

Composting toilets in paradise

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When I was poking around the **Cat Island Boathouse** last weekend, I was surprised and happy to find that it uses a composting toilet in its bathroom. Ordinarily, someone in such a remote location would use a septic system and be done with it. However, The Cat Island Boathouse sits a few feet away from a pristine mangrove wetland and salt creek. No matter what anybody says, siting a septic tank anywhere near a wetland like that will have an adverse impact on both the wetland and the well that's the source for potable water at The Boathouse.



So the folks behind The Boathouse made a smart and efficient choice by installing a composting toilet. The model at The Boathouse is a **Centrex 1000**, made by **Sun-Mar**. Sun-Mar's **Centrex 1000** system uses a one pint per flush flushing mechanism that's operated by a foot pedal. That it's a flush toilet makes it seem less strange to users. Compare that single pint of water with the 1.6 gallons flushed away by a supposedly efficient, standard flush toilet and do the math. Products like the **Centrex 1000** are the future folks.



The Centrex 1000 is a model specifically designed to deal with the waste generated by a vacation home, but as you go through Sun-Mar's **website**, you'll see that they have a model for nearly any situation.



So hats off to The Cat Island Boathouse and three cheers for **Sun-Mar**.

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