

Dataw Island Club

From its discovery by the Spanish in 1514, history has been enamored with its allure.

BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA: In some aspects, America is in the midst of a friendship recession. Thirty years ago, a majority of men (55 percent) reported having six or more close friends. Today, that number is now half. Women have witnessed a decline in friendship, too, but it has been far less pronounced.

"Friendship is not a concern on Dataw Island," expressed Bid Sikes. "When we were moving into our new home four years ago, I ran into a resident that commented on my University of Georgia pants. He expressed that he was also a Georgia Bulldog fan. The next thing I knew, we were playing golf together with his friends."

"I have a similar story," said Peggy Sikes. "I had never picked up a golf club and was actually nervous to give it a try. Soon after, I discovered others had the same feeling. It didn't take long to hear about a Friday group named 'Daring Darlings of Dataw' [Triple D's] that encourages beginner women golfers to go out on the course and have fun! In my book, Dataw Island Club is paradise found."

Bid and Peggy had been living just up the coast outside of Charleston before moving to Dataw Island. "We were visiting our nephew on Hunting Island and passed by the turn to Dataw Island," recalled Bid. "When we drove over the small bridge to the guard-house, I remember telling Peggy, 'Ok, this place is beautiful!' What we thought would be a 30-minute tour stretched to 3.5 hours. Plus, we could also have a boat because the marina was only minutes away and the calm waters around Dataw fit the bill.

"We built our forever home which includes a low-maintenance landscape. I can literally take care of the yard in about 20 minutes, then head straight to the water," reported Bid. "A simple App request to the concierge, and our boat is waiting for us dockside with a full tank of gas. Whether we are taking a day trip to a sandbar or navigating to one of the dozens of restaurants within a one-hour boat ride, options are aplenty." ■

For more information, please visit Dataw.com.



Tom Fazio's Cotton Dike Course and Arthur Hills' Morgan River Course wind their way through the island and amongst tidal marshland, live oaks dating back hundreds of years, and Civil War era ruins.



"Our two golf courses are flat-out fun to play. They aren't a pushover and will test your abilities."

—BID SIKES, RESIDENT

"Dataw Island Club was one of the first master-planned communities in the Southeast and remains one of the finest. The island is long and linear, allowing routing that maximizes water views." —TOM FAZIO

The community includes Tom Fazio and Arthur Hills golf courses, a marina, a 40,000 square-foot clubhouse, eight Har Tru courts (four lighted for night play), bocce courts, a fitness center and yoga studio, a pair of championship croquet lawns, a resort-style pool and an indoor lap pool, a community garden, miles of walking trails, and a neighborhood library.

