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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PRELIMINARY SITE INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE - CORD BYRD - SECRETARY OF STATE

This questionnaire is intended only to provide preliminary information about the property to the Bureau of Historic Preservation. Name and Location of Property Name and Address of Owner The Islander / Eleanor Wolfe The Islander Condo Assn Inc Name: Name: 17006 GULF BLVD 17006 GULF BLVD Address: Address: NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FL NORTH REDINGTON BEACH City: City: Zip Code: 33708-1441 Zip Code: 33708-1441 Pinellas Florida County: State: I support this effort to list or seek a determination of eligibility for listing my property on the National Register of Historic Places: Phone: 656-666-5796 Yes No Owner Signature and Date: **Property Information** Significant Dates (construction, events, etc.): Has it been moved? Yes  $\bullet$ No Year moved: N/ASee attached – key dates: 1948, late 1970s, 1983, 2024 **Property Type** Archeological or Commercial Residential Industrial Public Building Other (describe) Building Historic Site Building Original use: Current use: "Timeshare condominium (originally small beachfront apartment resort)" **Property Description:** Describe the design, construction, and general condition of the building. Indicate any architecturally significant features, unique materials, and alterations to the building. (If space below is insufficient, attach additional sheets of paper) See attached detailed Property Description Why is the property significant? Provide a basic history of the property. Indicate significant events, people, or architectural styles associated with the property. (If space below is insufficient, attach additional sheets of paper) See attached detailed Statement of Significance Submitter's Name and Address **Required Enclosures:** Name: Lisa Joaquin Current photos (exterior and interior) 11398 81 Avenue Address: Historic photos (if available, photocopies acceptable) Seminole City: Location map (and site plan for large properties) Florida Zip Code: 33772 State: ✓ Sketch floor plan lisajoaquin1221@gmail.com Email: Proof of ownership (property appraiser record or notarized letter) 727-656-4246 Phone: Date: 08/11/2025 Signature:

Bureau of Historic Preservation R.A. Gray Building 500 Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

August 15,2025

### Dear Review Committee,

The Islander isn't just a building—it's a tradition, a gathering place, and a piece of living history that's woven into the fabric of North Redington Beach. Built in 1948 as *The Dolphin Apartments*, it was part of Florida's post–World War II beach resort boom. Over the decades, it became *Sun Ray Condominiums* and eventually *The Islander*, but through it all, it has kept its original charm—simple two-story design, courtyard layout, and the breezy, welcoming feel of Old Florida.

For my family, The Islander has been a homecoming every single year for more than three decades. My mother purchased our week when my children were babies. Even before then, we came to visit. It became the one week we knew—no matter what else was happening in life—we would all be together. We've celebrated birthdays and anniversaries, watched kids take their first steps in the sand, and built friendships that have lasted generations. Those babies I once brought here now bring their own children.

And my family's story isn't unique. Many owners have held their weeks for 20, 30, even 40 years. They travel from across the world to return to this very spot, to reconnect with people they've known for decades, and to pass on the experience to their children and grandchildren. Walking into The Islander feels like walking into a family reunion—warm hellos, shared meals, and sunset traditions on the same stretch of beach year after year.

When Hurricane Helene & Milton struck in 2024, it didn't just damage a building—it disrupted a community and threatened to erase a way of life that's vanishing along our coast. We are determined to preserve what's left, not just for us, but for the generations yet to come.

If The Islander is lost, it will almost certainly be replaced by high-density, modern development—another piece of Florida's mid-century history gone. But if we can preserve it, we keep more than architecture; we keep the living spirit of a time when the beach was about connection, simplicity, and community.

For those of us who return year after year, The Islander isn't just where we stay—it's where we belong. We ask for your help in protecting it, so that fifty years from now, families can still gather here, just as we do today.

Due to FEMA's 50% rule, every possible avenue to repair the property has been exhausted. Two independent appraisals confirmed that, because The Islander's buildings were never substantially upgraded over the decades, their depreciated value is low despite being carefully maintained to preserve their original Old Florida charm. While this simplicity is part of its unique character, it now works against us—any necessary repairs exceed the 50% threshold, leaving rebuilding as the only legal option. Rebuilding would erase the architectural blueprint and relaxed coastal atmosphere that so many owners cherish. Time is of the essence: nearly a year has passed since the last hurricane, and the lengthy processes with the city, state, and FEMA have strained owners' patience. This designation could mean the difference between losing The Islander to history or preserving it for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Lisa Joaquin

Lisa Joaquin, Owner

On behalf of The Islander Condominium Association, Inc.



## **Property Description**

The Islander is a two-story, courtyard-style beachfront property located directly on the Gulf of Mexico in North Redington Beach, Florida. Built in 1948 as The Dolphin Apartments, it reflects the post–World War II boom in Florida tourism, with an emphasis on small-scale, community-oriented accommodations. The U-shaped building surrounds a central courtyard and pool, offering direct beach access just steps away.

Constructed in masonry with a stucco finish, the design incorporates simple lines, pastel tones, and minimal ornamentation, characteristic of mid-century coastal architecture. The open-air breezeways and balconies foster neighborly interaction, while mature palm trees and original low-scale landscaping frame the property.

Over the decades, updates have been modest — repainting, pool area refreshes, and routine maintenance — all done with sensitivity to the original design. The footprint, scale, and courtyard layout remain unchanged. Even after sustaining damage from Hurricane Helene (09/26/24) then Hurricane Milton (10/9/24), the structural form and defining architectural features remain intact, making restoration both feasible and historically valuable.

## **Significant Dates**

- 1948 Constructed as The Dolphin Apartments, a two-story beachfront complex built during Florida's post-World War II tourism boom.
- Late 1970s Renamed Sun Ray Condominiums; exterior updated with fresh paint while preserving the original footprint and courtyard layout.
- 1983 Established as The Islander Condominium Association, Inc., adopting a timeshare ownership model.
- 1980s–2020s Multi-generational ownership patterns solidified, with many families holding the same weeks for decades.
- Pre-2024 Remained one of the last few low-rise, mid-century properties along the Gulf Coast retaining original Old Florida charm.
- 2024 Sustained significant damage from Hurricane Helene & Milton, but the original footprint and core architectural features remain intact.



### **Statement of Significance**

The Islander is one of the few remaining examples of mid-20th century beachfront architecture along Florida's Gulf Coast that has retained its original scale and community-centered design. Opened in 1948 as The Dolphin Apartments, the property embodied the postwar expansion of Florida tourism — affordable, family-friendly, and directly on the sand. In the late 1970s, it became Sun Ray Condominiums, and in 1983 it was reestablished as The Islander Condominium Association, Inc.

While much of the surrounding coastline has been redeveloped into high-rise condominiums and large resorts, The Islander has preserved its original two-story courtyard form for over 75 years. Its modest updates and careful maintenance have allowed it to remain a time capsule of Old Florida beach culture.

The property holds deep social significance. Many owners have maintained their weeks for decades, returning year after year from across the country. Families have celebrated milestones, built lifelong friendships, and passed traditions down through multiple generations. The Islander functions not just as lodging, but as a community gathering place — a living link to the way Florida's beaches once felt before large-scale development.

Hurricane Helene in September 2024 and then Hurricane Milton in October 2024 caused significant damage, but the building's defining layout and form remain. Preservation would safeguard not only a rare example of mid-century Gulf Coast architecture, but also a cultural legacy rooted in connection, tradition, and the enduring charm of Old Florida.



## 1948 - The Dolphin Apartments

Opened in 1948 as The Dolphin Apartments, this two-story beachfront complex reflected the postwar boom in Florida tourism.



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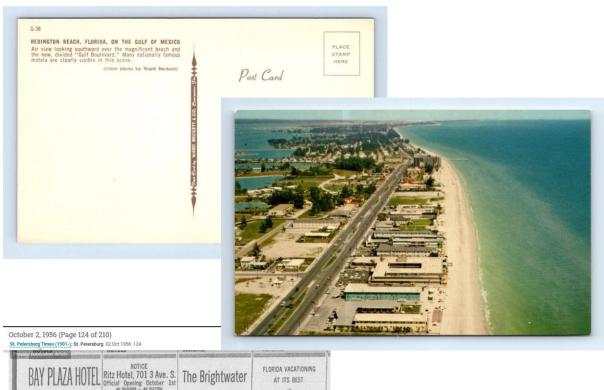
St. Petersburg Times (1901-): St. Petersburg. 06 Feb 1949: 72





## 1960s-1970s - Early Vacation Years

The Dolphin Apartments promoted a relaxed, family-friendly retreat — the kind of small-scale lodging that defined mid-century Gulf Coast vacations.



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NG PONG SHUFFLEBOARD Private Bathing Beach TOSA MOTEL The Dolphin Apartment Motel 17006 Gulf Blvd. No. Redington Beach Florida 5th St. No. St. Pete Ph. 72-6094 GULF DAILY MAID SERVICE COMMODORE HOTEL NO CHARGE FOR MEETING TRAINS OR PLANES VIEW 718 CENTRAL AVE. ADTO



### Late 1970s - Sun Ray Condominiums

In the late 1970s, the property transitioned to Sun Ray Condominiums, retaining the same intimate layout and Old Florida charm.

November 22, 1979 (Page 66 of 273)

St. Petersburg Times (1901-); St. Petersburg. 22 Nov 1979: 66.







1983 - The Islander is Born

In 1983, the building became The Islander Condominium Association, Inc., continuing its tradition as a community-focused vacation property.

August 25, 1984 (Page 48 of 90)

St. Petersburg Times (1901-); St. Petersburg. 25 Aug 1984: 48.









SAVE \$500 off current sale price of \$7,900 each. I wk. starting JULY 4th, I wk. starting late OCT. at THE ISLANDER, 17006 Guif Bivd, N. Redington Bch. Less than I vr. old. Beautifully decorated. Maintenance responsibility of morph. \$22,425.

This was the pamphlet they were giving out when they first started selling the rooms at the islander. I do remember the first time I ever stepped foot at the Islander and I remember swimming in the pool for the first time. We had gone to see the models and room number five was the model for the two bedroom units.





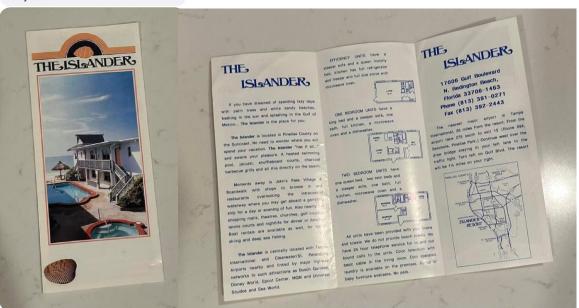


#### 1980s-2020s - Generations Return

Many owners held their weeks for decades, returning each year to reconnect with friends and watch children grow up on the same stretch of sand.









## 1980s-2020s - Community & Memories, Pure Nostalgia

The Islander isn't just a destination—it's the backdrop to countless summers, milestones, and memories woven into the fabric of North Redington Beach.









## 2024 - Hurricane Helene (09/26/2024) Hurricane Milton (10/09/2024)

Hurricane Helene and Milton caused significant damage, putting The Islander's future in jeopardy. Long-term owners remain committed to restoring it.



I couldn't comment with pictures for some reason so I edited this post. I have pics of The Islander Resort for those who have been anxiously looking for updates like I have. It is not good, and I am so sad and so sorry for all those who love this place as much as I do. My parents were down there this week in #2 but evacuated when it became mandatory and are safe in Lakeland.









### Today - Preservation at a Crossroads

Preserving The Islander means saving one of the last mid-century beach properties that still feels like 'Old Florida.'



after a hurricane



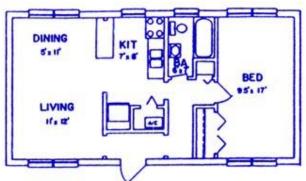
Once it's gone. It's gone forever. Please Help Us Save The Islander



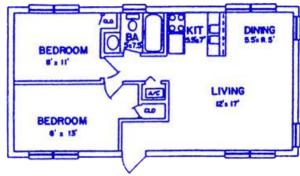


# **Property Map & Floor Plans**





1 Bedroom Floorplan

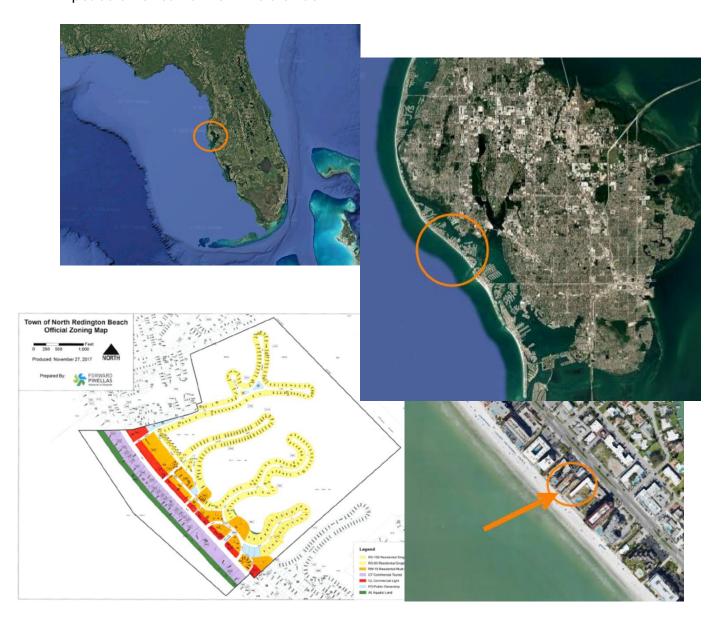


2 Bedroom Floorplan



# **Location Map**

The Islander is located in the heart of Pinellas County, along the pristine shoreline of **North Redington Beach**, **Florida**. Nestled between Clearwater Beach and St. Pete Beach, this charming Gulf-front community offers the perfect balance of relaxation and convenience. Owners enjoy direct access to the soft, white sand and turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico, while being just minutes from dining, shopping, and cultural attractions. Its central location makes it easy to explore the entire Tampa Bay area — yet it still feels like a peaceful retreat far from the crowds.





Parcel Summary (as of 11-Aug-2025)

Parcel Number

### 05-31-15-43475-000-0000

Owner Name

THE ISLANDER CONDO ASSN INC., MNG ENT

Property Use

0443 Timeshare

Site Address

17006 GULF BLVD

NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FL 33708

Mailing Address

17006 GULF BLVD

NORTH REDINGTON BEACH, FL 33708-1441

**Legal Description** 

ISLANDER CONDO, THE BLDG A, UNITS 9 THRU 16 & BLDG B, UNITS 1 THRU 8 & BLDG C, UNITS 17 THRU 19

**Current Tax District** 

NORTH REDINGTON BEACH (NRB)

Year Built 1948

Living SF	Gross SF	Living Units	Buildings
13 310	14 779		1





### **Exemptions**

Year	Homestead	Use %	Status
2026	No	0%	
2025	No	0%	
2024	No	0%	

### **Property Exemptions & Classifications**

No Property Exemptions or Classifications found. Please note that Ownership Exemptions (Homestead, Senior, Widow/Widower, Veterans, First Responder, etc... will not display here).

	Miscellaneous Parcel Info							
Last Recorded Deed	Sales Comparison	Census Tract	Evacuation Zone	Flood Zone	Elevation Certificate	Zoning	Plat Bk/Pg	
08379/1221	Find Comps	<u>277.01</u>	<u>A</u>	Current FEMA Maps	Check for EC	Zoning Map	67/42	

2025 Preliminary Values							
Year	Just/Market Value	Assessed Value/SOH Cap	<b>County Taxable Value</b>	School Taxable Value	Municipal Taxable Value		
2025	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000		

	Value History (yellow indicates corrected value)								
Year	Homestead Exemption	Just/Market Value	Assessed Value/SOH Cap	County Taxable Value	School Taxable Value	Municipal Taxable Value			
2024	N	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000			
2023	N	\$1,110,000	\$1,110,000	\$1,110,000	\$1,110,000	\$1,110,000			
2022	N	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000			
2021	N	\$1,074,760	\$1,058,684	\$1,058,684	\$1,074,760	\$1,058,684			

2020	N	\$962 440	\$962 440	\$962 440	\$962 440	\$962 440
7070	IN	1907 440	1907 44U	N907 44U	1907 44U	NYD/ 44U

### 2024 Tax Information



Do not rely on current taxes as an estimate following a change in ownership. A significant change in taxable value may occur after a transfer due to a loss of exemptions, reset of the Save Our Homes or 10% Cap, and/or market conditions. Please use our **Tax Estimator** to estimate taxes under new ownership.

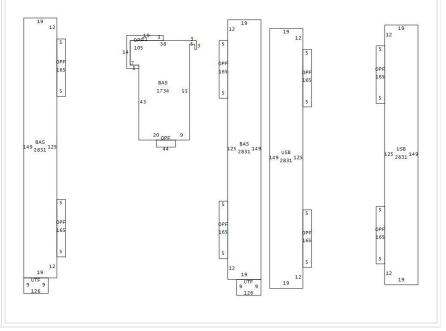
Tax Bill	2024 Millage Rate	Tax District
View 2024 Tax Bill	14.0631	(NRB)

Sales History						
Sale Date	Price	Qualified / Unqualified	Vacant / Improved	Grantor	Grantee	Book / Page
01-Jan-1899						08379/1221

2025 Land Information						
Land Area: $\cong 0$ sf $ \cong 0.00$ acres		Frontage and/or View: None				vall: No
Property Use	Land Dimensions	Unit Value	Units	Method	Total Adjustments	Adjusted Value
Condominium	0x0	\$210	26,650	SF	1.0000	\$5,596,500

	2025 Building 1 S
Structural Elemen	nts
Foundation	Continuous Footing
Floor System	Slab On Grade
Exterior Walls	Concrete Blk/Stucco
Unit Stories	2
Roof Frame	Gable Or Hip
Living Units	19
Roof Cover	Composition Shingle
Year Built	1948
Building Type	Motel / Hotel > 3 Stories
Quality	Average
Floor Finish	Carpet Combination
Interior Finish	Dry Wall
Cooling	Heat & Cooling Pkg
Fixtures	57

Sub Area	Living Area SF	Gross Area SF
Base (BAS)	7,396	7,396
Upper Story (USB)	5,662	5,662
Utility (UTF)	252	252
Open Porch (OPF)	0	1,469
Total Area SF	13,310	14,779



2025 Extra Features							
Description	Value/Unit	Units	Total Value as New	Depreciated Value Year			
No Extra Features on Record.							

### **Permit Data**

Permit information is received from the County and Cities. This data may be incomplete and may exclude permits that do not result in field reviews (for example for water heater replacement permits). We are required to list all improvements, which may include unpermitted construction. Any questions regarding permits, or the status of non-permitted improvements, should be directed to the permitting jurisdiction in which the structure is located.

Permit Number	Description	Issue Date	Estimated Value
<u>19NRED-00137</u>	WINDOWS/DOORS	04/16/2019	\$18,900
18NRED- 00270	WINDOWS/DOORS	05/29/2018	\$5,585
<u>2017110057</u>	ROOF	11/28/2017	\$32,315
<u>2016010014</u>	MISCELLANEOUS	01/07/2016	\$2,375
<u>2015090048</u>	ADDITION/REMODEL/RENOVATION	09/18/2015	\$2,498
PER-H-CB14-08853	ROOF	12/12/2014	\$61,000
PER-H-CB12-02469	WINDOWS/DOORS	04/04/2012	\$12,421
PER-H-CB12-02462	WINDOWS/DOORS	04/04/2012	\$12,421
PER-H-CB12-02461	WINDOWS/DOORS	04/04/2012	\$12,421
PER-H-CB12-02470	WINDOWS/DOORS	04/04/2012	\$12,421