

The Anna Maria Island

SUN*Weddings & Engagements*

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▲ Melissa Dearing and Chris Varga, winners of the Tortuga Inn's 2010 Wedding Contest, were married at the Sandbar restaurant on Oct. 1, 2010. Music was provided by Chuck Caudill. The couple spent the first part of their honeymoon at the Tortuga Inn and the second part in Bora Bora, Tahiti. They currently reside in Brandon, Fla.

Try Tortuga Inn and Tradewinds for wedding parties

Look no further if you want a beach-to-bay resort for a large wedding party, anniversary or family reunion. The award-winning Tortuga Inn Beach Resort and Tradewinds Resort offer luxurious apartments with heated swimming pools, private beach, fishing docks and boat slips on Sarasota Bay. The two resorts can accommodate up to 450 guests in a variety of tropically furnished configurations.

Tradewinds Resort is located at 1603 Gulf Drive and Tortuga Inn Beach Resort is located at 1235 Gulf Drive both in Bradenton Beach. Dockage for wedding party members and guests traveling by boat are welcome.

Tortuga Inn Beach Resort has a variety of luxurious accommodations that range from studios to spectacular 1,400 square foot two-bedroom, two-bath cottages from 400 to 700 square feet. Both facilities provide fully equipped kitchens; free local and long distance, Wi-Fi, cable TV and HBO, complimentary beach chairs, towels, umbrellas and more.

Contact the manager of Tortuga or Tradewinds for arrangements. Call Tradewinds Resort at 941-779-0010 or Tortuga Inn Beach Resort at 941-778-6611; or log on to www.tradewindsresort.com or www.tortugainn.com. Make these wonderful resorts your home-away-from home for your destination beach wedding.