to buy the place made perfect sense. Luckily his wife, Zanne (Ann with a Z in front) was offered a professorship at the "other" USC, where she earned her masters from the Darla Moore program. (Tom is a graduate of at the University of Southern California, therefore which one is the real USC is always a bone of contention). Long story longer, Tom bought the marina, while Zanne commuted to Columbia and their son enrolled at Beaufort Academy. Whew!

Almost six years later, Tom is still a very hands-on owner who can be found at Lady's Island Marina several times a week. You'll know Tom's on-site when you see Walter, his labradoodle, hanging out in the marina office!

When Tom's not working he's probably at UpperCrust having lunch with his friends at The Round Table.

Life is funny how it works out, sometimes. Tom and his family feel lucky as #%\*@! he got lost and wound up in South versus North Carolina.



We had a great suggestion after last month's newsletter asking our Director of Marina Operations, Aaron Martin, to highlight a local restaurant each month. Given how much he enjoys exploring area restaurants, we didn't have to twist his arm to agree. Enjoy the first installment of "Aaron's Eats!" And don't hesitate to pass along any other ideas - we want this newsletter to be entertaining and informative for ***you!***

### **Aaron's Eats: A Slice of Heaven at Ryan's Pizza & Hibachi**

Located just a short drive from Lady's Island Marina, Ryan's Pizza & Hibachi isn't just a local gem—it's practically a second home for me. From the moment you step through the doors, you're greeted by a vibe that's as warm and welcoming as the cheesy goodness that awaits. The cool deco bar, with its various hues of lighting and eclectic décor, sets the perfect stage for an evening of indulgence. It's not just the food that keeps me coming back, but the friendly staff who know me by name and never miss a chance to serve up a smile along with my favorite slice.

Frequenting Ryan's has become a bit of a local tradition, so much so that I've become somewhat of a familiar face around town, "Hey I know you from Ryan's!" It's not unusual for other regulars to recognize me as I'm greeted with enthusiastic waves and knowing nods. There's something special about a place where the staff and fellow diners make you feel like part of an extended family. And let's be honest, nothing beats the joy of being served your favorite pizza with a personal touch—whether it's the classic pepperoni and mushroom or switching it up with some udon noodles and a cup of miso soup. Whether it's your first or 500th visit, the friendly folks at Ryan's make you feel like old friends.

Pizza & hibachi seems like a strange combination, but don't let that dissuade you from trying different things on the menu. Some of my favorite things outside of their scrumptious pizza are the cheesy lasagna, crispy egg rolls and their oh-so-rich-and-silky chocolate cake. Everything is made in-house and clearly made with love. Whatever your appetite is craving, Ryan's is sure to appease your palate and appetite.

At the end of the day, I can't think of a better way to cap off the evening than with a visit to Ryan's. The laid-back atmosphere and excellent fare make Ryan's Pizza & Hibachi the perfect spot to unwind and relax with friends. So next time you're in the mood for pizza, make sure to drop by – you might just spot me there, enjoying yet another slice of my favorite pizza paradise.



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Halloween 2023