



The Academy of Electrical Contracting

David A. Hardt ('07), Chairman



Wild Dunes Resort

**55th Annual Meeting
Isle of Palms, South Carolina
June 4 to 6, 2025**



THE ACADEMY OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman: David Hardt ('07)

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Fellows Elected to the Board

Term Expires in 2025

John Grau ('86)
Todd Mikec ('14)
Earl Restine ('16)
Jody Shea ('13)

Term Expires in 2026

Scott Bringmann ('09)
Henry Brown ('21)
Joe Kaluhiokalani ('22)
Mike Weaver ('21)

Term Expires in 2027

Bruce Creen ('19)
Chris Foster ('22)
Tom Kyle ('18)
Bob Van Ert ('21)

Jury of Fellows

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| Chairman: Dennis Quebe ('06) (District 2) | District 6: | Tim Gauthier ('98) |
| Secretary: John Grau ('86) | District 7: | Greg Rick ('12) |
| District 1: Hal Sokoloff ('19) | District 8: | Kellie Holland ('17) |
| District 2: Dan Walsh ('12) | District 9: | Fred Neubauer ('21) |
| District 3: Brad Butler ('13) | District 10: | Tracy Harness ('19) |
| District 4: Tony Maloney ('12) | At Large: | David Hardt ('07) |
| District 5: Vincent Real ('17) | | |

Academy Administration

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| Secretary of the Academy: | Traci Walker ('13) |
| Secretary of Program: | Traci Walker ('13) |
| Secretary of the Jury: | John Grau ('86) |
| Administrator: | Diane Jacobson |

ACADEMY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2025
Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC

Wednesday, June 4

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| 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Meeting Registration | Osprey Terrace |
| 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Reception & Dinner (Couples photos for Academy Directory) | Grand Pavilion North & Gazebo |

Thursday, June 5

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| 7:00 am - 10:00 am | Jury of Fellows Meeting (invite only) | Avocet Boardroom |
| 8:15 am - 9:00 am | Business Workshop Breakfast Government Affairs Q&A with Marco Giamberardino | Osprey Ballroom 1-4 |
| 9:00 am - 10:15 am | Business Workshop Program - Marc Milstein Age-Proof Your Brain and Tips for Quality Sleep | Osprey Ballroom 1-4 |
| 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Guest Program - Suzanne Pollak A Social Strategist specializing in cooking, hospitality and design | Indigo Rooftop |
| 10:30 am - 11:00 am | Board of Directors Meeting (invite only) | Osprey Ballroom 5-6 |
| Afternoon / Free Time | Golf & Tours in Afternoon | |
| 12:00 pm | Golf at The Links Course (on property) Tee Times 12:00 pm / 1:10 pm - lunch is included | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Set Sail on the Schooner Pride* | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Walking Tour of Charleston* | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Tour of Boone Hall* | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Catch Redfish on a Fishing Charter* | |
| 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Skeet Shooting on the Osprey* | |

*Lunch is not Included

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| 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Reception (Dinner on own) (Couples photos for Academy Directory) | Indigo Rooftop |
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Friday, June 6

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| 7:00 am - 8:00 am | Past Officer's Breakfast (invite only) | Osprey Ballroom 6 |
| 7:30 am - 8:00 am | Continental Breakfast | Osprey Foyer |
| 8:00 am - 10:00 am | General Meeting* Business Meeting & Academy Presentations Guest Speaker , Captain Charlie Plumb | Osprey Ballroom 1-4 |

*Spouses and Guests are welcome to join the group for any portion of the meeting and to listen to Captain Plumb's presentation.

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| Afternoon / Free Time | Golf & Tours in Afternoon | |
| 11:00 am | Golf at The Links Course (on property) Tee Times 11:00 am / 12:10 pm - lunch is included | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Set Sail on the Schooner Pride* | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Walking Tour of Charleston* | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Tour of Boone Hall* | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Catch Redfish on a Fishing Charter* | |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Skeet Shooting on the Osprey* | |

*Lunch Not Included

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| 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Formal Reception | Osprey Terrace |
| 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Formal (Black Tie Optional) Dinner | Osprey Ballroom |

Fellows and Their Guests Attending

**Attending First Annual Meeting*

Chairman David and Christine Hardt ('07) - Lake Forest, IL

James and Nancy Abbott ('06) - Canton, OH
Lou Ames ('07) - Newburgh, IN
Orvil and Connie Anthony ('13) - Spring Branch, TX
Greg and Cindy Armstrong ('23) - Martinez, CA
Eric and Janice Aschinger ('13) - Barnhart, MO
Gloria Ashford ('07) - Woodinville, WA
Kent and Shirley Baker ('92) - Escondido, CA
Dan and Janet Bane ('99) - Nags Head, NC
James and Jodie Bane ('20) - Morgantown, WV
**Jeff and Rachel Barber ('24) - Cortland, OH*
Andy and Andrea Berg ('21) - San Diego, CA
Joe and Cindy Bodio ('20) - Walpole, MA
K C Borden and Kathleen Duffy ('18) - Overland Park, KS
Scott and Diane Bringmann ('09) - Anchorage, AK
Brad and Margaret Butler ('13) - St. Simons Island, GA
Jerri Champlin ('21) - Dillon, MT
Larry and Pam Clennon ('17) - Wilmington, IL
Larry and Barbara Cogburn ('08) - Hilliard, FL
Kevin and Stacey Connelly ('18) - St. Charles, IL
Tony and Cathy Cook ('22) - Shady Dale, GA
Bruce and Jane Creen ('19) - Westminster, SC
Brian and Ginny Damant ('18) - Columbus, OH
**Harold and Iva Danforth ('24) - Covington, GA*
**Bob and Belinda Davies ('24) - San Diego, CA*
Kirk and Becky Davis ('11) - Shreveport, LA
Rudy and Cheryl Dixon ('15) - Augusta, GA
Bob and Sharon Doran ('81) - Collyville, TX
Tom and Shelby Driscoll ('11) - Windham, ME
Ricky and Debbie Ellington ('23) - Thomaston, GA
**Jim Engler ('21) - Deerfield, NY*
Chuck and Luanne Fairchild ('23) - Indianapolis, IN
Jim and Michelle Ferry ('23) - Upper St. Clair, PA
Rex and Mary Ferry ('02) - Vienna, OH
John and Julia Frantz ('11) - Sidney, OH
Charles and Shaleen Freeman ('10) - Point Clear, AL
Tim and Tina Gauthier ('98) - Happy Valley, OR
Marco and Andrea Giamberardino ('23) - Montclair, VA
Steve and Marie Gianotti ('20) - Bayside, NY
David and Chris Gill ('17) - Sioux City, IA
Eugene and Dianne Gini ('92) - Stockton, CA
**Kevin and Andrea Gini ('24) - Granite Bay, CA*
John Grau and Kristine Sweeney ('86) - Bethesda, MD
Paul Guarracino and Virginia Silver ('14) - Lynnfield, MA
Dan and Angela Hahn ('20) - Landenberg, PA
John and Carol Hahn ('00) - Landenberg, PA
Mark and Terri Harasha ('22) - Oshkosh, WI
Tracy and Kelly Harness ('19) - Camas, WA
Jerry and Judy Hayes ('12) - Marietta, GA
Duane and Linda Hendricks ('22) - Motley, MN
Jim and Kris Hess ('22) - Jacksonville, OR
Kellie and Todd Holland ('17) - Broomfield, CO
Mark and Renee Huston ('14) - Fort Worth, TX
Tom and Pam Ispas ('11) - Rancho Cucamonga, CA
**Rick and Susan Jamerson ('24) - Riverwoods, IL*
Rick and Konki Jarvis ('22) - Fullerton, CA
Karl and Michelle Jensen ('18) - Bend, OR
**Rick and Adrienne Jensen ('24) - Salinas, CA*
Jim Johannemann ('15) - Highland Mills, NY
Joe and Tina Kaluhiokalani ('22) - Woodbury Heights, NJ
Don and Marty Kanetzky ('22) - Buda, TX
**Joe and Audra Kellams ('24) - Evansville, IN*
Mike and Terri Kelliher ('18) - Dousman, WI
Glenn and Judi Kingsbury ('16) - Sedona, AZ
Tom and Jean Kyle ('18) - Coos Bay, OR
Don and Danielle Laffoon ('20) - Raymore, MO
Bob LaLumiere and Karen Fritts ('17) - Troy, OH
Max and Marlene Landon ('98) - Hillsboro, OR
Stan and Susan Lazarian ('05) - Glendora, CA
Terry and Lori Lette ('16) - Monroe, NC
Steve and Mary Lindley ('22) - Waunakee, WI
David and Sheri Long ('12) - Washington, DC
Greg and Patti Long ('18) - Napa, CA
Edwin and Christine Lopez ('22) - Flushing, NY
Lenny and Linda Lynch ('13) - San Carlos, CA
Tony and Kathy Maloney ('12) - Mishawaka, IN
**Debra and Michael Margraf ('24) - Tempe, AZ*
Mark and Diana Mazur ('13) - Odessa, FL
Dick and Darlene McBride ('90) - Escondido, CA
Fran and Sandra McDermott ('21) - Rancho Murieta, CA
**Todd Michaelson ('24) - Maumee, OH*
Todd and Gretchen Mikec ('14) - McMurray, PA
Tom and Wendy Morton ('18) - Gurnee, IL
Tony and Kathy Mulizio ('23) - Naples, FL
John and Donna Negro ('99) - Venice, FL
Fred and Diane Neubauer ('21) - Trabuco Canyon, CA
David and Diane Nielsen ('19) - Hudson, WI
Loyal O'Leary ('21) - Sun Prairie, WI
**Marilyn Oppedisano ('19) - N Syracuse, NY*
Greg and Stacy Outsen ('23) - Bourbonnais, IL
Chase and Robin Pendergraft ('23) - Apison, TN
Skip and Cathy Perley ('06) - Sioux City, IA
Steve and Stephanie Petri ('22) - Middle River, MD
Nathan and Robin Philips ('01) - Eugene, OR
**Barney and Chris Pottebaum ('24) - Dakota Dunes, SD*
Dennis and Linda Quebe ('06) - Springboro, OH
Vincent and Donna Real ('17) - San Antonio, TX
Earl and Yvonne Restine ('16) - Spring Valley, CA
Sonja Rheaume ('16) - Vancouver, WA

Greg and Stacy Rick ('12) - West Fargo, ND
**Jeff and Peggy Scarpello ('18) - Jamison, PA*
**Jeffrey Seidel ('24) - New City, NY*
 Duane and Beth Seifert ('15) - La Porte, IN
 Jody Shea ('13) - Chattanooga, TN
 DL and Suzy Smith ('89) - Topeka, KS
 Jim and Gaynell Smith ('08) - Barboursville, WV
**Sara Smith ('24) - Terre Haute, IN*
 Shawn and Olga Smith ('21) - Topeka, KS
 Hal and Marla Sokoloff ('19) - New York, NY
 Jim Stouffer ('96) - St. Joseph, MI
**Mark Thomas and Kelly Gundlach ('24) - Forest Park, IL*
 Mike and Carolyn Thompson ('92) - Silver Spring, MD
 Kevin Tighe ('19) - Jacksonville Beach, FL

Gary and Amanda Tucci ('10) - Puyallup, WA
 Bob and Ruth Van Ert ('21) - Kronenwetter, WI
 Traci and Marc Walker ('13) - Clarksville, MD
 Dan Walsh ('12) - Louisville, KY
 Dan and Doris Walter ('02) - Silver Spring, MD
 Mark Walter and Nerissa Fallon ('19) - Battle Ground, WA
 Steve Washburn ('16) - Camano Island, WA
**Jules and Julee Weaver ('24) - Cottonwood Heights, UT*
 Mike and Linda Weaver ('21) - Corvallis, OR
**Nate and Heather Wickizer ('24) - North Salt Lake, UT*
 Ed and Rebecca Witt ('18) - Jacksonville, FL
 Tom and Gayla Wolden ('12) - Powell, OH
 Paul and Frances Yesbeck ('18) - The Villages, FL
 Jim Young and Jennifer Kirchner ('16) - Santa Rosa, CA



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Optional Activities

All tours will meet outside of the Sweetgrass Inn, EXCEPT for the Catch Redfish tour.
Transportation for that tour is on your own. Address to be provided onsite.
Please plan to meet your tour a few minutes before the departure times below.

Thursday, June 5th Tour – Catch Redfish on a Fishing Charter (Lunch not Included)

Transportation on own – suggested departure is 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:00 pm

Joe and Audra Kellams

Kevin Tighe

Jules and Julee Weaver

Thursday, June 5th Tour – Set Sail on the Schooner Pride (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:30 pm

Gloria Ashford
 Joe and Cindy Bodio
 Diane Bringmann
 Jerri Champlin
 Larry and Pam Clennon
 Bob and Belinda Davies
 Kirk and Becky Davis
 Chuck and Luanne Fairchild

John and Julia Frantz
 Marco and Andrea Giamberardino
 Paul Guarracino and Virginia Silver
 Duane and Linda Hendricks
 Jim and Kris Hess
 Kellie and Todd Holland
 Rick and Adrienne Jensen
 Debra and Michael Margraf

David and Diane Nielsen
 Skip and Cathy Perley
 Barney and Chris Pottebaum
 Dennis and Linda Quebe
 Duane and Beth Seifert
 Paul and Frances Yesbeck
 Jim Young and Jennifer Kirchner

Thursday, June 5th Tour – Skeet Shooting on the Osprey (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 1:00 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:30 pm

James Ferry

Bob Van Ert

Thursday, June 5th Tour – Walking Tour of Boone Hall (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:00 pm

Eric and Janice Aschinger

Joe and Tina Kaluhiokalani

Sonja Rheaume

Kent and Shirley Baker

Christine Lopez

Gary and Amanda Tucci

Harold and Iva Danforth

Kathy and Megan Maloney

Dan and Doris Walter

Charles and Shaleen Freeman

Dick and Darlene McBride

Nate and Heather Wickizer

Tracy and Kelly Harness

Nathan and Robin Philips

Thursday, June 5th Tour – Walking Tour of Charleston (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:00 pm

Lou Ames

David and Chris Gill

Tom and Wendy Morton

Cindy Armstrong

Rick and Susan Jamerson

Jeffrey Seidel

Ricky and Debbie Ellington

Mike and Teri Kelliher

Jim and Gaynell Smith

Rex and Mary Ferry

Tom and Jean Kyle

Mark Thomas and Kelly Gundlach

Tim and Tina Gauthier

Max and Marlene Landon

Mike and Linda Weaver

Marie Gianotti

Sandra McDermott

Friday, June 6th Tour – Catch Redfish on a Fishing Charter (Lunch not Included)

Transportation on own – suggested departure is 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:00 pm

Jeff Barber

Rex Ferry

Jim and Michelle Ferry

Max and Marlene Landon

Friday, June 6th Tour – Set Sail on the Schooner Pride (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:30 pm

Eric and Janice Aschinger

Mark and Terri Harasha

Steve and Stephanie Petri

Kent and Shirley Baker

David and Chris Hardt

DL and Suzy Smith

Kevin and Stacey Connelly

Tracy and Kelly Harness

Shawn and Olga Smith

Bob and Sharon Doran

Mike and Terri Kelliher

Hal and Marla Sokoloff

Steve and Marie Gianotti

Don and Danielle Laffoon

Ed and Rebecca Witt

Friday, June 6th Tour – Skeet Shooting on the Osprey (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:00 pm

Lou Ames

Marco and Andrea Giamberardino

Skip and Cathy Perley

Friday, June 6th Tour – Walking Tour of Boone Hall (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:00 pm

Gloria Ashford
Larry and Pam Clennon
Ricky and Debbie Ellington

Chuck and Luanne Fairchild
Rick and Adrienne Jensen
Tom and Jean Kyle

Tom and Wendy Morton
Barney and Chris Pottebaum
Jim and Gaynell Smith

Friday, June 6th Tour – Walking Tour of Charleston (Lunch not Included)

Departure: 12:30 pm / Anticipated Return: 4:00 pm

K C Borden and Kathleen Duffy
Harold and Iva Danforth
Bob and Belinda Davies
Tom and Shelby Driscoll
John and Julia Frantz
Charles and Shaleen Freeman

Jim and Kris Hess
Joe and Tina Kaluhiokalani
Jennifer Kirchner
Stan and Sue Lazarian
Tony and Kathy Maloney
Megan Maloney

Anthony Maloney
Loyal O'Leary
Greg and Stacy Outsen
Nathan and Robin Philips
Gary and Amanda Tucci



Boone Hall



Charleston, SC

Golf

*If you are playing **golf** on Thursday and/or Friday, please be sure the rental club notation is correct. Note: **bold** indicates **rental clubs** requested. **Lunch** is **included** on both days.

Thursday, June 5th Golf

Tee Times 12:00 pm / 1:10 pm

*Designates Club Rentals Requests

Orvil Anthony*
Greg Armstrong*
K C Borden and Kathleen Duffy
Scott Bringmann*
Kevin Connelly*
Brian Damant
Steve Gianotti*
Mark and Terri Harasha*

David and Chris Hardt*
Mark Huston*
Tom Ispas
Don and Danielle Laffoon*
Stan Lazarian
Terry Lette
Edwin Lopez*
Tony and Anthony Maloney*

Fran McDermott
John Negro
Earl and Yvonne Restine
Jody Shea
Shawn and Olga Smith*
Hal Sokoloff*
Dan Walsh
Ed Witt

Friday, June 6th Golf

Tee Times 11:00 am / 12:10 pm

*Designates Club Rentals Requests

Scott Bringmann*
Jerri Champlin
Jim Engler
Kellie and Todd Holland
Greg and Patti Long

Lenny Lynch*
Fran McDermott
Tony and Kathy Mulizio
John Negro
Marilyn Oppedisano

Sonja Rheaume
Jody Shea
Mark Thomas*
Mike Thompson
Kevin Tighe



The Links Golf Course

Academy Meeting at The Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, South Carolina

Business Workshop Speaker, Thursday, June 5, 2025

Marc Milstein



Dr. Marc Milstein specializes in presenting the latest scientific research on brain health in a way that entertains, educates, and empowers his audience to live better. His presentations provide science-based solutions to keep the brain healthy, lower the risk of dementia, boost productivity, and maximize longevity. He earned both his Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry and his Bachelor of Science in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology from UCLA.

Dr. Milstein has researched topics including cancer biology and neuroscience, and his work has been published in multiple scientific journals. Dr. Milstein has been quoted breaking down and analyzing the latest research on television and in popular press such as USA Today, New York Post, and Oprah Daily. Dr. Milstein's new book, "The Age-Proof Brain," has been nominated for "The Next Big Idea Award" for best non-fiction work and has been a #1 best seller on Amazon in several categories, including Aging, Longevity, and Neuroscience.

Guest Program Speaker, Thursday, June 5, 2025

Suzanne Pollak



Suzanne Pollak, a social strategist specializing in home, hearth and hospitality, is the founder of the Charleston Academy of Domestic Pursuits, a class and lecture platform designed to foster more meaningful connections to how and where we live. Featured in Town & Country magazine for her historic restoration of a 1780 Georgian tabby mansion and garden in Beaufort, South Carolina, Pollak is the former spokesperson for Federated Department Stores, appearing at seminars in seventy-seven stores over ten states, building customer loyalty with her advice columns ("Suzanne Suggests"; "Ask Suzanne"; "Home Ingredients") and playing a vital role in brand development as point person for morning television shows and newspapers in the major markets.

The co-author of *Entertaining for Dummies* (IDG) and *The Pat Conroy Cookbook* (Doubleday), Pollak is currently touring with her newest book *The Charleston Academy of Domestic Pursuits: A Handbook of Etiquette with Recipes* (Abrams), while at work on her forthcoming interview series: *Mothers and Sons*, an in-depth look at the interlocking relationship between successful men and their strongest domestic influence.

Academy Meeting at The Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, South Carolina General Meeting Speaker, Friday, June 6, 2025

Captain J. Charles Plumb

A testament to the strength of the human spirit, Charles Plumb endured the most extreme hardship and used the experience to transform his life in a profound way.

As a farm kid from a small town in Kansas, Captain Plumb fantasized about airplanes; he never dreamed that he might, one day, have the opportunity to pilot one. It would be the United States Navy that afforded Plumb the opportunity to live out that dream.



Captain Charles Plumb graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland in 1964. In November 1965, Plumb earned his Navy Wings, becoming a United States Naval Aviator. From this, Plumb reported to Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego. There, he made his mark helping to develop the Navy Fighter Weapons School, more commonly known today as “TOP GUN.”

His next appointment was to the Aircraft Carrier Kitty Hawk where he was assigned one of the Navy’s hottest jets, the F-4 Phantom. Captain Plumb flew 74 successful combat missions over North Vietnam and made well over 100 carrier landings. On his 75th mission, just five days before the end of his tour, Plumb was shot down over Hanoi, taken prisoner, starved, tortured repeatedly, and survived the next 2,103 days as a Prisoner of War, until he was released on February 18, 1973.

During his nearly six years of captivity, Charlie Plumb distinguished himself among his fellow prisoners as a professional in underground communications and served for two of those years as the Chaplain in his camp.

Since his return home, more than 5,000 audiences in nearly every industry have been spellbound as Captain Charlie Plumb draws parallels between his P.O.W. experience and the challenges of everyday life. He has shared his message to an even wider public through appearances on Good Morning America, Anderson Cooper 360, MSNBC with Thomas Roberts, “The Seventies” with Wolf Blitzer, CNN New Day with Chris Cuomo, Yahoo! News with Bianna Golodryga, and The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

One of the most sought-after achievement speakers of his time, Charlie Plumb’s presentations are as he is, sincere, straightforward, humorous, and tailored to motivate each specific audience he encounters. His insights on how to cope with the difficulties as well as the opportunities in life have a positive impact on those who hear his message, those who read his books, and those who come to know him as a friend.

Captain Plumb’s Military honors include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, (2) Purple Hearts, and the P.O.W. Medal.

Off-site Dining Options in Isle of Palms and Charleston, SC

Acme Lowcountry Kitchen

Acme Lowcountry Kitchen combines upscale, yet casual elements of traditional coastal cuisine with classic fare.

31 J.C. Long Blvd
Isle of Palms, SC 29451
843-886-FISH (3474)
<http://acmelowcountrykitchen.com/>

Coda del Pesce

Most every dish at Coda del Pesce features fresh, locally or sustainably caught seafood in primi, secondi and piatti selections that change daily based on what's fresh and available.

1130 Ocean Blvd, 2nd Floor
Isle of Palms, SC 29451
(843)-242-8570
<https://codadelpesce.com/>

Sea Biscuit Cafe

A bright, cozy cafe with nautical touches serving a simple menu of homestyle breakfast & lunch.

21 J C Long Blvd
Isle of Palms, SC 29451
(843) 886-4079
No website

The Boathouse at Breach Inlet

Upon opening in 1997, The Boathouse pioneered a focus on serving diverse and delicious seafood that could be found in nearby rivers, lakes, and oceans.

101 Palm Blvd
Isle of Palms, SC 29451
(843)-886-8000
<https://boathouserestaurants.com/>

Islander 71 Fish House and Raw Bar

Our chef-driven menu brings together fresh, Southern-inspired seafood, a raw bar, and handcrafted cocktails designed for the ultimate sunset experience.

80 41st Ave
Isle of Palms, SC 29451
(877) 420-9558
<https://www.islander71.com/>

Iron Rose

This hidden gem tucked inside Charleston's Pink Hotel welcomes locals and travelers alike to dine with us and experience tempting twists on Southern staples with locally-sourced ingredients and well-crafted cocktails.

Located in the Mills House Hotel Charleston

115 Meeting St #174
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 805-1054
<https://www.millshouse.com/dine/iron-rose/>

High Cotton Charleston Restaurant

Dedicated To quality using the finest local ingredients and freshest seafood.

199 E Bay St
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 724-3815
<https://highcottoncharleston.com/>

Magnolias

A staple in Charleston for over 30 years, Magnolias remains a forerunner in upscale Southern cuisine, presenting traditional ingredients and cooking techniques elevated by modern flair and artful presentation.

Located in the Hospitality Management Group
185 E Bay St
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-7771
<https://magnoliascharleston.com/>

Husk

An ever-changing menu of locally sourced Southern dishes served in a restored Victorian-era home.
76 Queen St

Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-2500
<https://huskcharleston.com/>

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago September 12th to 15th, 2025 for NECA's annual convention. The Academy reception will be held at the Palmer House on Saturday, September 13th. More information to follow.