

THE INN AT BALD HEAD ISLAND



RELAX, UNWIND, AND CONNECT WITH DANN AND GAIL JACKSON

We caught up with Dann and Gail Jackson, owners of the Inn at Bald Head Island, on the front porch overlooking the harbor. Zuzu, their gentle English Mastiff, was lounging nearby (she's allowed on the porch, but the Inn itself remains pet-free). As a departing guest stopped to rave about her stay before catching the tram, it was clear: this inn is something special.

The Jacksons, who have lived on the Island for more than 20 years and purchased the Inn in 2017, bring deep island knowledge and a love of hospitality to their work. What started as a retreat for retirees from the Triangle and Northeast has evolved into a getaway for younger couples from Wrightsville Beach, Charleston, even Kiawah Island, all seeking the Inn's quiet, serene charm.



With ten coastal-styled suites, each with its own private balcony, the Inn features sweeping views of the harbor, lighthouse, and marsh. Common areas are brightened with fresh flowers and original artwork, creating a refined yet welcoming atmosphere. Shared dining and social spaces bring guests together for a daily breakfast buffet and evening social hour. Gail notes there's something for every taste; from fresh fruit and yogurt to homemade frittata in the morning, and an afternoon spread of wines, cheeses, meats, and sweets. She noted that sharing food has a way of bringing people together. "Relationships start here," Dann added, pointing out how often strangers become friends and plan return visits.

Guests also receive memberships to both the BHI Club and Shoals Club, access to golf carts and bikes, and plenty of encouragement to explore the island from Old Baldy and the Chapel to the Conservancy and, of course, the beach. After full days of adventure outdoors, most are ready to wind down by 9 p.m.

Dann and Gail are also especially proud of their staff of eight, several with long tenures at the Inn. This seasoned team anticipates guest needs and delivers a seamless, luxury experience, keeping suites and outdoor spaces immaculate, breakfasts fresh, and the overall environment warm and welcoming. As Dann put it with a smile, "We're always surprised when guests thank us for allowing them to stay here. Truth is, we feel lucky to meet such wonderful people."

