



## The Landing

**Location:**  
Charlevoix, MI

**Application:**  
Restaurant

**Install Type:**  
Retrofit

**Products:**  
Wide Style Monumental Aluminum Doors (SL-15)  
Split Finish: Rustic Wood Grain Hybrid FRP Door/Sandstone  
Texture Hybrid FRP Door (SL-19/SL-20)  
Rustic Wood Grain Hybrid FRP Door (SL-19)  
SpecLite 3® FRP Bathroom Partitions  
Perimeter Frame



### Overview

The Landing Waterfront Restaurant, located on the shore of Lake Charlevoix in Northern Michigan, needed doors that could match the aesthetic of the picturesque community while enduring the challenges of a high-moisture environment and heavy foot traffic. Owner Preston Parish aimed to create an inviting community space where every detail, down to the doors, contributed to the overall guest experience.

### Challenge

Designing a restaurant entrance that balances beauty with durability is no small task. The main doors had to complement the restaurant's atmosphere while being robust enough to endure frequent use, exposure to moisture, and the demands of a busy environment. Additionally, side entrances and service doors needed to be practical, low-maintenance, and capable of withstanding rigorous use without compromising style.



## Solution

To achieve these goals, The Landing chose Special-Lite's commercial doors, including painted white Monumental Aluminum Stile and Rail Doors for the main entrance and matching aluminum doors for side entrances. Parish selected Wood Grain Hybrid FRP Doors with an oak stain finish for the restrooms, offering the warmth of real wood with superior durability. Special-Lite also customized corrosion-resistant FRP bathroom doors with an engraved plank design for a beachy feel and installed easy-to-clean, graffiti-resistant bathroom partitions.

"We knew that the location near the water with the humidity could be corrosive and harsh on the building products we used. We also believed the level of activity we generated would place a significant demand on the architecture and facility. These reasons are exactly why we chose Special-Lite for our building entrances and other framing and partitioning solutions," Parish explained.

## Outcome

The doors at The Landing enhance the restaurant's coastal charm and meet the functional demands of a busy, high-moisture environment. With corrosion-resistant materials, low-maintenance features, and customized designs, Special-Lite's solutions contribute to a welcoming atmosphere while maintaining performance and durability. The Landing continues to be a popular destination for locals and tourists alike. Every visitor is greeted by doors that embody the restaurant's commitment to quality and style. If you visit, either by car or boat, consider the Lobster Roll!



