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MONTAGE CAY
THE ABACOS, BAHAMAS



NOTES FROM MONTAGE CAY

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Welcome to Montage Cay's Quarterly. As the island's legacy begins to take shape, we are pleased to share updates and progress from The Abacos, and to celebrate the spirit and culture that define The Out Islands.

Each edition is designed to offer insight into what is unfolding on Montage Cay, alongside the people and traditions that shape this remarkable destination. We hope this dispatch fosters inspiration, connection, and a growing sense of anticipation for this extraordinary island community.

In The Abacos

ENDURING TRADITIONS

Across The Bahamas' 700 islands and cays, The Abacos offer the truest expression of Bahamian life. Untouched by mass tourism and immersive in their pristine beauty, these islands offer a warmth and authenticity that simply cannot be experienced elsewhere.



The story of Abaco comes into sharp focus with the Albury Brothers, whose family-run boat-building workshop on Man-o-War Cay produces some of the most respected small craft in the islands. Inside the workshop, experienced craftsmen move deliberately among hulls in progress—skin weathered by sun and salt, hands guided by muscle memory and patience. Though global demand has expanded their reach, the family continues to build a limited number of boats on Man-o-War Cay each year, preserving the techniques and

values that shaped Abaco's identity as the *"Boating Capital of the World."* Their work reflects a belief that some things are worth doing slowly, and doing well.

This commitment is a quiet affirmation of The Abacos themselves, and an inspiration for Montage Cay's own guiding values. Here, timeless design, generational vision, and a deep reverence for place invite an enduring connection to this remarkable chain of islands.



Willard Albury



Fresh Perspectives

OUT ON THE WATER WITH CHRIS HAMAWAY

There's an unmistakable warmth in Chris Hamaway's voice when discussing The Abacos. The EVP/Chief Sales & Marketing Officer of Montage International has been fishing and boating in this region since childhood, and he's found these islands hold a beauty and culture unlike anywhere else.

"It's the crown jewel of The Bahamas. The Abacos have more places to discover—more little moments that surprise you—than any other destination."

Bonefishing, in particular, is where Hamaway finds the most satisfaction. He holds the region's dedicated, expert guides in the highest esteem, recounting days on the water that unfolded effortlessly over conversation and camaraderie.

"Some of my best times on a boat, I didn't even catch a fish. What makes The Abacos special is the people, first and foremost."



Culture & Cuisine

AN ABACO ORIGINAL

This cocktail holds a special place in The Abacos. Long before it appeared in beach bars across the Caribbean, it was mixed by hand at Miss Emily's Blue Bee Bar in Green Turtle Cay, and poured for boaters and locals by Miss Emily herself.

While the original recipe remains a closely guarded family secret, the version below captures its signature character. Sip, sip!

GOOMBAY SMASH

Adapted with respect to the original

Ingredients

- 1 oz. coconut rum
- 1 oz. dark rum
- 1 oz. light rum
- 2 oz. apricot brandy
- 2 oz. pineapple juice
- 2 oz. orange juice
- Squeeze of fresh lime
- Optional garnishes: pineapple slice, cherry, grated nutmeg

Preparation

1. Fill a shaker with ice
2. Add all ingredients & shake gently
3. Pour over fresh ice in a short glass & garnish

Island-Hopping Itinerary

ONLY IN THE OUT ISLANDS

Tahiti Beach Sandbar

One of The Abacos' most storied stopovers, Tahiti Beach Sandbar is just minutes from the Montage Cay Marina on the southern tip of Elbow Cay.

Elbow Reef Lighthouse

A treasured symbol of Bahamian heritage, this candy-striped beacon in Hope Town is one of the world's last manually operated, kerosene-fueled lighthouses.

Pete's Pub & Gallery

Tucked into Little Harbour, this open-air institution is home to the Johnston family's bronze foundry and its celebrated gallery.



THE AIR HOLDS SALT, WARMTH,
AND POSSIBILITY.





PROGRESS & MOMENTUM

A steady rhythm guides the work unfolding on Montage Cay, with the hotel now fully roofed and the island continuing to take shape. Central to this progress is the on-island batch plant, where concrete is produced locally and closely overseen by the dedicated team shaping the island each day. Keeping this process on island allows for careful oversight and consistency from the ground up, extending through to finishing details. It is a deliberate, hands-on way of building that reflects respect for the island and a commitment to continuity and quality.

Looking Ahead

In the next edition, discover the story behind one of The Abacos' most enduring and iconic landmarks: the red-and-white-striped Elbow Reef Lighthouse.

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