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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR REDESIGN OF THE MONTAUK YACHT CLUB RESORT & MARINA BRINGS LANDMARK BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL CROWNING GLORY IN CELEBRATION OF 80th ANNIVERSARY

MONTAUK, NY (April, 2009): Rich in history and tradition, The Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina (32 Star Island Road, Montauk, NY 11954 [631] 668-3100 or www.montaukyachtclub.com), a Hamptons full-service resort and spa, opened its doors to guests this season on April 1st, 2009 under the guidance and ownership of the renowned Island Global Yachting (IGY). Refreshed and renewed for a new era of vacationers, the Montauk Yacht Club (MYC) will celebrate a multi-million dollar redesign and revitalization of its storied prohibition-era legacy during its 80th Anniversary this summer.

The newly renovated historic property which comprises 107 rooms and 23 private villa accommodations stays true to the Montauk landmark's legacy and old world charm, maintaining a luxuriously casual atmosphere. Guests will enjoy a great variety of luxury offerings including a full-service spa and fitness center to upscale retail, dining and nightlife experiences. The resort amenities also include a private beach, tennis, outdoor/indoor pools, golf at the nearby Montauk Downs, as well as first-class 232-slip marina. In addition, guest benefits also include complimentary transportation to the center of town and to beautiful local beaches & attractions. Whether guests are looking to getaway for the day, night, a long weekend or an extended stay, the Montauk Yacht Club provides a perfect vacation for those looking to experience everything from adventure to relaxation.

"The Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina is a Hamptons classic," said Andrew Farkas, founder and chairman of IGY. "We are dedicated to the Yacht Club's fabled past and heritage in the community, and have carefully designed this renovation to not only restore this grande dame to her former glory, but to carry her forward for the next 80 years. In addition to this comprehensive restoration, we are equally excited to introduce a rebirth to dining at the Yacht Club and our brilliant new Executive Chef Michael Domitrovich. We have put our heart and soul into redefining this Montauk experience as a one-of-a-kind travel destination for both guests and locals alike."

HISTORY

Founded in 1929 and situated along 22-acres of picturesque waterfront parcel, the historic Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina has long been a perennial favorite vacation spot for those who frequent the shores of Long Island's East End including the Astor, Vanderbilt, Ford and Doubleday families from yesteryear. Among the many notable guests was famed aviator Charles Lindbergh, who often flew his seaplane into the harbor to dock at the Marina. The original Montauk Yacht Club resort started out as three separate estates with the original structure built by entrepreneur Carl Fisher, the master builder responsible for transforming Miami from a sleepy backwater town into a thriving resort city. Fisher had dreams of replicating his success with the small seaside village of Montauk by creating a playground for the rich and famous.

In the early 1900's, The Star Island Casino, which was located next door and would eventually become part of the Resort, housed the area's most popular speakeasy and gambling casino. To ensure total privacy, the Island Club posted sentries at the stone stanchions at the end of the island's causeway. When the police stopped by to pay a visit, the sentries would radio the club and management would hide the liquor and gambling equipment. For years, Carl Fisher's dream city became a concrete and very profitable reality. The Montauk Yacht Club was the catalyst that first drove Manhattanites out East for the summer and later transformed Long Island's East End into what is currently known as "the Hamptons."

REDESIGN & AMENITIES

This spring, the Montauk Yacht Club will introduce the comprehensive property transformation including 107 comfortably-elegant guestrooms with scenic views of Lake Montauk and 23 luxury rooms located within 5 separate private Villa Cottages. Originally built as one private summer residence for Indy racer Caleb Bragg, these historic buildings were later purchased by Florenz Zeigfield who penned them as The Zeigfield Estates where the illustrious Follies often summered.

All of the Montauk Yacht Club guest rooms will feature: luxurious residential-style accents; modern accessories such as: 37 inch flat screen televisions; in-room refrigerators; iHome iPod clock radios; Keurig coffeemakers; a plush bedding package with soft goose down pillows, duvet comforters, and 300+ thread-count sheets. Throughout the property, chic designer accents and stylings inspired by Daniel Ramouldez Architects will enhance the soul of the property harkening to the classic seafaring towns of the Northeast and New England. Nautical inspired artwork and antiques, as well as historic Montauk Yacht Club photography will adorn the walls and is woven throughout all aspects of the resort & marina.

DINING & NIGHTLIFE

The Montauk Yacht Club has appointed Executive Chef Michael Domitrovich from the legendary Martha's Vineyard restaurant "Lola's Southern Seafood", family-owned and operated for 15 years. Domitrovich will bring a vibrant and innovative new menu to all of Montauk Yacht Club's dining facilities including the Gulf Coast Kitchen, Hurricane Alley, Barracuda Bar and Turtle Lounge. His concept for the Montauk Yacht Club's new Gulf Coast Kitchen aka "The Kitchen," will feature unique offerings from Louisiana, the deep South, the Florida Keys, Cuba, Mexico and Texas – giving the best of what Montauk has to offer with a southern coastal twist. The ambiance transports guests to a "southern coastal manor" with the warmth of a living room- styled lounge that opens onto a floor-to-ceiling windowed dining room with inspiring water views. Historic photos of the Montauk Yacht Club from the 1920's grace the walls alongside antique treasures collected over the years giving the room a wonderful air of nostalgia.

The more relaxed **Hurricane Alley**, reminiscent of a time-honored bait and tackle fish shack in the Florida Keys will offer a new take on summer fare in a more casual ambiance with fresh and simple cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner. "The Alley" will serve as a popular drop-in area where guests can indulge in fresh hand-smashed guacamole and tortilla chips, crab cakes Benedict and signature New Orleans-style sandwiches on Cuban bread.

The most recent addition is the Montauk Yacht Club's **Barracuda Bar** where guests can sip and snack at the at the pentagonal bar with water views or outside on the yachtside patio. With a classic nautical motif, the walls of the Barracuda Bar are adorned by vintage maps and travel posters from around the globe. The menu offers both classic and innovative drinks as well as a special late night selection of "Barracuda Bites,"--small plates and desserts, savory and sweet, echoing the southern coastal cooking-style of Gulf Coast Kitchen and Hurricane Alley.

Rounding out their complete lifestyle offerings, the Montauk Yacht Club will unveil the **Turtle Lounge**, a new place to gather. Known as the "other" Montauk Lighthouse, Turtle Lounge is housed inside the replica of the landmark beacon built by Carl Fisher in the 1920's. With a handcrafted specialty cocktail list, the lounge will be an intimate social setting for guests and Hamptonsites alike to sit back, relax and simply enjoy life.

EVENT SPACES

The Montauk Yacht Club, ideal for special events and weddings, offers the classic look and feel of the Hamptons with eight dedicated rooms for groups from 5 to 225, including 32 acres of outdoor space that hosts up to 1,000 guests. Social and corporate groups are accommodated within flexible event space both indoors/outdoors, including four conference rooms and a newly renovated ballroom. The patio outside the Barracuda Bar and Turtle Lounge is set on a magnificent blue slate terrace providing guests with a beautiful ambiance in which to enjoy cocktails and appetizers while taking in the views of the harbor. Additionally, extensive outdoor renovations have been made including new landscaping to restore the natural and indigenous plantings on the resort's expansive grounds.

SPA MYC

A full-service spa offering guests an array of indulgent spa treatments designed to relax and rejuvenate, SPA MYC is managed by renowned spa director Deborah Thompson known to provide the best and most professional treatments on Long Island. In addition to its signature offerings including a revitalizing Beach Body Massage and the De-tox and Depart Treatment, the spa will feature a high end beauty boutique and trademark touches such as a tranquil outdoor garden space where guests can relax before or after treatment. Whether you're seeking recovery from a deep sea fishing adventure, working the rigging of your sail yacht or returning from too much sun at your favorite beach - SPA MYC has customized treatments to suit every individual need.

THE MARINA

A first-class 232-slip marina, the Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina has been recognized by *Yachting* magazine as one of the "Top Ten Marina Destinations in North America, Mexico & the Bahamas." Part of IGY's global network of marine destinations, this yacht friendly marina can birth vessels up to 275 feet with up to a 12 foot draft and features signature IGY services and full resort services dockside.

ABOUT THE MONTAUK YACHT CLUB RESORT & MARINA

Rich in history and tradition, The Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina (www.montaukyachtclub.com), founded in 1929, is situated on 35-acres of scenic waterfront property at the East End of Long Island, New York where it has been the preferred playground for a who's who of visitors since famed entrepreneur Carl Fisher built the original clubhouse. Today, after a multi-million dollar redesign and renovation, owner Island Global Yachting (www.igymarinas.com) opens the new Resort & Marina to family holiday makers, wedding parties, corporate meetings and events. The newly renovated property, while modern and chic, stays true to the Montauk landmark's legacy and old world charm with a luxuriously casual atmosphere. In addition to the 232-slip world-class Marina, there are 107 comfortably elegant guestrooms, 43 with water views; 23 well-appointed accommodations within the Villa Cottages, fine dining and cocktails at the Gulf Coast Kitchen, Hurricane Alley, Barracuda Bar and Turtle Lounge; the full-service SPA MYC and fitness center; a private beach and three swimming pools; Har-tru lighted tennis courts; easy access to fishing and water sports; and 10,000- feet of indoor meeting and event space plus the expansive Great Lawn that can accommodate large-scale tented events up to 1,000 people. This summer, the Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina proudly celebrates its 80th anniversary.

**For additional information on The Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina,
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