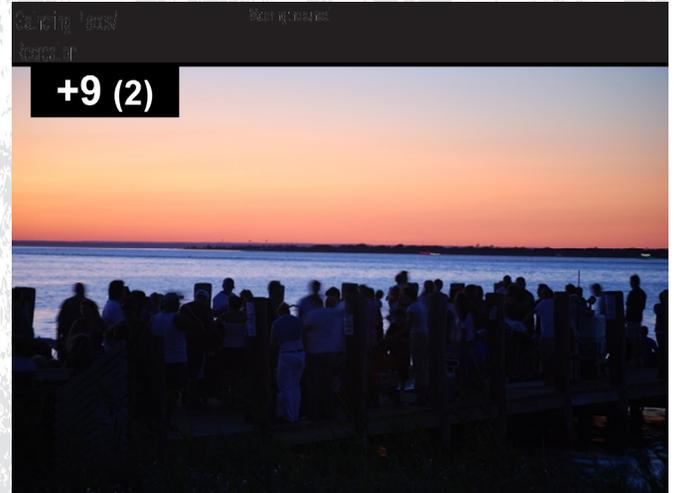


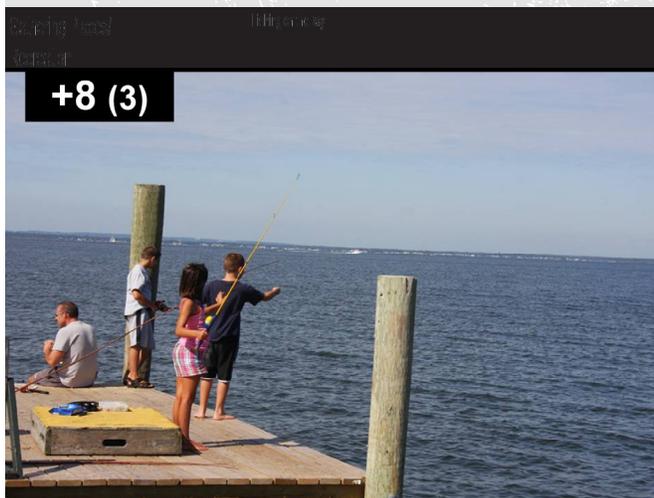
GATHERING PLACES & RECREATION

Throughout this study it is clear that gathering places and recreation are very important to the residents of Fire Island. In this sub-category the images are overwhelmingly positive and noncontroversial. One of the highest rated images from the entire study is from this section, reiterating the importance of these images to the character of Fire Island.

The resultant image values are the calculated values as a result to the participants response to “ How appropriate is the Image you are seeing, now and in the future, for Gathering Places and Recreation facilities on Fire Island.



This is one of the highest rated images. This gathering at sunset is cherished.



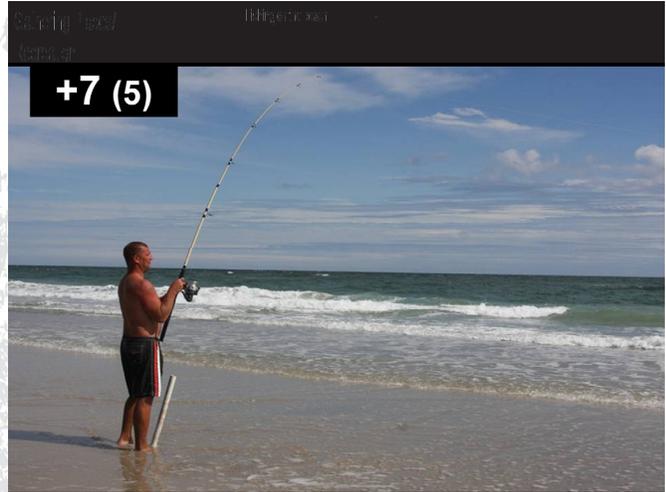
Island wide the images that show people engaged with ocean and the bay are consistently the highest rated.



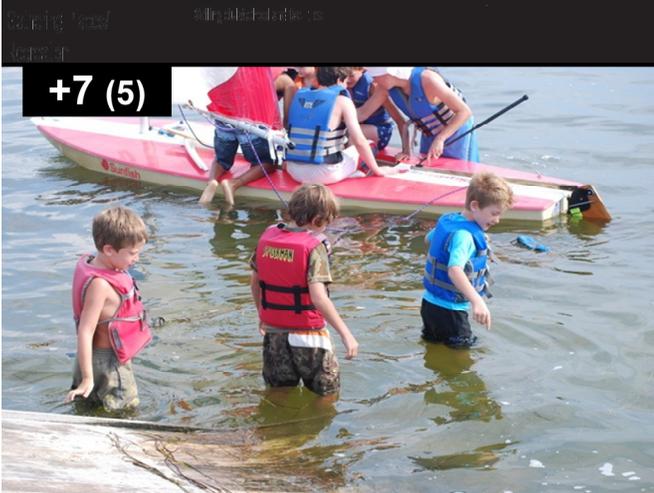
This image of clamming is another activity directly related to the water that ranked high.



As the primary means of access to the island, ferries and private boats are very important as demonstrated by the very high values consistently assigned to images of the ferries.



Activities on the beach that involve the ocean were consistently highly rated.



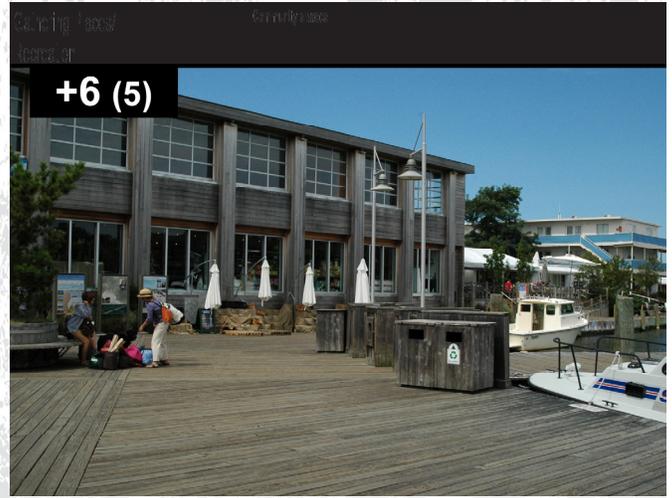
Water-based and family-oriented activities occur across the island.



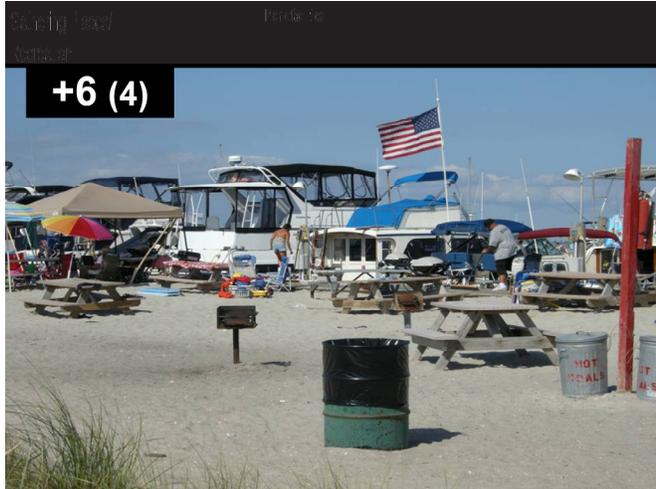
A temporary volley ball pitch on the beach.



Summer concerts and community events.



This image is a repeat from the commercial subset. As a community space its value increased from +5(5) to +6(5).



Picnic area located near boat dock.



The beach crowded with people and their gear. Houses appear behind the dune.



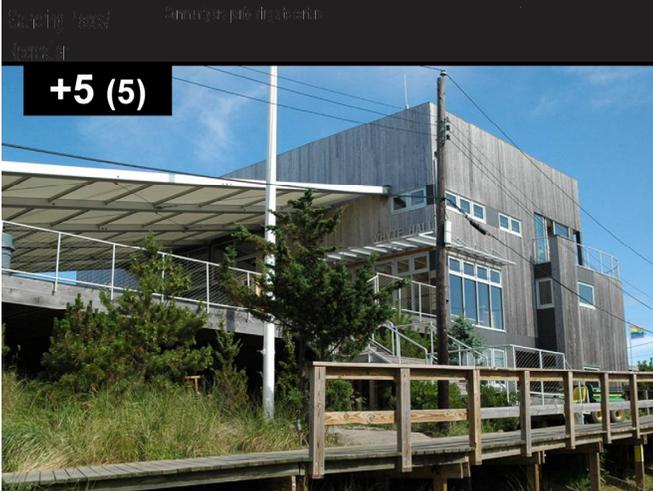
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A community bulletin board.



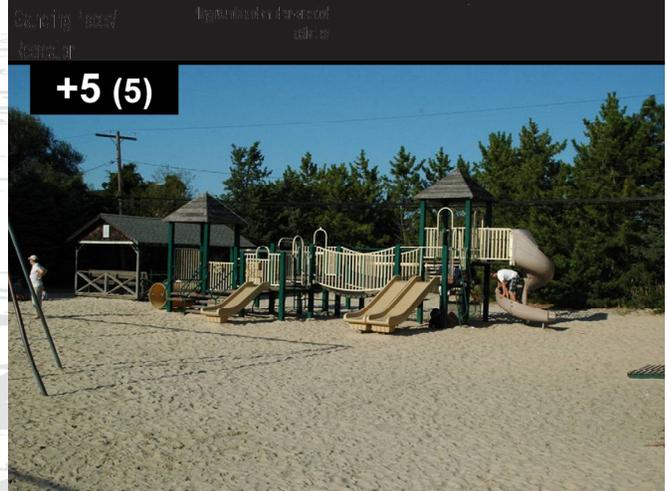
+5 (5)

This street sale is another positively rated image.



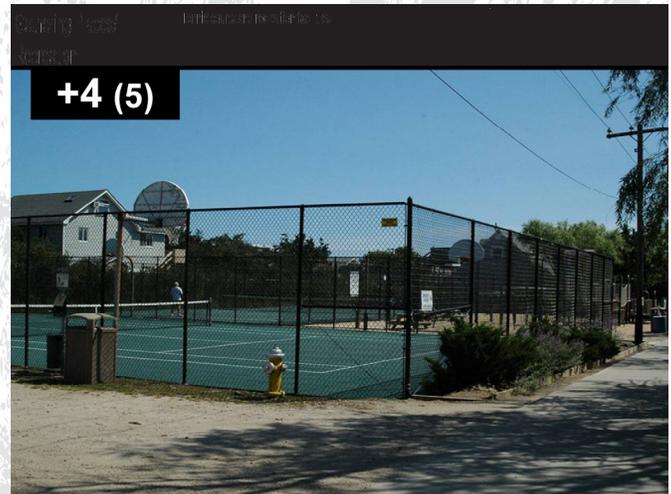
+5 (5)

The architecture of the building has many of the characteristics found in previous highly rated images. The siding is made of natural wood the windows are trimmed in white and the building is a single simple volume. The building also has a large outdoor covered space and has natural landscaping.



+5 (5)

This large playground is surrounded by large trees which mask it and create a natural perimeter. The playground equipment is also in keeping with the natural colors and blend into the environment.



This image is a repetition of a an image used in the commercial sub-set however this image is pulled back view so the image value went from +5(6) in the commercial sub-set to a +5(5) here.

The tennis and basketball courts are surrounded by chain-link fencing with no masking landscape features.

How do the following elements affect your experience on Fire Island?

54 **Nearby National Park facilities**

1	Detract from	3.8%	16
2	No effect	31.7%	133
3	Add to	58.2%	244
4	Do not experience	4.3%	18
		98.1%	411

