

Hilton Head South Carolina



Harbour Town

A classic course that provides variety and class on every hole. The OB is horrendous so if you stray off the fairway be prepared to re-load.

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Major events held:

MCI Heritage Classic

Notable Champions:

Aaron Baddeley

Peter Lonard

Par: 36+35=71

Course Record: 64

Stewart Cink

TCB Indoor Difficulty Ratings and Rankings

	Rating out of 20	Ranking (1 st is hardest)
Front 9		
Back 9		
18 Holes		

Website: <http://www.harbourtowngolf.com/>

Built: 1970

Designed: Pete Dye in consultation with Jack Nicklaus

Type:

Green Fees:

Signature Hole: 18th

Notes: Another picturesque course with interesting par 3's with a water carry. The first hole presents the golfer with a tight opening drive but most other holes are a little more forgiving. The course carries with it a touch of Scotland, It is repeatedly selected by the PGA TOUR professionals as one of their favourite courses and is also a TCB favourite. Harbour Town Golf Links established the permanent site of the rechartering of the oldest golf club in South Carolina and possibly the United States - the South Carolina Golf Club. The Harbour Town Golf Links, which is home to the PGA Tour's MCI Heritage Classic, offers eighteen memorable holes that require classic and demanding shots. The fairways were built on flat terrain and are lined by pine trees. The small greens are only slightly sloped.

Hole by hole descriptions

No1 Par 4. A straight drive is imperative to stay between overhanging branches in a chute only 20 metres wide, but the fairway opens up at the landing area. A short or medium iron should reach a green protected by both sand and grass bunkers. Anything straying too far off the fairway will find OB both sides.

No2 Par 5. Long hitters can reach the green in two if they keep the drive on the left side of the fairway. Otherwise, the second shot should be positioned down the left side, to open up the green, which lies on a diagonal, for the third shot.

No3 Par 4. Trees line both sides of the fairway, necessitating a straight shot from the tee. A large bunker guards the front of the green, with three more positioned to the right. A medium to short iron should get the job done, but the small green can be hard to hold.

No4 Par 3. A classic Pete Dye risk/reward design. There is ample room on the right to bail out, and a hidden bunker behind the green can save your ball from a hungry lagoon.



No5 Par 5. Aim just to the right of the left fairway bunker if you dare take on the water. If you land your drive you can then calculate your odds of making the green in two. The obstacles: a massive strategic bunker to the right, water and a greenside bunker left. A deep but narrow green falls off to the right and rear.



No6 Par 4. Devilishly difficult to master, this dogleg par 4 requires a precise drive to the middle right just left of the fairway bunker. Take advantage of the open avenue to the flag and try to avoid the bunkers flanking the green. If you stray right off the tee water and OB awaits.



No7 Par 3. The green is surrounded by sand, but the real hazards here are the trees. They will reject any off-line shot and make a successful recovery very tricky. The green is narrow but deep, and pin placement can affect club selection. Any shot off the green leaves an uphill chip.



No8 Par 4. Rated as the toughest hole on the course, it makes a well-placed drive essential to avoid water and strategically placed trees. OB right. Carrying the dogleg past the first two pines gives you a shot at one of the most elusive greens anywhere. If you walk off with par here you will steal a march on the rest of the field. Triumph over a stubbornly resistant adversary is a feather in your cap.



No9 Par 4. Placement is more important than power on this short but deceptive par 4. Drive to the middle of the fairway and avoid battling trees on your approach. The heart-shaped green is protected both in front and behind by sand. It looks very open to the left but it is all OB.



No10 Par 4. A wide landing area invites a big drive, but temper your gusto if you want to avoid the lagoon and OB on the left. After a good drive, use a medium or long iron to get to a green nestled between woods and two strategically placed bunkers. Big hitters can have a crack.



No11 Par 4. Plot your drive to stay within the chute, because a dangerous duo of trees and water lurks on both sides of the fairway. From the fairway, a long to medium iron must be rifled to the green, carefully avoiding the tree gracefully protecting the right side. The green is also flanked by bunkers.



No12 Par 4. Reaching the dogleg off the tee is imperative for any chance at par. Then the green is in range with a medium or long iron, but a back pin placement can make as much as a three-club difference. OB waits to the right. Two bunkers stand as the final challenge to those optimists in quest of par.



No13 Par 4. The tee shot here must be positioned to the right side of the fairway to set up the approach to the green. Then the second shot will be a short iron between the two large oaks. But don't score your par until you've surmounted the two final obstacles - a large cypress-banked bunker and a natural bunker just behind the green.

No14 Par 3. This is a beautiful aquatic layout with water from tee to green on the right. Thanks to overhanging trees, the green is a small, isolated target with an adjacent small pot bunker bound to act as a magnet for the unsuspecting. This is a spectacular hole that not for the 18th would be the signature hole at Harbour Town. What a gem.

No15 Par 5. You could call the 15th a thinking challenge, since this great par 5 demands careful deliberation and shot execution all the way from tee to flag. To avoid nightmares on the approach, keep the drive from the tee as close to the middle as possible. This will save you from the fate of water on the left.

No16 Par 4. The exclamation point of sand just about says it all on this interesting dogleg left. Avoid the left but too far right finds OB and the slalom-like pines to the right. If you arrive unscathed after that first drive, it's just a short iron to the green. Aim carefully. The cluster of bunkers to the right can easily humiliate par-seekers.



No 17 Par 3. Water, water nearly everywhere says one thing: Take that bold iron shot and make it accurate - or else! In this situation a bunker shot is a very good second, since it could save a slightly mishit tee shot from a watery grave. Still, the head or crosswinds, which are the norm on this hole, can easily carry a shot into the lagoon.



No 18 Par 4. Signature Hole. In this emerald-hued finale, the famous lighthouse becomes a beacon to golfers. A successful shot is one aimed toward the cherished landmark just be aware of the out-of-bounds stakes lining the right side of the fairway. The goal is the wide landing area jutting into Calibogue Sound. A word of advice on one of golf's most spectacular finishing holes: the long approach to the flag offers ample bailout to the right where the innocent-looking but insidious mounding has caused many a wannabe champ to lose a sought-after par.



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