



The Burger Beat heads to Port Royal's Back



Porch Grill

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When we first cooked up this column I swore that I would never, ever, under any circumstance quote Jimmy Buffett's "Cheeseburger in Paradise." In my opinion it marks the end of J.B.'s relevance as the free spirited poet laureate of the Conch Republic and the beginning of a brand. And then I end up on the deck of a marina bar overlooking the Intra-coastal Waterway shaded by massive live oaks and all I can hear in my head is that damn song...

I like mine with lettuce and tomato

□□□□□□□□□□ *Heinz 57 and French fried potatoes*

□□□□□□□□□□ *Big kosher pickle and a cold draught beer*

□□□□□□□□□□ *Well, good God almighty which way do I steer*

Yeah, yeah. I know. But I'm afraid I simply have no choice in the matter. The Back Porch Grill practically rings with a Parrothead vibe and that li



ne about “not too particular, not too precise” pretty much nails the burger menu. And did I mention you could get here by boat? Any meat-eating sailor knows that marina bars are known for great burgers. It’s a basic culinary link to the land. And, of course, it’s what’s for dinner when you’re sick of fish.

This Burger Beat roster includes *Lowcountry Weekly* Publisher Jeff Evans and Media Specialist Amanda Hanna, and Special Guest Star Lorrie Anderson. We grab a table between a group of young marines quietly celebrating a birthday and a couple of salty dogs pursuing an enthusiastic approach to a very early happy hour. Inside, a few dedicated regulars have taken up their posts at the classic carved wood bar to shoot the breeze and quaff a few cocktails. This is a local’s joint, to be sure. It’s anchored this spot for a lot of years and it’s always been known to serve up a quality burger with a little something extra on the side.

