

## Our Favorite Places to Eat in PCB

One of the incredible features of Panama City Beach is the remarkable selection of restaurants and fun beach clubs. However, trying to figure out where to eat can be a bit overwhelming with so many from which to select. So we have always maintained a list of our favorites and made it available to our guests. Perhaps it will help you get the most out of your next vacation in PCB too. By the way, we receive no compensation from any of these places in exchange for listing them here.

### Fine Seafood Restaurants

**Captain Anderson's (234-2225)** – Consistently everyone's favorite year after year, no matter what the makeup of the group. If you've been to Anthony's Pier 4 in Boston, this compares favorably—truly “world class.” Several local fish (scamp, grouper, red snapper) can be grilled, blackened, or prepared “Greek” or “Aioli” style. Black Angus beef is a great choice for landlubbers. Enjoy dining in a nautical atmosphere and ask for a table by the marina windows for the ultimate dining experience. The bar is a great place to have a Long Island Iced Tea if you have a wait. \$\$\$

**Uncle Ernie's (763-8427)** – Located in the St. Andrews Bay historic area of Panama City off of Beck Avenue. Enjoy eating inside on a cool or windy day, or dine outside on the covered waterfront deck. Great for lunch or dinner – our favorite is the Grouper Pigneri!. \$\$\$

**Saltwater Grill (230-2739)** – Featuring an incredibly large saltwater aquarium, this is one of our favorites for dinner. The gourmet food selections, excellent service, and live evening piano entertainment, makes this place hard to stay away from. Check out their early bird specials. \$\$\$

**Bone Fish Grill (249-0428)** – We normally do not eat in a chain restaurant when we travel, but they truly do it right. Not only is their seafood exceptional, they offer a classy atmosphere at a convenient location. \$\$\$

**Pompano's (233-9080)** – You can just cross the street and take a short walk east to this one and enjoy a great fisherman's platter. While you wait, go out on the porch and let the kids feed the fish.

**The Back Porch** – Located at Pier Park, this is an excellent seafood house with great outside dining. You will not leave hungry. \$\$\$

**Firefly (249-3359)** – If you are looking for a very upscale yet relaxing dining experience, this is it; and it is conveniently located at the Shoppes at Edgewater, not far from Ocean Villa. This is a great place to take someone special or to enjoy a memorable family dinner. The food, service and atmosphere is exceptional. This is probably not the place for youngsters unless they are exceptionally well behaved. \$\$\$\$

### Excellent Atmosphere and Food on a Budget

**Montego Bay (233-6033)** – Known for its excellent seafood and more, at reasonable prices, in the Shoppes at Edgewater. We like their lunch Grouper or Amberjack. Their Gumbo is also outstanding! \$\$

**Scampy's (235-4209)** – On Thomas Drive, they have great lunch specials until 3:00 PM and you will not leave hungry! The lunch “shrimp scampy” features their special sauce with angle hair pasta. It is a lot to eat. We usually split it. Also try their fried pickles appetizer! \$\$

**Calypso (234-6788)** – Great Cajun food at reasonable prices next to Pier Park. Scores of TV's all over the place for easy sports viewing. You will enjoy their Shrimp Panama or their Bucktown if you enjoy spicy hot food. \$\$

## Hangouts & Beach Bars

**Schooners (235-3555)** – “The Last Local Beach Club,” as it is billed, is a great place to catch the sunset or relax away the afternoon with friends, drinks, finger food, and live music! It’s right on the beach and is a truly unique barefoot bar. The tradition here is to fire a cannon every night at sunset. \$\$\$

**Paradise Grill at Spinnakers** – Best tuna sandwich on the beach! Has great atmosphere. It is always on our list for every trip to PCB! \$\$\$

**Pineapple Willy’s (235-0928)** – This is another Panama City landmark. Sit out on the pier and catch the tropical breezes while watching a beautiful sunset. Good for appetizers, sandwiches, etc. \$\$\$

**The Boatyard (248-92 73)** – On the bay next to the Lighthouse Marina, this is a relaxed but very nice venue for drinks, finger food, and live music with an unbeatable marina view. This place is a little more upscale and very popular. \$\$\$

**Harpoon Harry’s (234-6060)** – One of several oceanfront beach bars. Enjoy lunch on the patio deck or dine inside on a cool day. The food is cooked in the same kitchen that serves The Breakers restaurant located next door, another of our mainstay favorites. You can order lunch or dinner from either Harpoon Harry’s or Breakers’ menus. \$\$\$

**Hooks @ The Treasure Ship (234-8881)** – Experience a different view of the water from this marina bar. Enjoy lunch or appetizers while watching the fishing yachts coming in with their daily catch. \$\$\$

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