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Sailfish Point: Not All Oceanfront Property Is Created Equal.

Sailfish Point is anything but par for the course.

At the southern tip of Hutchinson Island lies an unspoiled island paradise where the Gulf Stream keeps the waters temperate while onshore breezes moderate the climate, providing all the privacy you need, and all the amenities you want.



Not all oceanfront property is created equal. Just ask the residents at Sailfish Point, a 532-acre sea-island community on Hutchinson Island, an hour north of Palm Beach. “When you see that aqua blue water it takes your breath away, it absolutely takes your breath away,” says resident Carolyn Wax. “Because you realize that this is really a tropical paradise.”

Adds her husband, Ed: “I never knew this part of Florida existed. We joke about it. We call it the un-Florida, because you don’t see tall buildings. You see the ocean. It’s like being on a tropical island all the time.”

Lest you think there is a bit of hyperbole involved, consider this: this “island within an island” enjoys well over a mile of private white-sand beach on the Atlantic, a private deepwater harbor and perhaps the most enviable and unique location in Florida. This is where the Atlantic Ocean, St. Lucie Inlet and Indian River converge to surround the island with a variety of waters. And where the Gulf Stream keeps the waters temperate, while



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The soothing sound of surf is always present during a round on the Jack Nicklaus Signature course.



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For those who enjoy life on the water, everything comes together here. Homes around the harbor allow residents to keep their boats just steps from the door. You can just as easily travel by boat to nearby Stuart for dinner as you can to the Bahamas, just 60 nautical miles away. This is the only place in Florida you can take a boat all the way across the state to the Gulf of Mexico (about a half day trip through the Okeechobee Waterway).

One of the largest private marinas in Florida, the 77-slip Sailfish Point Marina and Yacht Club is also the only place in

the state where you can go from private marina to open water in five minutes. The marina can handle vessels up to 125 feet long.

Fishing enthusiasts know why this is called the sailfish capital of the world. “The fishing is terrific for gamefish,” says resident Kevin Adrian. “Sailfish are here year round—dolphin, wahoo, cobia. The river fishing is excellent, too. People fish right off the docks for snook. You can go out and wade in the river. It’s just the perfect spot.”

While the water surrounds life here, there is plenty to keep residents busy

on dry ground. Har-Tru tennis courts maintained to professional standards, a luxurious full-service spa and salon, an aquatic center and a fitness complex with professional trainers—all are available for residents and their guests.

But it is the spectacular oceanfront clubhouse with its beachside club and lounge that is the center of onshore activities. Here residents gather for a casual al fresco meal or more formal coat-and-tie special occasions. It is where rounds of golf begin and end, where friends gather for casino nights, wine tastings and themed dinners.

In the end it is the island’s unassuming, friendly atmosphere and its people that are the main attraction. “Where can you go and have the beach at your front door? Golf, tennis, and then it’s a community of fantastic people,” says resident Don McCaffery. “These people are not acquaintances, this is truly a community.”

A community with an excellent Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, where members never have to make a tee time. Originally opened in 1981 as one of Nicklaus’ early Signature courses, every hole offers exceptional water views, be it lake, river, inlet or ocean. The premium

location along the Atlantic means those onshore breezes make this a subtly different course every time you play it.

Nicklaus returned in 2007 to do an extensive \$6 million renovation to his design. The changes, members say, made a good course great. Though there are plenty of “wow” moments along the way, the 18th hole makes for a fantastic finish. Known as the “Window on the Sea,” this 443-yard par 4 has you putting out to the sounds and sights of the ocean.

Though this is a very private, secluded island community, connected to the mainland by a fixed-span bridge,

residents are just a 10-minute car (or boat) ride from the restaurants, shopping, medical services and small-town charm of downtown Stuart. Palm Beach, with its legendary array of attractions, activities and adventures, is just an hour south.

Almost every home is waterfront at Sailfish Point, but there are a variety of ways to own, from spacious estate homes and luxury oceanfront condos to villas and townhomes with private docks. Seasonal rentals are also available for those who want a taste of paradise before they call it home.

