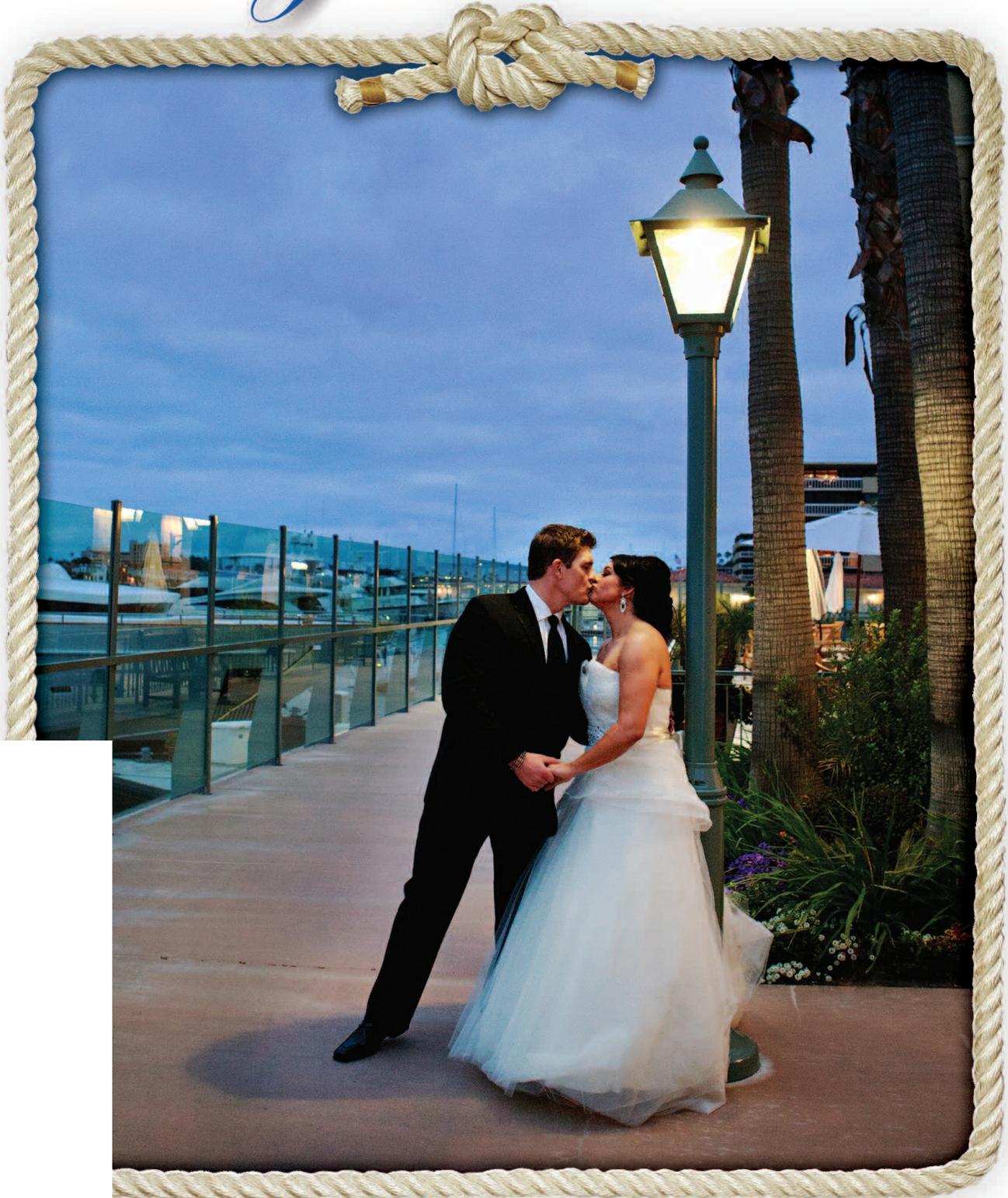


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Wedding Bliss By The Bay

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LOOKING BACK, IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT JUST THREE SHORT YEARS AGO, Natalie and Brett had met quite unexpectedly, and here they are...married. Just before her 30th birthday Brett surprised Natalie with an engagement ring, and "the rest is history" as they say. Natalie's mother Kathy sprung into action with the excitement of a proud Mom ready to plan wedding number two!

The wedding planning list was long, and Natalie's hopes of a small, intimate affair were dashed when they sat down to do first pass at the guest list. Between her large Italian family, many local friends, and the Lindley family, this was not going to be a small event. With a desire to be close to the water and boats, the list of various locations was carefully created. Out of town spots were omitted because the grandparent's were not able to travel. Although numerous properties were visited, many were eliminated due to

high costs, or the location and ambience of the ballroom.

The Balboa Bay Club & Resort was a pleasant surprise, according to Kathy Anter. They could accommodate the 330 guests, the Ballroom was perfect, it was on the water with boats sailing past, and best of all the cuisine was exceptional.

Natalie was clear with her vision of what her wedding day should be. She wanted a romantic affair, with an abundance of candles and soft lighting, colors of creams and light pink, and her bridal party in short black dresses to accompany her.



The wedding dress, a hallmark of any wedding, turned out to be the creation of Monique Lhuillier. This was the first dress she selected from a magazine and the last dress she tried on during her day of dress shopping. This was the one, and she instantly relaxed knowing this important selection had been made.

The months leading up to the wedding included a lingerie wedding shower with girlfriends, and two other showers with family members. The days prior to the wedding college buddies, friends and family gathered for a fun party at the Anter's home, and then the groomsmen played golf. With the rehearsal dinner behind them, the ceremony took place with traditional vows and service by Monsignor Lawrence Baird at St. John Vianney's Church on Balboa Island. Natalie's twin sisters were escorted by Brett's brother who was also his best man. The bridal party looked lovely and the setting was just perfect for this important ceremony. Natalie's mother used lace from her original wedding dress, and decorated Natalie's bouquet handle with that, and a Rosary.

The ceremony included an Italian reading, and Natalie wanted to include elements of Italy for this special day. Natalie and her family have dual-citizenship in Italy, and she speaks fluent Italian. She lived there for three years while training for the Olympics. She played softball for the Italian women's team when the Olympics were held in Greece in summer of 2004.



“EVERYTHING I IMAGINED CAME TRUE THAT NIGHT—CELEBRATING WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MADE FOR THE BEST TIME OF OUR LIVES. THE BALBOA BAY CLUB & RESORT WAS THE PERFECT SETTING. IT WAS THE ATMOSPHERE WE WANTED TO CREATE FOR OUR GUESTS, IT EXUDES SUCH CLASS, THE FOOD WAS AMAZING, AND THE BALLROOM TRANSFORMED INTO THE FAIRYTALE I HAD ALWAYS DREAMED OF.”

NATALIE ANTER LINDLEY – THE BRIDE

The guests arrived at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort and gathered in the Commodore Room and Terrace enjoying views of the bay and the sparkling blue water in the late afternoon sun. Appetizers and drinks were served while pictures were taken of the bride and groom. As bells rang, guests were then escorted down the hallway to the elegant Grand Ballroom. As the doors from the foyer opened, guests gasped with delight from the beauty of this spectacular room. The tables were adorned with tall candelabras and beautiful flower arrangements in soft crème and pinks. A sea of candles were aglow casting a warm soft, sparkling light in the room. The DJ Mike Carcano welcomed everyone in for the celebration.

The first dance for the bride and groom was “I’ll Be” by Edwin McCain. And after that, Natalie danced with her Father to Heartland’s “I Loved Her First”. While this song played, Natalie played a previously taped audio of her reading a letter to her Father while they danced. There was not a dry eye in the room, from what we were told.

The dinner menu included a salad of Butter Lettuce and Heirloom Beets, Warm Pistachio Crusted Goat Cheese & Smoked Chicken, and Truffle Vinaigrette. The main course was: a Grilled breast of Chicken with Lemon Beurre Blanc, topped with Boursin Cheese & Crispy Prosciutto, Mascarpone whipped potatoes and sautéed

vegetables. And for dessert, a Martini Trio of Freshly made Sorbets with Chocolate Dipped Biscotti.

A dramatic pin light spotted the cake held high on a draped table. The cake was elegantly tiered with Fondant cascading down, with delicate folds and flounces. Fresh flowers decorated the table and cake in soft pinks and cream with a large “L” initial atop. The inside had two layers, one of rich chocolate cake filled with chocolate mousse and praline crisp, and the other was white vanilla cake filled with white chocolate mousse and fresh raspberries.

The evening continued with dancing and laughter and celebration was in the air. Later in the evening the patio was opened so guests could enjoy the bar and cigars on the patio. As the cool night air settled, many of the guests and Mr. and Mrs. Lindley retired to the elegant guestrooms just upstairs. It was a blissful wedding and celebration on the bay. Who could ask for more?

The happy couple reside in Palos Verdes Estates. Natalie is a Sales Representative for Merck, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Brett works for ISU/ERG Insurance in Torrance, and graduated from University of Southern California.

Q&A

WITH WEDDING EXPERT ABBIE CONTRERAS



What is the major advantage for a bride and groom to hold their wedding at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort? Couples that hold their wedding at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort experience the luxury of personalized wedding planning, exceptional culinary creations, and unparalleled service. Couples tell us that our unique setting—right on the water—is what draws them to us. And being an intimate boutique property, the couple and their families feel that they have the support and expertise of all the staff here at the Resort.

Can The BBC&R produce a wedding that is small and intimate, as well as large and grand? The Balboa Bay Club & Resort offers intimate waterfront event rooms, accommodating anywhere from 10 to 132 guests. We also cater to those desiring a large wedding of up to 450 guests. For those fine affairs—we use our elegant Grand Ballroom adorned with crystal chandeliers, custom floral arrangements and elaborate choices in cuisine. We also have beautiful outdoor venues here. Just about anything a Bride has in mind, we can design and execute for her. That is really the fun of what I do here at the Resort.

What are the differences in producing a wedding in the hotel versus having it at one of the outside locations? Clients and their families tell us that having the wedding, and certainly the reception, right here allows their guests to travel to one location, and then relax. They can enjoy this beautiful setting, and the celebration. Weddings typically include grandparents, and some older loved ones, so having the event right here lets them navigate a smaller size resort, celebrate with everyone, and even stay here for an overnight respite.

Is there a wedding planner on staff to assist the bridal couple through the process? Yes, the couple will have a Catering Manager working with them through the planning process, and here with them the day of their wedding. There are always last minute details, and we help them through all of those things. Most couples are new to the concept of planning a wedding and there are so many details—from budgets, to protocol, table sizes, linens, and not to mention the vision of the event they have in their minds. We help them through all of those details and try to make it as fun as possible in the process.

Does the Wedding Department coordinate with outside vendors and/or suppliers for items such as linens, chairs, floral other rental items, or can an outside designer come in and plan the entire event? The Catering Manager is more than willing to place rental orders for linens, chairs, chargers, etc, as well as coordinate delivery/setup times with all vendors. Floral design and room décor typically decided by the couple, and they are free to bring in an outside designer to help design the décor and look of the various elements. The Catering Manager can then place some or all of those rental orders and then help with coordinating the delivery and set-up time. Some is dependent on when the vendors can access the room and timing.

Can BBC&R produce a complete wedding without going to outside sources? The Balboa Bay Club & Resort provides all food and beverage, as well as essential items such as tables, banquet chairs, house linen, votive candles, and dance floor. The officiate, floral décor and entertainment are not provided in-house, however we have a list of local resources that we work with and know will do a great job for our clients.

How far in advance must a couple book their special date? What is the general rule? It is recommended to book your special date a year in advance (to better ensure a specific date is available). We do, however, also book short-term as well. If the couple is flexible with dates we can accommodate them.

Is there a difference in both cost and procedure for booking on a weekday rather than a weekend? There is typically a little more flexibility in pricing and room availability on a weekday. It is a more quiet atmosphere vs. a busy weekend by the water.

Is a BBC&R wedding affordable? How do costs compare to other venues in Newport Beach? Along the coast in Orange County there are many luxury options for weddings. However, we have the ability to customize our estimates and proposals to cater to a variety of budgets. Pricing at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort is very competitive with other luxury venues.

Do members of The Balboa Bay Club & Resort receive any special consideration when booking a wedding? Members who book weddings and events at The Balboa Bay Club & Resort receive discounts on Food & Beverage, audiovisual equipment, room rental, and guest room accommodations.

Which staff members from various departments are available and working with the bridal party on the big day? On the day of their wedding, the bridal couple and their families can relax knowing that all touch-points of the Resort are here to support them and ensure everything goes smoothly. The couple will be introduced to their Banquet Captain who oversee and manage the entire event until conclusion. The Catering Manager is also here that day to assist with setup, checking in with vendors, the ceremony professional, and the grand entrance. And of course, the Chef and his team are preparing a memorable meal for all to enjoy! The Engineering Department ensures that reception room is at a comfortable temperature for wedding guests. Housekeeping makes sure the ceremony and reception area is in perfect order before the guests arrive. The Concierge is available to give recommendations of attractions and activities in the area to out-of-town wedding guests staying at the resort. The Valet department is fully staffed for the big day to ensure a warm welcome and a seamless guest arrival.

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