

This Place Designed With Guests In Mind



AN EXTERIOR VIEW of the two-story cedar shake Holcomb home at Ocean Isle Beach reveals a number of decks.

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The family began watching the progress of this 3,600-square-foot house last December and moved in around Easter, actually two weeks before it was promised. "We checked the building out every afternoon from our first home, three houses up the street," Mary Mack said.

They had come to Ocean Isle from Augusta three years ago when the firm Holcomb worked for went out of business. "We came here, where I'd visited since the 60s, just to make a decision about our future," she explained. "Then we got sand in our shoes and stayed. Now, I don't ever want to leave."

The new house is a big part of what she loves and wants to keep forever. It does reflect the Holcombs in its open, welcoming look, especially the big deck that stretches along the entire back wall, outfitted with comfortable rockers, tables and green plants. An outdoor shower is a boon to guests and to the hosts, keeping sand where it belongs.

The living room and its adjacent "barroom" continue the sense of hospitality. Brightening stark white

walls and furniture are colorful print valances at the window, the fabric repeated in sofa cushions. "I made all the window treatments," Mary Mack said, "all the accessories except pillows."

An unusual white-columned archway opens into the barroom, where a genuine juke box sits in an alcove, ready to play more than 100 beach music hits, with no quarters required!

The spacious kitchen adjoining this casual room is done in blue, and a downstairs bath is unexpectedly Victorian, with dark green wallpaper and burgundy trim.

Everywhere are interesting angles, but the house is nowhere overdecorated. These rooms are meant for living and partying, and that's exactly what happens, Mary Mack assured me.

"We have lots of houseguests," she said, "at least every other weekend. I love to entertain, but we do 'barefoot' entertaining. I've trained my guests to know I'm not the maid. They must clean their bathroom before they leave, because someone else is coming right be-

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Pat & David Sandifer's HOLDEN BEACH PROPERTIES



1260 Ocean Blvd. West—An elegant duplex. 3 BR, 3 full baths, den, living room, dining, kitchen w/built-ins, 2 FPs, screen porches, decks galore, wallpaper, completely furnished. Under-ground sprinklers. Excellent rental history. For sale for \$325,000.



739 Ocean Blvd. West—Oceanfront. 4 BR, 4 full baths, living rm, dining rm, large kitchen, wet bar, ceiling fans, tongue and groove paneling, W/D, hot/cold outside shower, enclosed garage w/play area. Excellent rental cottage. Boardwalk to beach. \$262,500.



135 Burlington Street—4,000 sq. ft. heated area, 800 sq. ft. covered porch, 2,000 sq. ft. 3-bay garage and storage, sundeck and floating dock. 3 BR, 3 1/2 baths. Upper recreation room, 2 fireplaces, sewing rm, office (off guest room). Carpet and oak floors woodered and cypress wains throughout. Situated on two lots (approx. 95x95). Bulk-headed. Shown by appointment only. \$385,000.



501 Ocean Blvd. West—Oceanfront. 5 BR, 3 baths. Large rooms. Center of cottage is living/dining/kitchen. Covered and screened porch, completely furnished, large wall unit A/C, washer. An excellent rental property. \$179,500.



131 South Shore Drive—Breathtaking view from the decks! With 4 BR, 3 baths. Facing the Intracoastal Waterway in Wild Dunes. C/H/A, W/D, DW, carpet/vinyl, wallpaper, ceiling fans, microwave. Decks on all sides, boardwalk, floating dock. Ground level entrance from under house, concreting and plenty of storage. \$219,500.



925 Ocean Blvd. West—Oceanfront home has 4 BR, 3 1/2 baths, C/H/A, and all the amenities. It is very well built and has lots of extras. Sitting room, carpet/vinyl, ceiling fans, decks, enclosed outside shower, boardwalk to beach with sundeck. Lovely decor, completely furnished. Excellent rental history! \$279,000.



313 Brunswick Avenue West—4 BR, 2 full baths, built for permanent living. It has an offset kitchen, dining area, large living room and covered porch and open sundeck facing ocean. Excellent view. Very good rental property. Home has appr. 1248 sq. ft. heated area, 204 ft. utility room, decks are 480 ft. (covered) and 192 ft. (open). \$129,900.



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