



The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay

Sandals Emerald Bay GC | Great Exuma, Bahamas | January 13-16, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Sandals Emerald Bay Golf Course (Par 72 / 7,001 yards)

Course Designer: Greg Norman

Purse: \$600,000 (Winner: \$108,000)

Golf Channel Coverage: Sunday: 2-5 p.m. ET | Monday: 2-5 p.m. ET | Tuesday: 2-5 p.m. ET | Wednesday: 1:30-4:30 p.m. ET

Field Overview (as of January 10)

- 38 Web.com Tour winners with 52 career victories
- Five PGA TOUR winners with 12 career victories
- 17 players making their debut on the Web.com Tour
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Past Champions

Each of the two past champions of The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay have gone on to earn their PGA TOUR card for the following year. In 2017, Kyle Thompson went on to post two more runner-up finishes (Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS and the KC Golf Classic) and finish 13th in “The 25.” Last year, Sungjae Im followed up his victory with a runner-up in Abaco to take a strong lead on top of the money list. Im would never relinquish the lead, and in doing so became the first player in Web.com Tour history to lead the Regular Season money list wire-to-wire (27 weeks). Im was later named Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year for the 2018 season.

Tournament History

Entering its third year, The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay has traditionally dealt with challenging conditions. In 2017, tournament conditions were some of the toughest in the history of the Web.com Tour. The cut-line of 11-over par was the highest in Web.com Tour history, and the champion, Kyle Thompson (-2), was the only player to finish under par with wind and rain being a major factor. The par-4 12th hole played as the toughest in Web.com Tour history over the course of a tournament with a scoring average of 5.008, and the course was the toughest on Tour in 2017 by almost two strokes. In 2018, rain persisted but conditions lightened up as Sungjae Im won his first career start by four strokes at 13-under par. Sandals Emerald Bay was rated as the third toughest course on Tour during the 2018 season, while the par-4 12th came in as the seventh toughest hole on Tour in 2018 (4.381).

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Sungjae Im	69-69-72-65 — 275	-13	4
2017	Kyle Thompson	76-70-70-70 — 286	-2	2

By the Numbers: Sandals Emerald Bay Golf Course

Hardest hole (2018): No. 12 (par 4, 435 yards) – 4.381 average, 33 birdies, 40 double bogeys or worse

Easiest hole (2018): No. 1 (par 5, 532 yards) – 4.491 average, 21 eagles, 226 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 65 (-7), 2018 – Sungjae Im – Final Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 275 (-13), 2018 – Sungjae Im

Chase for The 25

With the 2019 season opening this week in Exuma, all eyes turn to the new Web.com Tour points system. Replacing the Regular Season money list as the system to ascend to earn one of the 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the end of the Regular Season in Portland. At the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, the top-25 point earners will earn their PGA TOUR cards. Additionally, the top-75 players in Web.com Tour points (plus ties) will be eligible to play in the Web.com Tour Finals.

About the Web.com Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Web.com Tour continues to identify those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. Web.com became the Tour's umbrella sponsor on June 27, 2012, with a 10-year agreement in place through 2021. In 2013, the Web.com Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Web.com Tour and the season culminating at the three-event Web.com Tour Finals. This season marks the 30th year of competition on the Web.com Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Web.com Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 23 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Web.com Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, or follow the Tour on social media via Twitter ([@WebDotComTour](https://twitter.com/WebDotComTour)), Facebook (facebook.com/WebDotComTour) and Instagram (Instagram.com/WebDotComTour).