## IPJI's positon on the Westin's beach services:

- ♣ Private motorized vehicles should <u>not</u> be allowed to operate on Jekyll's beach, particularly for the purpose of conducting a for-profit commercial venture.
- ♣ Private vehicular traffic will negatively impact the ambiance of Jekyll's central beach, inconvenience beachgoers along the vehicle's route, and set a disturbing precedent.
- ♣ If the Westin wants to rent beach amenities, it should do so off the beach and store them on the Westin's leased property.
- ♣ The amenities should be transported from the Westin to the beach by hand-cart on the dune crossover at the Westin, which consists of a short, gently sloping ramp.



♣ According to state law, any activity within the jurisdictional area of the Shore Protection Act is subject to public review and requires a permit from the Shore Protection Committee. No such permit was sought by the Westin. Instead, a Letter of Permission (LOP) was obtained from the Department of Natural Resources. LOPs were not intended to be used for this purpose.

The JIA has approved the Westin's motorized beach services on a one-year trial basis. If you have an opinion on the Westin's beach services, **please take part in a brief survey** on this issue by <u>clicking here</u>. We will, in turn, share your views with the JIA board.

If there is significant public concern over the Westin's motorized beach services, the JIA might discontinue it after this year's trial run.

To read letters to the editor regarding the Westin's beach services, click on the following links:

- ↓ Letter to The Islander by David Egan, Co-director IPJI
- Letter to Jekyll's Golden Islander by David Kyler, Executive Director, Center for a Sustainable Coast

For additional information on the Westin's beach services project and public response to it, go to www.savejekyllisland.org.



