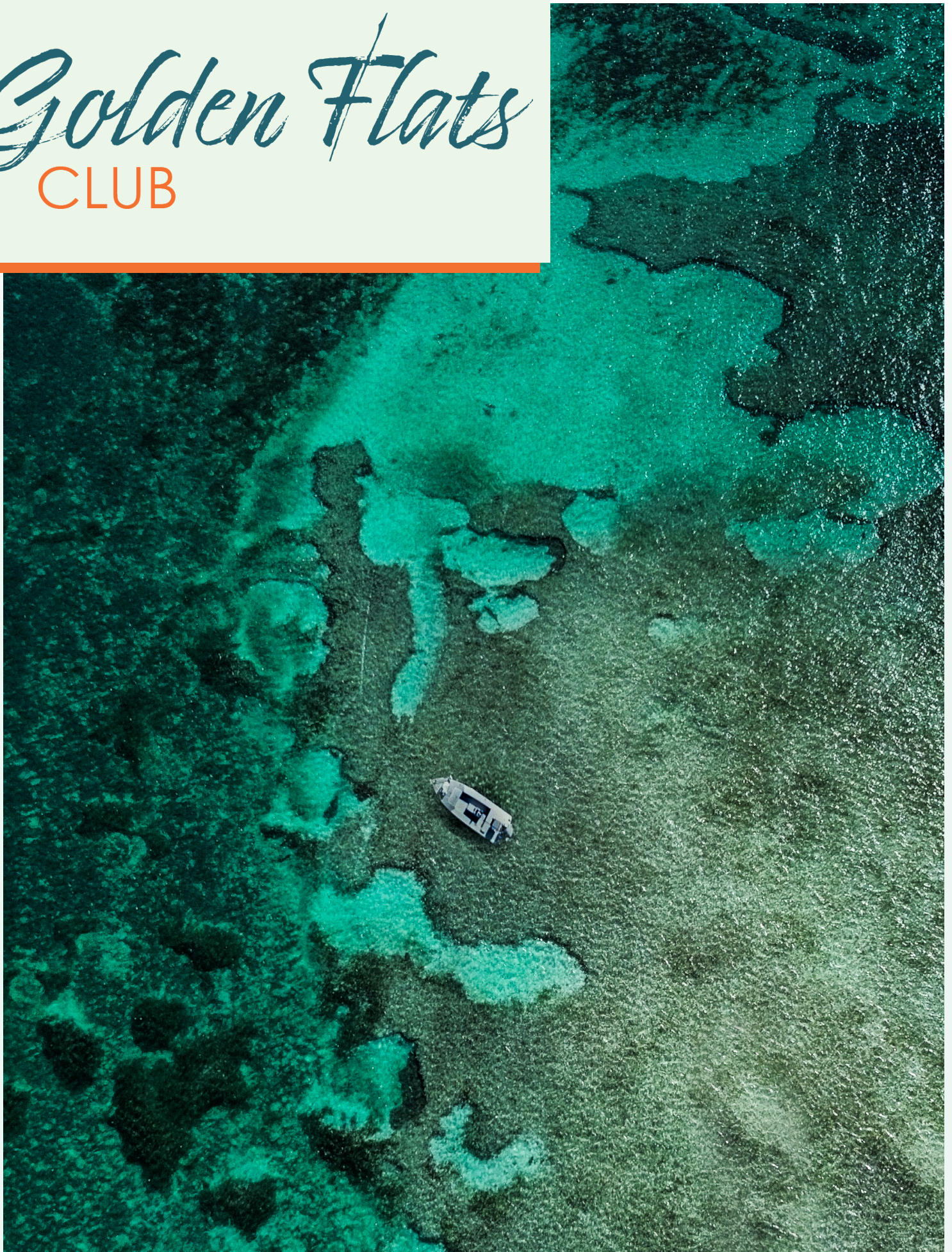


Golden Flats CLUB



Toms Harbor Keys, Florida



Welcome to the *Golden Flats Club*

History

In the 1940s, Toms Harbor Island was one of two options selected to build a luxury island retreat in the Florida Keys at the direction of President Harry Truman. Little Palm Island was chosen as the location due to its deep water access for larger boats, leaving Toms Harbor as an untouched paradise for decades to come. There were several attempts in the 1970s and 1980s to turn Toms Harbor Island into a fishing resort because of its world-class wading fishing flats and proximity to some of the best flats fishing in the world, but many attempts failed to materialize. In 2015, developer and fishing enthusiast Harrison Merrill purchased the island as a place for a private family retreat for his growing family. Merrill describes the property as the gem of the Florida Keys due to its unique ecosystem with massive flats on the front of the island, deep water access at the rear of the island, and its close proximity to the mainland and Hawks Cay Resort.

Fishing

Any experienced fishing guide in the area can tell you that the massive flats surrounding the island are some of the best wading flats in the Florida Keys. The location is also centrally located to many other prime spots for catching Tarpon, Permit, and Bonefish, but there is something special about this specific location. The holy grail of fly-fishing has always been the flats grand slam, which involves catching a Tarpon, Permit, and Bonefish in the same day -- a rare feat only achieved in a handful of places across the country where all three of these fish congregate in numbers in the same area. Add in the sought-after Snook and Redfish, and now you have something extra special. This is how the term 'Golden Flats Slam' was born, which includes catching a Tarpon, Permit, Bonefish, Snook, and Redfish all in the same day. This spot is the only known location in the world where one has a chance to catch all five of these species in one place.



Sustainability and Eco Tourism

From the beginning, the vision for the island was to build a sustainable lodge with the smallest carbon footprint possible on the otherwise untouched paradise, enabling guests to experience nature in its truest sense on the 50-acre island. Less than 1% of the island has been disturbed leaving over 49.5 acres of land and over 100 acres of natural flats completely untouched. To truly be a sustainable and eco-friendly property, the lodge was built with 100% renewable energy, including a saltwater desalination system, rainwater collection system, 100% solar power and an advanced wastewater treatment system. This totally off-the-grid and zero-carbon footprint paradise is the only one of its kind in the Country and hopefully will serve as an example of responsible building for future generations. Walking along the shoreline and wading in the flats will give you a glimpse into the natural ecosystem of the Florida Keys hundreds of years ago.

Wildlife & Bugs

You will likely encounter wildlife during your stay, including various birds, snakes, raccoons, iguanas, crabs, and other wild animals. Please observe them, but do not touch or feed any of the animals you encounter to prevent them from becoming reliant on human interaction for food.

The home is positioned to take advantage of naturally occurring trade winds, but occasionally, especially in the summer, these winds may diminish or cease all together. During these times, you can expect no-see-ums to emerge. No-see-ums are very small biting gnats that can be quite irritating. If the winds are calm or if you venture into areas sheltered by mangroves where there is little breeze, we highly recommend applying bug spray to ward off no-see-ums or take refuge inside until the breeze resumes. We provide bug spray for your use if needed.

Off Grid Limitations

Off-grid living is a prime example of sustainable living, with the property generating all of its own utilities from natural sources. The lodge on property was built with the latest technology and appliances to provide guests with a luxurious experience, while efforts to limit wastewater and energy include installing low-flush toilets, low-level shower heads, ultra-efficient HVAC, and hot water heaters. These features are beneficial, but there are still limitations to the amount of energy and water that can be produced. Please help us ensure utilities last by following these steps:

- ☼ Turn off all lights and fans when not in use.
- ☼ Close all curtains in bedrooms when you leave for the day.
- ☼ Please do not change the thermostats as they are set to maintain the correct solar levels based on weather.
- ☼ Typically the house is set to 78°F during the day and 76°F at night. (Please note the home is typically 2° cooler than what appears on the thermostat.)
- ☼ Please keep all windows and doors closed at all times. Do not leave porch doors open.
- ☼ Use the provided water dispenser for all filtered drinking water.
- ☼ Do not leave sinks running. Turn off and on for brushing teeth, rinsing glassware, etc.
- ☼ Limit showers to 1 a day and no more than 5 minutes.
- ☼ Do not put anything down the toilets other than the provided toilet paper.





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FLY FISHING CLUB

Resort Facilities

- 1 Fishing Lodge
- 2 Dock

Areas & Activities

- 3 Paddleboards / Kayaks
- 4 Palm Beach
- 5 Linny's Lagoon
- 6 Driftwood Beach
- 7 Shark Tooth Bay
- 8 Sunset Beach
- 9 Shipwreck Point

- Walking Path
- - - Paddle Loop



Have Fun

The Golden Flats Club was built for families and fishing enthusiasts to reconnect with nature and create lasting memories through this unique island retreat. Explore the different options the island has to offer including:

- ☼ Fly Fishing
- ☼ Wade Fishing
- ☼ Paddleboarding
- ☼ Kayaking
- ☼ Nature Hike
- ☼ Snorkeling
- ☼ Shell Gathering
- ☼ Driftwood Beach
- ☼ Sunsets
- ☼ Relaxing