“**Where to Live in the Philadelphia Region if You’d Love to Live on the Water**

From creeks to rivers to bays to the ocean, this region has what you want in waterside living. Here are 10 communities to check out.”



Panoramic view of the Central Delaware riverfront; Piers 3 and 5 are in the center / Photograph by drnadig via Getty Images

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**Central Delaware riverfront**

The Delaware is mainly a working river, but the way it works is different than it was in the 1920s, when most of the municipal piers along the central Delaware riverfront were built. The cargo ships that once docked at those piers now load and unload shipping containers at two large terminals, one in South Philly and the other in the River Wards.

That left those finger piers empty until building recyclers got their hands on them. Two, Piers 3 and 5, now contain condominiums with balconies that look out on the river just north of Penn’s Landing. If you want to bring a boat with you, a marina sits next to Pier 5.

To Penn’s Landing’s south, The Residences at Dockside offer rental apartments in a building that resembles a cruise ship.

A little further north on Columbus Boulevard (which becomes Delaware Avenue at Spring Garden Street), the Waterfront Square condominium complex offers high-rise living next to the river. And further up, in the River Wards, two new developments offer their own twist on waterfront living. The Battery, a former PECO generating station, now contains apartments, a function hall, offices and a hotel next to Penn Treaty Park in Fishtown. And the 900-unit Northbank community offers townhouses, condos and apartments near the Girard Avenue interchange on I-95 in Port Richmond.”