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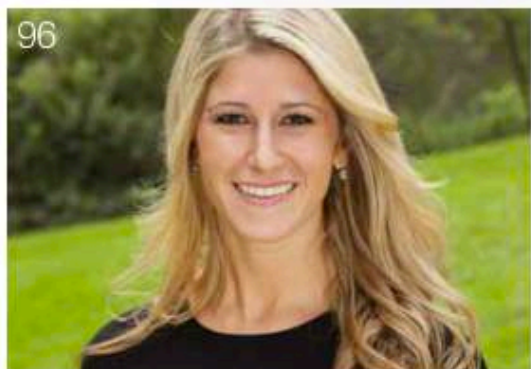
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WEEKAPAUG INN

Haute New England Haunt

By Georgette Malitsis

First established in 1899 and presently a member of the Relais & Châteaux Group, enjoy a getaway at the historic Weekapaug Inn, situated on the Rhode Island shoreline. The 31-guest-room Inn offers refined hospitality in the southwestern shore town of Westerly, with views of Quonochontaug Pond and the Atlantic. The coastal atmosphere provides pure elegance that fully embodies the wealth and everlasting history of New England.

Accompanying your getaway is a plethora of accommodations and activities both indoors and out. Architects restored the historic Inn to ensure privacy and spacious rooms to guarantee comfort. Each guest accommodation offers a unique view of the Rhode Island shoreline—with either a pond view or cove view in addition to luxury suites designed for an intimate retreat.

Suited to guide guests through the natural riches of Rhode Island, recreation director and on-site dedicated naturalist, Mark Bullinger, connects guests

with an interactive experience with nature and the surrounding environment. Guests have the option to simply enjoy the scenery or become part of it.

A lineup of nature-based activities includes luxury outdoors sporting pastimes. Climb aboard the 24-foot electric launch known as the Quonnie Queen for a 60-minute scenic boating opportunity offering a leisurely tour of the salt-water Quonochontaug Pond. If you are seeking adventure, engage in an excursion on the Boston Whaler and explore the backwaters of the pond. Here you will encounter exquisite marine animals, wildlife and uninhabited islands alongside breathtaking scenery.

Having worked in prestigious establishments across the globe, executive Chef Ryan Murphy brings worldly culinary expertise to the guests of Weekapaug Inn. Experience New England coastal cuisine with farm-to-table seasonal ingredients. Chef Ryan is committed to staying true to Mediterranean- and Yankee New England- inspired coastal cuisine with seafood caught in local waters and produce from nearby farms.



Included in your stay is a continental breakfast as well as exclusive dining traditions such as Thursday night clambakes on the shore and Sunday Roast Lunch—a European dining tradition with your choice of appetizer, entrée and dessert. Enjoy the pleasure of a meal or cocktail in one of the seasonal venues each with a different ambience to add to your dining experience.

Find yourself in the Garden Room—a central gathering spot providing comfort and ease featuring a bar and wood-burning fireplace to set the tone for your vacation. Open during the warmer months, the Sea Room, is a two-floor airy open space that invites an abundance of sunlight with windows overlooking the waterfront. Or consider the lawn or stone patio with chair-side service overlooking the pond.

During your stay, lounge on the Adirondack lawn chairs and satisfy your cravings with a “light bite” such as the New England lobster roll. This casual yet flavorful New England classic can be enjoyed after a break from the beach or following a quick game of shuffleboard. Indulge in the freshest flavors of the current season and quench your thirst with Frozen Del’s Lemonade, a Rhode Island favorite.

For those who are seeking even more relaxation, visit the Ocean House, a full-service signature spa with a locker room and relaxation room designed

to enhance your experience. A hair and nail salon is also available as well as complimentary daily resort classes combining yoga with nature. A range of body sculpting equipment and programs are at your disposal in the exercise room, conveniently located next to the saline lap pool for a post-workout cool down.

Just a short stroll along the boardwalk and over the dunes you will encounter the Weekapaug private beach. The beach is a quiet oasis, where the only sounds heard are the crashing waves and calls of the seagulls. Conveniently located steps away from the beach is the Bathhouse, providing guests with towels, umbrellas, light snacks and an attendant, ensuring that you are never short of your beach day essentials.

Innkeeper Simon Piers Dewar, trained in fine cuisine with exceptional top-notch management skills, maintains the hospitality and quality of your Weekapaug visit. Reopened in October of 2012, after a \$20-million-dollar renovation, the Inn still maintains the traditions and values that have made it a treasure and preserved its charm. The Inn is a valuable find for families seeking warmth, elegance and a place to relax.

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