

LISTEN TO THE LOCALS

Insider advice on where to eat, drink, shop, and relax

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

What to do and where to do it from Memorial Day to Labor Day

TAKE A SIP

Fresh and fizzy with cucumber bitters from El Guapo Bitters in NOLA

PACK YOUR BAG

Summer style essentials for Southern ladies and gents



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I WOULDN'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT a pair of surf trunks, a pen, a pocketknife, and a bandanna. These are the essentials for the "Southern Surfing Gentleman."

A LOCAL RESTAURANT TOTALLY
WORTH THE BUZZ IS The Rarebit.
It's so perfectly mid-century
modern that you may run
into Don Draper there. The
\$4 Track Burger is a standout,
and don't miss the Moscow
Mule. therarebit.com

I'M DAY-TRIPPING TO Hunting
Island outside of Beaufort. If
you want to be transported to
a place of weathered raw
beauty, here's your spot.
huntingisland.com

I'M TAKING MY DATE TO Cru Cafe. It's real foodies' food served in the comfort of your rich aunt's parlor. crucafe.com

I SCOUR THE FARM STANDS AT The Veggie Bin. It's a farmers' co-op that delivers affordable fresh produce from local farms. 10 Society Street

I GET MY VINTAGE FIX AT The Recycled Cowboy. It's a bit of a hike from downtown, but if you love vintage Americana and Western wear you'll be in heaven.

THE BEST PLACE TO SOAK IN THE SUN IS Sixth Street East on Folly Beach. It offers up some tasty waves in the summer and then plenty of sand (at low tide) for all of your beach blanket bingo needs.

FOR THE PERFECT SUNDAY DRIVE, GO north on Savannah Highway until you find the SeeWee Restaurant. It's the food you should be eating when you're in Charleston.

seeweerestaurants.com

I'D COOL OFF AT Bert's Market (bertsmarket.com) on Folly Beach. It's the perfect spot to catch a cold one. They're open 24/7 and as their saying goes, "We may doze but we never close."

THE BEST ROOFTOP BAR IS Morgan Creek Grill at the Isle of Palms Marina. It's a little sweaty, a little salty, and the most affluent dive in Charleston. morgancreekgrill .com

MY GO-TO SUMMER DRINK IS the julep at The Gin Joint. This Southern classic will keep you cool and classy during those dog days. theginjoint.com



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WHAT TO DO & WHERE TO DO IT

FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY

MAY 26-28 CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS VS. GREENVILLE DRIVE

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; *riverdogs.com*

MAY 27-AUGUST 26 MOUNT PLEASANT FARMERS MARKET

Find local vegetables, fruit, and seafood every Tuesday at the Mount Pleasant Farmers Market Pavilion. Free; comeonovermp.com

MAY 28-JUNE 18 WEEKLY WINE STROLLS

Sip wine on Wednesdays while exploring the gardens and grounds at Middleton Place. \$20; middletonplace.org

MAY 29-JUNE 1 CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS VS. ASHEVILLE TOURISTS

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; riverdogs.com

MAY 31-AUGUST 30 CHARLESTON FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday, rain or shine, in Marion Square. Free; charlestonfarmersmarket.com

JUNE 5-8

CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS VS. SAVANNAH SAND GNATS

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; riverdogs.com

JUNE 6 REGGAE NIGHTS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Reggae group De Lions of Jah performs live at James Island County Park. \$8; ccprc.com

JUNE 6-7 SWEETGRASS CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL

A celebration of the Gullah/ Geechee community and the basket-making art form at Waterfront Memorial Park. Free; sweetgrassfestival.org

ህሀለሴ ዕ 2nd Sunday on King Street

Dining, music, and deals from local merchants on King Street. Free; facebook .com/2ndSundayonKingSt

JUNE 12

THURSDAY NIGHT BOOGIE

DJ Jim Bowers spins oldies and beach music for a night of dancing. \$10; ccprc.com

JUNE 13

FRANKIE VALLI AND THE FOUR SEASONS

The sixties pop/rock group performs at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center. \$45 and up; north charlestoncoliseumpac.com

JINE 14

SHAGGIN' ON THE COOPER

The Shem Creek Boogie Band performs on the Mount Pleasant Pier. \$10; ccprc.com

JINE 14

WANNAMAKER MOVIE NIGHT

Bring a blanket for an outdoor movie showing under the stars at Wannamaker County Park. \$1; ccprc.com

JUNE 19-22 charleston riverdogs vs.

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; *riverdogs.com*

KANNAPOLIS INTIMIDATORS

JUNE 23-26 Charleston riverdogs vs. Savannah sand gnats

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; riverdogs.com

JUNE 27 REGGAE NIGHTS SUMMER CONCERT

Bring a blanket or chairs as the group ReggaeInfinity performs hits at James Island County Park. \$8; ccprc.com

EDITORS' PICK

NIGHT MARKET

MAY 30-AUGUST 30

Local artists, food vendors, and designers set up their wares every weekend in City Market. Free; thecharlestoncitymarket.com



JULY 4

SHAGGIN' ON THE COOPER

Watch the fireworks and dance to live music on the Mount Pleasant Pier during the Uncle Sam Jam. \$10; ccprc.com

JULY 4

FOURTH OF JULY BLAST

Celebrate the summer holiday with live music and a massive fireworks display at Patriots Point. Free; patriotspoint.org

JULY 4-6 Charleston riverdogs vs. Rome braves

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; riverdogs.com

JULY 6 Charleston sprint triathlon Sprips

A .3-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride, and 5K run starting at James Island County Park. \$55 and up; ccprc.com

JULY 7-9 CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS VS. GREENVILLE DRIVE

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; *riverdogs.com*

JULY II Reggae nights summer concert Series

Da'Gullah Rootz perform at James Island County Park. \$8; ccprc.com

JULY 12 Wannamaker movie night

Bring a blanket for an outdoor movie showing under

the stars at Wannamaker County Park. \$1; ccprc.com

JULY 12 PIER TOURNAMENT

Compete for prizes fishing off the pier at Folly Beach. \$10 and up; *ccprc.com*

JULY 15-1(Charleston riverdogs vs. Lexington legends

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; riverdogs.com

JULY 17

THURSDAY NIGHT BOOGIE

DJ Jim Bowers spins oldies and beach music for a night of dancing. \$10; ccprc.com

JULY 18-21 Charleston riverdogs vs. Augusta greenjackets

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; *riverdogs.com*

JULY 19

SHAGGIN' ON THE COOPER

The Sneakers play live music at Mount Pleasant Pier. \$10; ccprc.com

JULY 24

PUPS, YUPS, AND FOOD TRUCKS

Bring your dog for live music, cold beverages, and food trucks at Palmetto Islands
County Park. \$1; ccprc.com

JULY 31-AUGUST 3 charleston riverdogs vs. hagerstown suns

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; riverdogs.com

LOWCOUNTRY JAZZ FESTIVAL

AUGUST 28-31

A weekend of live jazz performances at North Charleston Performing Arts Center. \$66 and up; northcharlestoncoliseumpac.com

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REGGAE NIGHTS SUMMER CONCERT

Mystic Vibrations perform at James Island County Park. \$8; ccprc.com

AUGUST 9

WANNAMAKER MOVIE NIGHT

Bring a blanket for an outdoor movie showing under the stars at Wannamaker County Park. \$1; ccprc.com

AUGUST 11-13 Charleston riverdogs vs. Hickory crawdads

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; *riverdogs.com*

AUGUST 14

THURSDAY NIGHT BOOGIE

DJ Jim Bowers spins oldies and beach music for a night of dancing. \$10; ccprc.com

AUGUST 14-17

CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS VS. ROME Braves Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; *riverdogs.com*

AUGUST 16

SHAGGIN' ON THE COOPER

The Coppertones perform live music on the Mount Pleasant Pier. \$10; ccprc.com

AUGUST 16

BIG KAHUNA FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fishing competition off the pier at Folly Beach. \$10 and up; *ccprc.com*

AUGUST 21

PUPS, YUPS, AND FOOD TRUCKS

Bring your dog for live music, cold beverages, and food trucks at Palmetto Islands County Park. \$1; ccprc.com

AUGUST 26-28 CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS VS. GREENVILLE DRIVE

Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. \$8 and up; riverdogs.com



THE DRINK

THE COOL DOWN

NOLA'S EL GUAPO CUCUMBER BITTERS ADD BOTANICAL NOTES TO THIS FRESH AND FIZZY GIN-BASED DRINK

MAKE IT YOURSELF

Bruise or crumple 1 fresh mint sprig in a cocktail shaker to release flavor. Add 3 Tbsp. gin (such as Bristow); let stand 2 minutes. Discard mint. Add 4 1/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice, 4 1/2 tsp. simple syrup, and 6 dashes of cucumber bitters (such as El Guapo). Fill shaker with ice cubes. Cover with lid, and shake vigorously until thoroughly chilled (about 30 seconds). Strain into a 10-oz. glass, and top with dry Champagne. Garnish with a mint sprig or cucumber slices. MAKES 1 SERVING



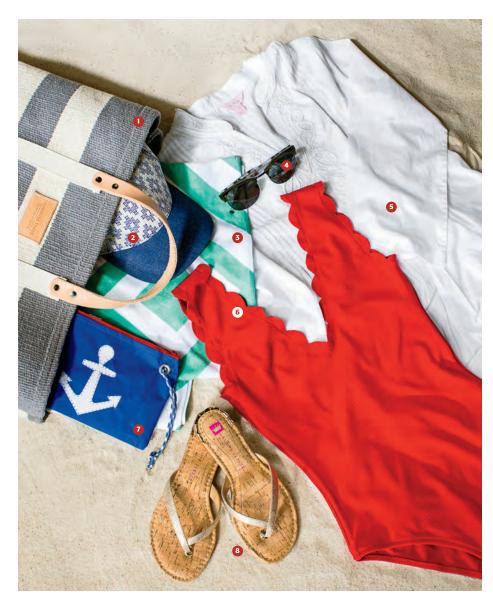


PACK THE PERFECT BEACH BAG

FOR THE LADIES

SUIT UP AND STAND OUT IN THESE STYLE ESSENTIALS JUST RIGHT FOR A SOUTHERN SUMMER

- THE BAG: Leather accents add weight to this woven cotton tote, handmade in Atlanta. \$125; andovertrask.com
- **2 THE HAT**: A crochet overlay gives a feminine take to this baseball cap. \$85; *proudmary.org*
- **3 THE TOWEL:** Supersoft towels that are totally customizable. \$50; *meandredesign.com*
- ◆ THE SUNGLASSES: The latest designs from NOLA brand KREWE come in sleek and stylish shapes. \$185; kreweduoptic.com
- **5 THE COVER-UP:** A breezy beaded tunic by the queen bee of beach style. \$138; *lillypulitzer.com*
- THE SWIMSUIT: This bold red Marysia suit is an Everything But Water exclusive; pair with a skirt after hours. \$304; everythingbut water.com
- THE WRISTLET: This water-resistant bag can afford to get a little wet. \$32; haydenreis.com
- **3 THE SHOES**: Memory foam on the Jasmine flip-flop makes trekking around the coast feel like walking on sunshine. \$198; *elaineturner.com*





PACK THE PERFECT BEACH BAG

FOR THE GENTS

YOUR NEW MUST-HAVES FOR THE BEACH AND BEYOND—ALL MADE IN THE SOUTH

- **1 THE HAT**: Southern Proper's Frat Hat is meant to be worn in and dirtied up. \$28; southernproper.com
- 2 THE OYSTER KNIFE: Whip out this heirloom-quality hammered Edisto knife and prepare to impress. \$350; williamsknife.com
- **3** THE SHIRT: Made of 100% cotton and prewashed for fit and comfort, Southern Tide's T-shirt is the only one you'll need this summer. \$34; southerntide.com
- **THE BAG:** This sturdy MAKR backpack can stand up to any active adventure. \$245; *makr.com*
- **THE TOWEL:** Nashville's Turkish-T Deck Bath Terry Towel is lightweight with a layer of terry to keep you dry. \$80; *taigan.com*
- **THE TRUNKS:** Lilly Pulitzer's granddaughter designs these salmon-hued shorts. \$125; strongboalt.com
- **♦ THE SUNGLASSES:** D.C.-based Panda makes sleek wooden frames. Profits from every pair go toward charity.
 \$120; wearpanda.com
- **3 THE SANDALS**: Atlanta's Clay + Bros keeps things simple with a rubber sole and parachute-cord straps. \$65; *clayandbros.com*

