

A PROCLAMATION FOR THE WINDJAMMER'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Malcolm and James Burgis opened The Windjammer on the Front Beach of Isle of Palms, South Carolina forty years ago in 1972, and Bill Kulseth bought a partner's share from James in 1974;

WHEREAS, the original Windjammer building had a sand floor and a well-used pinball machine throughout the 70s and 80s and beach volleyball courts out back;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Hugo destroyed much of the Isle of Palms, including The Windjammer, on September 21, 1989;

WHEREAS, The Windjammer re-opened after Hurricane Hugo on June 21, 1990. The residents of the island greeted this return toward normalcy with celebration and attended opening night in huge numbers;

WHEREAS, Malcom Burgis has given back to the Isle of Palms community through public service, including a term as Mayor and several terms on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, The Windjammer has built a reputation as a major music venue, not just for the island but for the entire Lowcountry, which contributes significantly to drawing new and returning visitors to the community;

WHEREAS, the residents of the Isle of Palms have many happy memories of The Windjammer, including "Best Hamburger Anywhere, The Great Bike Bet, Shuffleboard Tournaments, Packed Weekends for Every Band, Endless Liars' Poker Games, and Hootie and the Blowfish;"

WHEREAS, the Windjammer is a South Carolina icon that brings together eclectic groups of island folks, both families and fun-seekers, athletes and music lovers, first-timers and legacy generations, old and young, watchers of the ocean and watchers of sports;

So, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, July 24, 2012, that the Mayor and City Council of the Isle of Palms, on behalf of the City, do thank the Windjammer for forty years of being a true touchstone for the Isle of Palms, a place where island families can bring their children for dinner and visitors can experience the island's history and culture.



Dick Cronin, Mayor

Barbara Bergwerf
Marty Bettelli
Ryan Buckhannon
Jimmy Carroll

Michael Loftus
Sandy Stone
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Jimmy Ward