

Edwin S. Taylor Folly Beach Fishing Pier Dedication Ceremony
Wednesday, March 1, 10 a.m.

Pier Fact Sheet

The former Folly Beach Pier closed to the public in October 2020 for a reconstruction project. The new pier finished ahead of schedule, opening on Dec. 26, 2022.

Highlights of the new Folly Beach Pier

- Concrete pilings and substructure, with wooden walkway and railings
- 1,049 feet in length
- Most of the pier is 25 feet wide
- Two locations of the pier were slightly widened and covered, at 33 feet wide, allowing additional space for fishing
- 22 feet above sea level
- Diamond Head platform at the end of the pier is 7,500 square feet in size
- 228 concrete pilings
- Shade structures and benches
- Wooden walkway panels designed to break away in the event of a large storm
- Unobstructed ocean views, more efficient pedestrian access and modern improvements
- Longer lifespan than wooden piers (expected to be 65+ years)
- Parking lot renovations and lighting completed in January 2023

Features and amenities on the pier

- Operating hours are currently 8 a.m. to sunset (operating hours vary throughout the year).
- Amenities include restrooms, the Pier 101 Restaurant and Bar, beach access, showers, and the Gangplank Gift & Tackle Shop (gifts, sundry items, refreshments, tackle/bait, offers rod rentals).
- Pier special events will return in 2023, including the popular fishing tournaments and Moonlight Mixer dance series, as well as a special fundraising event for the Charleston County Parks Foundation, the Folly Pier Fest, on March 11.

For additional information on all that the new Folly Beach Pier has to offer, visit www.ccprc.com/follypier.

The former Folly Beach Pier

The history of a pier at this location on Folly Beach goes back to the 1930s. The most recent Folly Beach Pier, owned by CCPRC, opened July 4, 1995. The pier was 25 feet wide and 1,047 feet long (roughly the length of three football fields), and featured 319 wooden pilings. The entirely wooden pier eventually began deteriorating, its pilings impacted by wear and tear from the ocean environment, as well as marine borers. Also known as shipworms, marine boring “worms” are actually mollusks and are the most destructive of the marine wood boring insects. They enter timber submerged under water and then grow rapidly once inside. CCPRC began dive inspections of the pier pilings in 2013, and encapsulated many of the pilings in an effort to strengthen them, kill the marine borers, and maintain the integrity of the pier. Though the pier was maintained regularly to keep it safe, pile deterioration is a continuous process that cannot be stopped. Wooden timber pile piers typically have an average life expectancy of 20-25 years. The former Folly Beach Pier closed to the public on Oct. 19, 2020.

The Folly Beach Pier team

Owners: Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC)
Consultants: Wantman Group, Inc. (WGI)
Local WGI sub-consultant: Bolchoz Marine Advisors
Local architect team: LS3P
Construction contractor: Cape Romain Contractors

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