

The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay

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Regional Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 6

Years at Sandals: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Hometown: Chicago Heights, Ill.

Number of Employees: 19

Other Key Golf Personnel

Jeremy Rolle, Assistant Superintendent

Baston Anderson, Equipment Manager

Richard Gibson, PGA Professional

Jeremy Mutton, General Manager

Course Architect

Architect (year): Greg Norman (2003)

Course Owner: Sandals Resorts

Signature Hole: Sandals considers Holes 11 through 16 as its signature holes as they all play along the coastline of a scenic peninsula

Rounds Per Year: 25,000

Previous Winners of The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic

2017 – Kyle Thompson (286)

2018 – Sungjae Im (275)

2019 – Zecheng Dou (270)

Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,001

Stimpmeter: 10

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,500 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 1,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 25

Number of Sand Bunkers: 39

Number of Water Hazards: 3

How many holes is water in play: 14

Soil Conditions: Calcareous

Water Sources: Gray, brackish and fresh

Drainage Conditions: Front nine holds water, back nine drains well

Turfgrass

Greens: Sea Isle Paspalum

Tees: Sea Isle Paspalum .400"

Fairways: Sea Isle Paspalum .400"

Rough: Sea Isle Paspalum 2"

Additional Notes

- There has been some landscape upgrades, including clearing back bushes along the holes to make the course more player friendly.
- Herbicide applications have been cut in half with the use of pool salt.
- This is the fourth year of the tournament – all at Sandals Emerald Bay.
- Front nine winds through seaside dunes and mangroves and back nine hugs the Emerald Bay peninsula.

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