

On the Waterfront

Discover why Panama City is known as an angler's paradise and a world-class destination for sailing and boating

Begin your adventure at St. Andrews Marina

WHERE TO PARK

Park at **St. Andrews Marina**, 3151 W. 10th St. To get there from downtown, turn left (west) off of Harrison onto 6th Street and follow it until it merges with West Beach Drive (ALT U.S. Hwy. 98). Stay on Beach Drive all the way to Frankford Avenue. Still following ALT U.S. 98, turn left off of Frankford onto West 9th Street, which dead-ends at Oaks by the Bay Park. Turn right on Chestnut Avenue and travel one block to West 10th Street. Turn left on West 10th and look for the marina up ahead.

Visit the marina's Facebook page for business hours and other visitor information. **St. Andrews Marina** – (850) 872-7240

A recreational marina that embraces its working waterfront heritage, **St. Andrews Marina** is conveniently located within walking distance of coffee shops, well-known seafood restaurants, oyster bars, live music, and Oaks by the Bay Park. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at **St. Andrews Coffee House & Bistro**, 1006 Beck Ave., where they brew a perfect cup of java along with their constantly changing breakfast specials and deli sandwiches. Bay County's oldest existing coffee house, St. Andrews is a neighborhood gathering place with a charming and friendly atmosphere.

Log on to their Facebook page for photos of menu items, business hours, and other useful information. **St. Andrews Coffee House & Bistro** – (850) 215-0669

Sprawling more than 68,000 acres behind the protection of the Gulf of Mexico shoreline, **St. Andrew Bay** is home to abundant aquatic life. The bay spans more than 20 miles and includes a wealth of saltwater flats and seagrass beds that offer a rich bounty. Redfish, speckled trout, black drum, cobia, sheepshead, and flounder are just a few of the species populating these channels. The clear waters of this extensive ecosystem are ideal for both novice and expert anglers.

Hire an experienced fishing charter service to take you out to the best spots where the fish are plentiful. Numerous charter boat captains can arrange for inshore and offshore fishing year-round or even guide you on a scuba or snorkeling excursion. Bottom fishing yields grouper, snapper, mahi-mahi, mackerel and amberjack. Trolling is an ideal method for hooking both Spanish and king mackerel, while sport fishing for sailfish and marlin provides heart-thumping excitement and a true test of endurance and skill.

NEARBY CHARTER BOAT SERVICES INCLUDE:

Capt. Salty Charters, 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 624-8893 – dolphin tours, fishing Fair Trades Charters, 3151 W. 10th St., (850) 625-0205 – sailing charters, sunset cruises Family Tradition Boat Charters, 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 819-4610 – deep sea fishing Fifth Generation Charters, 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 867-5404 or (850) 867-3018 – sport and shark fishing Panama Yachting Tours, 3151 W. 10th St., (850) 890-7428 – sunset cruises, overnight tours, snorkeling Reef Runner Sailing, 3151 W. 10th St., (850) 774-6070 – sailing classes and charters Scotty Boat Rentals, 5611 W. U.S. Hwy. 98, (850) 872-1714 – jet ski tours, fishing, pontoon boat rentals Seminole Wind Charters, 1104 Bayview Ave., (850) 234-6740 – fishing trips



Grab a bite to eat and explore **Oaks by the Bay Park**, 2715 W. 10th St., featuring a boardwalk overlooking St. Andrews Bay, also a perfect location to watch the sunset. The park's power-equipped gazebo and historic oaks provide for the perfect location for family outings and other special events. Oaks by the Bay also exhibits several historic artifacts and an unusual four-headed palm tree.

Step back in time to the days of Mark Twain when you take a trip on the **Betsy Ann Riverboat**, 3151 W. 10th St., an authentic sternwheel paddleboat. Docked at St. Andrews Marina, the Betsy Ann offers scenic dinner cruises in comfort with a heated and air conditioned main cabin, open-air upper deck, full bar, and a crew dressed in period costume. Visit the website or give them a call for schedule, rates, and more details. **Betsy Ann Riverboat**, (850) 233-7487

WHERE TO EAT

Amavida Coffee & Tea, 2997 W. 10th St., (850) 387-2047
Breezy's Country Cooking, 1316 Beck Ave., (850) 257-5096
Captain's Table Fish House Restaurant, 1110 Beck Ave., (850) 767-9933
Enzo's Pizza & Grill, 1322 Beck Ave., (850) 215-4562
Finns Island Style Grub, 2808 W. 12th St., (850) 215-9273
Gracie Rae's Bar & Grill, 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 785-8761
Hunt's Oyster Bar, 1150 Beck Ave., (850) 763-9645
Just the Cook, 3151 W. 10th St., Slip 80, (850) 610-1775
Los Antojitos Mexican Restaurant, 1236 Beck Ave., (850) 784-6633
Sugeez Sweets, 1105 Beck Ave., (850) 215-3790
Thai Basil Bar & Restaurant, 1001 Beck Ave., (850) 215-5867
The Salty Hawg, 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 785-8761
Uncle Ernie's Bayfront Grill, 1151 Bayview Ave., (850) 763-8427

End your day at Sun Harbor Marina

WHERE TO PARK

Park at or near **Sun Harbor Marina**, 5505 Sun Harbor Rd., #1, a full-service, 80-slip, deep-water marina. Check out the marina's website for hours, amenities, and other visitor information.

To get there from St. Andrews Marina, take Beck Avenue north to U.S. Hwy. 98 West. Stay on U.S. 98 heading west and away from downtown Panama City. Once you pass Gulf Coast State College, watch for the turnoff for Sun Harbor Road. The marina will be on your left.

Sun Harbor Marina – (850) 785-0551



Order a drink from the Tiki Bar at **The Shipyard Grill** and watch the sun sink below the horizon at **Sun Harbor Marina**, situated at the foot of the Hathaway Bridge. The Shipyard Grill offers multi-level dining, themed drinks and regional beers, with live entertainment on the outdoor patio. It features upscale yet relaxed American fare highlighted by fresh local seafood with a hint of Greek and Caribbean fusion.

Located on the site of a former WWII shipyard, the Wainwright Shipyard, the nautically-themed restaurant pays tribute to its history with memorabilia and artifacts displayed throughout. Downstairs diving memorabilia includes a hand-cranked air compressor and helmets next to a fish feeding station for kids. Check out the restaurant's Facebook page for a peek at the menu, hours, and other details. The Shipyard Grill at Sun Harbor Marina, 5505 Sun Harbor Rd., (850) 640-0900

Panama City's proximity to the Gulf of Mexico provides a year-round supply of fresh-caught seafood and "Hook & Cook" is a unique way to enjoy it. Local fishing guides provide an ultimate dock-to-dish experience that is Uniquely PC. Offering guests the opportunity to have a restaurant expertly cook the fish they catch, "Hook & Cook" trips turn a fun day on the water into an evening of fishing stories shared over a delicious meal of fresh seafood. Charter boats that run out of Sun Harbor Marina are offered this service at The Shipyard Grill.

We hope this sample itinerary has given you some idea of the many fun and exciting things to do and beautiful places to see here in Panama City on Florida's Emerald Coast! For more information and trip planning assistance, please call Destination Panama City at (850) 215-1700 or visit us online at http://destinationpanamacity.com/. Be sure to request a free Visitors Guide!

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