

## Building a Winning “Team” at the TradeWinds

ST. PETE BEACH, Fla. – From glow-in-the-dark volleyball tournaments to an “Amazing Race-style” wild race, the TradeWinds Island Resorts on St. Pete Beach “serves up” the ultimate in unique group activities on a gorgeous stretch of pristine beach. Groups large and small are invited to roll up their sleeves, kick off their shoes and compete against the CEO in one of the many team-building activities created by the TradeWinds team.

“We have the ability to cater to small groups of 10 or large conferences of 1,000,” said Meg Czambel, director of recreation. “No matter what the activity or group size, the programs always succeed in bonding groups together and bringing out an incredible amount of creativity. It’s truly amazing what some groups come up with and how enthusiastic they are about their projects!”

Corporate competitors can “go for the gold” in the TradeWinds traditional **Beach Olympics**. The day begins with a warm-up cheer and stretch session followed by events including an obstacle course, fire brigade relay, aqua blast, three legged relay, crazy balloon games and tug o war. Referees, opening ceremonies and five “silly awards” are all part of the festivities. Meeting attendees can capsizes company executives during a telling team-building project called **Boat Building Regatta**. Using minimal supplies provided by the resort, teams are required to design and build a human powered boat capable of racing the designated circuit. Each team names their boat, designates a captain and first mate, introduces their vessel and performs a team cheer. The fun continues with the **Team Building Challenge Course** which requires participants to use strength, brains, wits and guts to work their way through challenges such as toxic waste, the human knot, mine field and circle up.

Team members can also fulfill their dreams of being on their favorite game show with **Count Down to Win It**, the TradeWinds version of the popular show Minute to Win It – where teams compete in crazy, wacky, outrageous challenges - all in under sixty seconds. More adventurous teams can take on the challenge of the **TradeWinds Wild Race** game where participants face obstacles spanning both hotels. **Company Feud** and **Shout That Song!** are other fun team building options that mirror popular television shows.

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The team-building fun and excitement continues once the sun sets over the Gulf with the **NightSpiker Volleyball Tournament**. Team members can paint themselves or their superiors for “war” with special glow-in-the-dark paints. The beach volleyball court is illuminated with black lights and other special lighting to glow late into the evening. Additional Glo-Games available for play include 9-hole mini-golf, tennis, soccer and ping-pong. Beach volleyball tournaments can be designed in the day or night, specifically to fit any groups needs. The **Floating Water Park** is also available to be rented out in its entirety during specific times. The activities department is also happy to “tee off” the group by arranging a **Golf Tournament** on one of many courses located just minutes from the TradeWinds. Choices include par three, executive courses and championship par 72s. Group fishing charters are also available.

Breakout team sessions are 5-10 minute activities done inside the meeting room to break the ice and re-energize. TradeWinds offers multiple options ranging from a marshmallow catch to a Zoom photo game, where teams must identify a zoomed-in image.

The TradeWinds Island Resorts – the Island Grand and RumFish Beach Resort - offer more than 70,000 square feet of meeting and function space, are located directly on the sugary white sands of the Gulf of Mexico and are easily accessible by automobile or airplane. The resorts offer access to two properties in one with limitless beachfront recreation, sumptuous dining and world-class meeting and function facilities.

The Resort Amenity Fee provides guests of the TradeWinds Island Resorts unlimited use of two-person beach cabanas, High Tide Slide, paddleboats, fitness center, day play on mini-golf course, ScheldePro beach volleyball court play, tennis court play, self-parking, wireless Internet, portions of the children’s program, daily newspaper, local and credit card access calls, business center services, in-room safe and more.

For the group sales department and information on the team-building activities, call toll free (800) 345-6461 or visit [www.TradeWindsMeetings.com](http://www.TradeWindsMeetings.com).

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