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A guide to exploring the *exceptional nature* of Bald Head Island, North Carolina

architecture

# End TO NONE





## LIFE ON BALD HEAD ISLAND IS RELAXED, UNSTRUCTURED AND FILLED WITH A SENSE OF JOYFUL ABANDON. SHOULDN'T A SECOND HOME HERE FEEL THE SAME?

**W**ith demanding careers and two active daughters, Cindy and Marty Ferguson describe their life in Cary, N.C., in one word: hectic.

“Time at Bald Head Island is always a welcome reprieve,” said Cindy. “Life is just simpler there. We call it an old-fashioned family vacation.”

The Fergusons first visited Bald Head Island in 2008 with friends who own a home in Cape Fear Station. “We immediately fell in love with the island and started looking for real estate,” said Cindy. After exploring the various island environments, they chose a site in the *Southern Living* Inspired Community in Cape Fear Station.

“We loved the location near the Shoals Club and thought it would be fun to be near our friends,” said Cindy. “When we found out that another friend, Vicky Serany of Southern Studio Interior Design, was involved with the project, we knew it was meant to be.”

Vicky has been foundational in the *Southern Living* Inspired Community since its inception, as has builder Jeff Sanderson of Whitney Blair Custom Homes. Both say building and decorating a second home, especially one on Bald Head Island, requires a different mindset and choices than a primary residence.

“Overall, you want to make it fun and unique,” said Vicky. “This is a place to bring family and friends, to relax and unwind.

Whimsy, color and detail are hugely important, but keeping it low maintenance and comfortable are paramount.”

To that end, Vicky chose easy-care, indoor-outdoor fabrics like Sunbrella, and collaborated with Jeff on the cabin-grade white oak flooring that only adds character as it weathers. Wet bathing suits and sandy feet are not a problem if you plan for them, insists Vicky, and nobody wants to be worried about such things when they are on the island for vacation.

“Bald Head Island’s environment also requires us to make construction decisions geared toward the climate and being on a barrier island,” added Jeff. “We drill deeper, use windows built to withstand 130-m.p.h. winds, strap the home from the roof to the pilings, and carefully choose every type of material we use.” For example, Jeff said the Fergusons’ entire house is wrapped with James Hardy fiber cement material, and the roof is 100% aluminum to resist salt spray and stand up to the environment.

Cindy describes the process of building their home as a wonderful collaboration among all involved.

“We ended up with a design that is perfect for our family,” she said. “It’s still a ‘pinch me’ moment every time we go.”

For the Fergusons, their second home on Bald Head Island might be best summed up in two words: family first.



THE MORE, THE MERRIER.

A comfortable and ample sectional was a must for the great room, as it's the main gathering space for family and friends. It's also the home's main entry, setting up the layering of blues on blues—a cool, calming color scheme that is carried throughout the house.



HAVE A SEAT.  
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ELEGANT, THE DINING  
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PRACTICAL. THE INDOOR-  
OUTDOOR FABRICS ARE  
NEARLY INDESTRUCTIBLE,  
SO THERE'S NO FUSS  
OVER SPILLS AND WET  
BATHING SUITS AT THE  
DINNER TABLE.





**A KITCHEN OF EXQUISITE TASTE.** The soft sea glass backsplash blends seamlessly with the cabinets, complemented by the island's barstools in stunning turquoise. The light fixtures are a trio of painted wood chimes, adding a natural element and artistic flair. At the end of the island, a beverage refrigerator adds grab-and-go convenience.



OH TO BE A KID AGAIN! The Ferguson children have free rein on the third floor, a space filled with whimsy and wonder. On opposite ends of the common area are identical bunkrooms reminiscent of the design efficiency typically found on custom yachts. Both contain two built-in beds, each with their own TV, cubbies and charging stations.

A bright, modern interior space with a teal sofa in the foreground, a round table with orange chairs, and a large window with a whale decoration. The room features a white ceiling with a fan, a teal door, and a large mirror shaped like glasses on the wall.

PLAYERS READY?  
GAMING CHAIRS FACE  
A LARGE-SCREENED TV  
PERFECT FOR VIDEO  
GAMES AND MOVIES.  
A ROUND TABLE COMES  
INTO PLAY WITH PUZZLES,  
CRAFTS AND SNACK TIME.





THE STUFF OF DREAMS. Soft and serene, the sea foam green of the solid mahogany king-sized bed with hand-carved posts defines the master bedroom's relaxed coastal vibe. In an upstairs bath, a rich, distinguished gray on the cabinets is echoed throughout the home, as are the countertops of easy-maintenance quartz that looks like marble.



**BUNK MATEYS.**  
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OPPOSITE THE WET  
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## DESIGN TEAM

### SOUTHERN STUDIO INTERIOR DESIGN

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A nationally recognized, award-winning firm based in downtown Cary, N.C., Southern Studio Interior Design is a member of the elite Designer Network. Their mission is to provide a high level of creativity, integrity and personalized attention to every project.

### ALLISON RAMSEY ARCHITECTS

[www.allisonramseyarchitect.com](http://www.allisonramseyarchitect.com)

Based in Beaufort, S.C., this esteemed firm is known for their Lowcountry-inspired home plans. Projects range from single-family homes to commercial mixed-use developments, and from design concepts to construction.

### WHITNEY BLAIR CUSTOM HOMES

[www.whitneyblair.com](http://www.whitneyblair.com)

The work of this highly regarded company, run by Jeff Sanderson, is on full display at the *Southern Living* Inspired Community at Cape Fear Station. Whitney Blair is a two-time winner of the *Southern Living* Custom Builder of the Year award.

### BALD HEAD ISLAND LIMITED

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