

South Hampton

Long association with the smart set has left

SOUTHAMPTON

unashamedly upper class. Its streets are lined with galleries and clothing and jewelry stores, but the nearby beaches are superb. The visitor center at 76 Main St (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat & Sun 11am-4pm; tel 631/283-0402,) has lists of

B&Bs

, such as the

Mainstay

, 579 Hill St (tel 631/283-4375; \$100-130). You can get marvelous fresh seafood in a number of restaurants

, notably

Barrister's

at 36 Main St (tel 631/283-6206) and the venerable

Southampton Publick House

at 40 Bowden Square (tel 631/283-2800), which operated during

Prohibition as "Mrs Cavanaugh's Speakeasy." Relatively casual nightspots

like

Southampton Tavern

on Tuckahoe Lane nestle next to impossibly upscale clubs, like

Jet East

on North Sea Road where super-rich regulars shell out hundreds of dollars to reserve Saturday night tables. The latest addition to the

velvet-roped ranks of chic bars is Conscience Point

, nearby on North Sea Road. It's owned by the same team as

Jet East

and features much the same crowd.