Tournament Fact Sheet

The RSM Classic (PGA TOUR)

Sea Island Resort (Seaside & Plantation) • St. Simons Island, Ga. • Nov. 19-22, 2026

Director of Agronomy

Dylan Stafford, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 19
Years at Sea Island: 11
Years as a Superintendent: 9
Previous Courses: Ocean Forest, Eagle Landing, TPC Sawgrass
Hometown: Jesup, Ga.
Education: Western Kentucky University
Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be Stafford's 10th RSM Classic.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Dan Blenkinsop, GCSAA, Seaside Superintendent

Josh Rumbaugh, GCSAA, Plantation Superintendent

Seaside Assistant Superintendent: Charles Berryman
Plantation Assistant Superintendent: Hayden Arnold
Equipment Manager: Dan Beckum
Director of Golf: Brannen Veal

Course Architect

Harry Colt and Charles Alison (1929)
Renovation: Tom Fazio (1999), Davis Love III (2026)

Seaside Notable

• Seaside underwent refurbish/re-grassing. All new irrigation, bunkers, and drainage. Very little dirt was moved.
• Seaside moved hole 15 green to the right about 10 yards and hole 10 green back about 25 yards. Both greens maintained their original shape and contours.
• Greens at Seaside were re-grassed with TifEagle and approaches, tees, fairways and roughs were all converted to Platinum Paspalum.
• Seaside added back tees to holes 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 16 which added approximately 150 yards.
• No changes were made to the Plantation course.

Seaside Course

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70
Yardage: 7,005

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass
Collars: Platinum paspalum
Approaches: Platinum paspalum
Tees: Platinum paspalum
Fairways: Platinum paspalum
Rough: Platinum paspalum

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,200 sq. ft.
Acres of Fairway: 25
Acres of Rough: 55
Number of Sand Bunkers: 47 (133,500 sq. ft.)
Number of Water Hazards: 14
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 13
Soil Conditions: Heavy
Water Sources: Holding pond
Drainage: Good
Average Fairway Widths: 47 yards

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Plantation Course

Course Architect
Walter Travis (1928)
Renovation: Davis Love III (2019)

Tournament Setup
Par: 36-36--72
Yardage: 7,060

Turfgrass
Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass
Fairways: Platinum paspalum
Rough: TifTuf bermudagrass

Course Statistics
Average Green Size: 6,100 sq. ft.
Acres of Fairway: 32
Acres of Rough: 50
Number of Sand Bunkers: 81
Number of Water Hazards: 10
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 10
Soil Conditions: Medium-Heavy
Water Sources: Holding pond
Drainage: Good
Average Fairway Widths: 43 yards

Plantation Notable
• No changes were made to the Plantation course.
• In 2022, a new waste area was added to the right side of No. 13 fairway.

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