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Samoset Resort Earns “RCI Gold Crown” Honors

Rockport ME (December 14, 2004) -- RCI, the global leader in vacation property exchange travel, has awarded its prestigious RCI Gold Crown resort designation to the Samoset Resort.

Only a select few RCI resorts are recognized each year as RCI Gold Crown resorts. According to the announcement received by the Samoset, Gold Crown resorts are judged by the most stringent standards in the vacation ownership industry and are those resorts that “have attained the highest level of excellence in resort accommodations, hospitality and vacation enjoyment by timeshare owners.”

Dave Pontius, president and CEO of RCI North America, a subsidiary of Cendant Corporation, provider of travel and real estate services, congratulated the Samoset saying, “RCI’s Resort Recognition program ensures that affiliate resorts adhere to the highest standards of product quality and service delivery. To honor those who have attained this designation is a unique pleasure.”

“There are more than 3,700 RCI-affiliated vacation ownership resorts around the world, with over three million members,” said Connie Russell, General Manager of the Samoset. “For our timeshare condominiums at the resort to be recognized as among the prestigious few RCI Gold Crown resorts is an honor and privilege the entire resort team recognizes and one from which all of our guests, timeshare owners and resort visitors alike, ultimately benefit.”

The Samoset Resort offers 72 RCI Gold Crown award-winning time-share condominiums, all with private balconies or patios, and spectacular ocean views. One bedroom condominiums feature a kitchen area with microwave oven, dining/living area with sofa bed, master suite and full bathroom. Some units feature a whirlpool. Two bedroom, ocean view condominiums feature a kitchen area with microwave oven, dining/living area with sofa bed, master suite and bathroom with a whirlpool. The second bedroom includes two twin beds and a bathroom. For reservations call 1-800-341-1650. For timeshare sales information, call 207-593-1508 or email info@samoset.com.

The **Samoset Resort** in Rockport is a AAA Four Diamond award winning year-round resort. Perched on the edge of Penobscot Bay, Samoset overlooks the Rockland breakwater and lighthouse. In summer golfers play on the course *Golf Digest* named one of the “ten most aesthetic” in America, as the Rockland windjammer fleet sails by. In late Winter and early Spring, visitors enjoy those dramatic water views from their luxuriously-appointed guestrooms, the state of the art Health Club and indoor pool, crackling fires in the dramatic grand lobby, and intimate dining in the AAA Four Diamond designated Marcel's Restaurant with its *Wine Spectator* award-winning wine list (and a fabulous Sunday brunch.)