

TRADEWINDS ISLAND RESORTS APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF CATERING & DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES

- WHO:** The TradeWinds Island Resorts – the Island Grand Resort and the Sandpiper Suites – located along acres of sugary white beaches overlooking the Gulf of Mexico on the island of St. Pete Beach, Florida.
- WHAT:** The TradeWinds Island Resorts recently named **George Bentley** as the new director of catering and convention services. In this position, Bentley oversees the catering and convention service operations, including overseeing a staff of 8, for both TradeWinds Island Resorts consisting of 70,000 square feet of meeting and banquet facilities. With more than 23 years of service in the food and beverage industry, Bentley was most recently the director of food and beverage at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort. He has also worked as the director of event management for the Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club in St. Petersburg and the director of conference services for the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens. Bentley also spent six years with the TradeWinds in the same position from 1994-1999, where he was named corporate manager of the year in 1998. Bentley graduated from Florida State University with a degree in hospitality management. He is a certified meeting professional (CMP) and a member of the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE) Gulf Coast Chapter.

Tyler Prince was also recently named the new **director of activities** at the TradeWinds Island Resorts. Prince is responsible for coordinating all leisure activities, including the supervised children's club, and for organizing corporate teambuilding events. Prior to this position, Prince worked in the front office of the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club and as the recreation director for the Don CeSar Beach Resort on St. Pete Beach. A native of Kansas City, Prince received his degree in hospitality and restaurant administration from Missouri State University.

- WHERE:** Located on Florida's Gulf Coast, the TradeWinds Island Resorts offer more than 70,000 square feet of usable function space. The resorts offer access to two properties in one with limitless beachfront recreation, sumptuous dining and exclusive golf privileges at some of the area's finest public and private clubs.

For group reservations and information, call toll-free (800) 345-6461 or visit www.TradeWindsMeetings.com

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