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**ST MICHAELS HARBOUR INN, MARINA & SPA
UNVEILS PLANS FOR NEW RESTAURANT**

March 31, 2005 – ST MICHAELS, MD -- Bob Pascal, owner of St Michaels, Harbour Inn, Marina & Spa (SMHI), announced today that the owners of Gourmet by the Bay, a local catering company and gourmet shop, will be taking over the food and beverage operations at the hotel. Sole proprietors Jim and Sidney Trond established Gourmet by the Bay, located on Talbot Street in St Michaels, in 2001.

The new restaurant, *Shore*, will eventually occupy the spaces currently used by both *Harbour Lights* and *Pascal's Tavern*. The restaurant will become one, with a full dining experience offered upstairs and a bar and lounge menu offered downstairs. Outside dining will continue to be offered through the downstairs bar and lounge.

Shore will provide customers with a contemporary, yet casual dining experience. As Executive Chef, Jim will use his formal training in Nantucket, MA, and St Marten, B.V.I., to create unique and exciting dishes focusing heavily on local, as well as exotic seafood. Sidney, a former restaurant manager, aims to create a relaxed atmosphere that compliments the food by offering great service and an interesting and comprehensive wine list.

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According to SMHI General Manager Bruce Wise, this [partnership] is a natural extension of the changes currently being made at the hotel. “We’ve been working for several years to upgrade the hotel and expand the services and amenities we offer our out-of-town guests, as well as our local clientele. The addition of our full-service spa in 2004 began the renovations. The restaurant space was in great need of a face lift and a fresh perspective. Jim and Sidney have created a reputation for Gourmet by the Bay that Mr. Pascal and I felt could enhance any guest’s experience here. We think this will be a great fit for the Inn, and I am personally delighted to have them occupy the space.”

Plans are underway for a mid-April opening, just in time for the 3rd annual St Michaels Food & Wine Festival, April 28th – May 1st. *Shore* is delighted to welcome Chef Doug Shook of *Louie’s Backyard* in Key West, FL, as Jim’s guest chef during the Festival.

St Michaels Harbour Inn, Marina & Spa is a destination resort comprising 46 spectacular waterfront suites and guest rooms, a 50-slip transient marina, harbor-side pool, conference and banqueting facilities, and the full-service, Spa at Harbour Inn. Contemporary, casual dining is offered on site through *Shore Restaurant*. Located in St Michaels, MD, a quaint waterfront village on the Eastern Shore, the Inn is a leisurely drive from Washington, DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Richmond and New York City.

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