

Sail Right Up To The Painted Boat

The Painted Boat Resort, located in Madeira Park just south of the Government Wharf, offers a recreational-home community on the Sunshine Coast. The resort includes a 60-slip marina, a spa (opening in '09) fitness facility and a restaurant. Sold as fractional ownership, the 31 villas are fully appointed, and operate as a hotel when not occupied by owners, managed by Calgary based Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts.

Ryan Schmidt, manager of the restaurant which seats 42, tells us that the adjacent 32-seat patio is built on pilings that extend out over the water, producing a beautiful view of a secluded cove and their marina. Schmidt says that the marina offers both short-term and long-term moorage, so you can sail or motor up and moor your boat while you enjoy a wonderful lunch or dinner in the restaurant or on the patio. On the main level, The Harbour Room is a banquet facility/function room that shares the same view as the restaurant and patio. It can accommodate 74 people and it is a great place for a conference or wedding.

The Restaurant at Painted Boat uses regional ingredients with French cooking methods. Their chef, David Cox, worked for the popular Divino Bistro in Calgary. He says the dishes are artistically done and the atmosphere is urban with the added enjoyment of being on the water, "Our specialty is seafood, though we have bison and beef on the menu as well." The Painted Boat offers a variety of regionally caught seafood; in-



cluding Queen Charlotte Halibut. Garden Bay's Roosendal Farms and Fraser Valley producers are used for fresh organic produce. Schmidt boasts that they have an incredible wine list chosen by their award winning sommelier Brad Royale. Featuring boutique producers that handcraft their wines; some of these include selections from Blue Mountain, Joie and Walter Hansel.

The Painted Boat is open to the public seven days a week from 11:00am to 10:00pm. Reservations are suggested; please call 604-883-3000. www.paintedboat.com or www.crmr.com/paintedboat

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