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New Bern Grand Marina New Bern, NC

A Truly Grand Marina Comes to New Bern

Front and center along the captivating waterfront of historic New Bern, NC, there's a brand new (or practically new, anyway), state-of-the-art marina. Completely renovated stern to stern, not to mention stunningly beautiful, the New Bern Grand Marina exudes luxury everywhere you look —from its eye-catching, golden-stained wood and custom millwork all the way to its obviously superb construction that, at a glance, easily bypasses industry standards.

This protected deepwater marina offers slips from thirty to one-hundred feet long, with extras such as a free dock box and fully renovated features including environmentally friendly water-based UV inhibitor on decking, Wi-Fi, water, cable, phone hookups and electricity. An experienced dockmaster and helpful outfitters are on hand for times when you may need assistance.

It's already obvious that the New Bern Grand Marina is a cut above. But because of its adjacent location and partnership with the crown jewel of this historic area, the New Bern Sheraton, slip ownership here gets even better. Step off your yacht, and the resort's many services and amenities await. Or, you can stay put and let the pampering staff and indulgences come to you. Offerings include a concierge to help with reservations or guide you toward the town's many sites and attractions; room service brought to your yacht from either the hotel's signature restaurant or downtown New Bern; and laundry service and delivery. And, unlike typical marinas, New Bern Grand includes shower and bathing facilities. There's also a restaurant and bar



on-site, fitness studio, and of course, the sophistication of the Sheraton Hotel itself — all part of the New Bern Grand Marina package. And for those who spend time on ship and shore, the adjacent SkySail Condominiums offer luxury waterfront condos just steps from the Marina.

A convenient and protected location just thirty minutes from the Atlantic, the town of New Bern is one waterfront community that offers much more than simply a coastal attitude. This area is packed with history — literally — with three centuries that carry visitors from pre-colonial times to today. The area's overabundance of notable historical events offers a fascinating list of places to see and things to do. From famous American duels and swashbuckling pirates, colonial reenactments, tours of the beautifully restored 18th century Tryon Palace and tales of the Civil War, and even the birthplace of one of America's favorite icons, Pepsi-Cola — you can find it all right here in New Bern. And the best part? Along with its history-packed cobblestone streets, you'll also discover a pleasant assortment of dining and shopping opportunities, with numerous boutiques, galleries, and additional attractions. And all, within a few steps of your yacht and the luxury of New Bern Grand Marina. To learn more visit us online at NewBernGrandMarina.com.

About New Bern

Offering the quaint surroundings of your typical small southern town, New Bern is a hidden gem in North Carolina. Founded in 1710 at the confluence of the Trent and Neuse rivers, New Bern was settled by Swiss and German adventurers led by Baron Christopher de Graffenried from Bern, Switzerland. New Bern is the second oldest town in the state. Royal Governor William Tryon made this seaport his colonial capitol and residence, Tryon Palace, was built in 1770. A major port and trading center in the 1800's, New Bern was captured and occupied by the Union Army after a fierce battle on March 14, 1862.

Where to Eat

Chelsea

Located in a 1912 historic building, this fine dining restaurant is known for its fusion cuisine with a menu that includes American, regional, French, Italian, Asian, German, and Cajun dishes. An extensive wine list is available to complement your meal. (335 Middle Street, 252.637.5469, <http://www.thechelsea.com>)

Fred & Claire's Restaurant

Located in a circa 1874 building, Fred and Claire's is a cozy establishment in the downtown historic district. It is the oldest restaurant still in operation in New Bern and is mentioned in "A bend in the Road," a novel by local author Nicholas Sparks. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner with lunch running to the more simple – soups, sandwiches, NC crabcakes and the like. The dinner menu is more extensive and included entrees that change daily. There are plenty of fresh fish and other NC delicacies included. (247 Craven Street, 252.638.5426, fredandclairesrestaurant.com)

Cow Café

Enjoy this New Bern tradition on the way to the beach or stop by just for lunch. The Cow Café boasts delicious sandwiches and even better ice cream. Try the Pumpkin Pie or the Key Lime varieties. (319 Middle Street, 252.672.9269)

What to Do

Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens

Once serving as both a former residence of Royal Governor William Tryon and the capital of the Colony of North Carolina, this majestic Georgian style mansion is filled with an outstanding collection of antiques and art. The grounds contain 14 acres of extensive gardens that range from English formal gardens, a kitchen garden, and a wilderness garden. Interpreters in period costumes conduct tours all year and an audiovisual orientation program and crafts demonstrations are offered daily. (610 Pollock Street, 252.514.4900, or 800.767.1560, www.tryonpalace.org)

The Birthplace of Pepsi Cola

This spot was once a pharmacy where Caleb Bradham invented "Brad's Drink" which he later patented as Pepsi-Cola. A recreated soda fountain is on site and visitors can purchase a



wide variety of Pepsi memorabilia inside the store. (56 Middle Street, 252.636.5898, www.pepsistore.com)

MUMfest

One of the finest festivals in North Carolina, this award-winning two day festival offers something for everyone including stage and roving entertainment, classic and new model car shows, a wide variety of arts and crafts, commercial and food vendors, a standard flower show, and much more. The 28th annual festival will be held on October 11 and 12, 2008. (252.638.5781, www.mumfest.com)

Emerald Golf Club

Home of the Curtis Strange Shrine Classic, this golf club features a semiprivate 18 hole Rees Jones designed golf course, full practice facilities, a well stocked pro shop, tennis courts, an outdoor pool, and a snack bar. (5000 Clubhouse Drive, 252.633.4440, www.emeraldgc.com) 