



Commune with dolphins and feed the seagulls on an intimate dinner cruise along Perdido Bay

Schooner or Later

As the brilliant sun eases its way down among a vibrant display of oranges and pinks, a dinner of freshly steamed shrimp, cracked crab, potatoes, corn on the cob, and more is being served on the deck of the *Corsair*, a classic Biloxi schooner, offering the Alabama Gulf Coast a relaxing dining option on the waters of Perdido Bay.

The *Corsair* was built in 1976 by her captain, Mike Broussard, who used the same traditional design of the Biloxi schooners that trawled the Gulf of Mexico from the 1800s to today. Capt. Mike comes to his profession honestly; he was born into a traditional Cajun family and is descended from ancestral fishermen and shipwrights reaching as far back as 1500s Nova Scotia. He spent his childhood working alongside his father in the boat building and shrimping industries along the Gulf Coast. The hostess and chef for the cruise is Birmingham native Rosalie Giovino, a seasoned restaurant veteran.

Featuring all wood construction, a full working galley, and even a royally appointed bathroom with a claw foot tub, the *Corsair* went into commercial shrimping service in 1978 and served as a snapper boat, a sailing charter, a training vessel with the Newport, Rhode Island-based International School of Yacht Restoration, and even had a cameo in the 1994 Brad Pitt movie *Interview with a Vampire*.

The *Corsair* provides guests with 60 feet of deck space to catch a glimpse of a beautiful sunset, have a romantic moment on the foredeck, or watch as Mike and his able first mate Robbie Wolfe haul in the evening's catch. As the shrimp net is unloaded, the sounds of trapped croakers resonate on the stern as the shrimp and crabs are picked out among the catfish, mullet, squid, and even an eel or two. But keep in mind that any of the catch that slips through your fingers will be gladly scooped up by the dolphins that trail the boat or the soaring seagulls always eager for fresh seafood! ●

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