

Sweetgrass Redux

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Whether you're coming by land or by sea, new chef/owner Penn Ten Eyck & company make it well worth the trip.

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The Moveable Feast first visited Sweetgrass four years ago as new owners Jeff and Lauren Tillapaugh took over this property on Dataw Island, a resort community and former cotton plantation near Beaufort. They transformed an unremarkable marina eatery into a destination restaurant and bar with a vintage beach club feel. The room is literally wrapped in a view of the marsh and marina. The polished plank flooring, old-fashioned ceiling fans and subtle variations of blue and green bring an easy, comfortable ambience to life. This place was built for sunsets and cocktails and fabulous meals shared with family and friends.

Last spring, as the Tillapaughs were looking for a change of pace, the young Chef de Cuisine at the Dataw Island Club was in search of an opportunity. Chef Penn Ten Eyck assumed the operation in March. Ten Eyck's resume includes classical training at the Culinary Institute of Charleston and experience in some of the finest kitchens in region, including Saltus River Grill and Bistro Patois in Beaufort and FIG, O-ku and Magnolia's in Charleston. His family has de

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