

Jerry & The Mermaid

By Sidney Scott

A visit to Riverhead would not be complete without a stop at Jerry & The Mermaid, seaside clam bar and grill. Established in 1993, customers have been flocking to this casual seaside eatery for its top-notch fare, indoor and outdoor dining and fun atmosphere.

According to the Owner Jerry Dicecco Sr., "I have been a seafood lover and I thought that Riverhead's Treasure Cove Marina would be the perfect place to open a casual seafood restaurant. After being here for 16 years, it seems my hunch was correct."

Jerry says one of the secrets to his success in the fickle restaurant business is that he serves only the finest quality products to his customers. "I believe you always have to start with the best ingredients. I serve the best wines and offer dishes made with local produce. I spent time cooking in Italy and learned you have to cook with what is around you and what is in season," he said.

In this past year, Jerry's son, Jerry Jr., has taken over the reigns of this eatery, from his father. Jerry Jr. has been busy enhancing the menu, as well as the décor. "We have a new padio, right

out in front!" said Jerry Jr. "It's all ready for the summer!"

The eclectic menu offers a range of options with starters such as Clams or Oysters on the half shell; Shrimp Cocktail; Prince Edward Island Mussels; Maryland Crabcakes; and hot soups such as the Seafood Bisque. In addition, signature dishes include Jerry's Famous Buffalo Wings and the Jerry's Marinated Burger topped with crispy fried onions. Jerry's also offers an assortment of fresh, house-breaded fried boats, including jumbo shrimp, bay scallops and fish and chips.

Other house specialties include pasta dishes such as the Rigatoni Al Vodka with Mushrooms and the Linguini with Clam Sauce. Seafood showstoppers include the Pignoli Nut Crusted Grouper; the Sesame-Crusted Ahi Tuna with a Ginger Soy Glaze; and Pan Roasted Fillet of Salmon with a Wasabi Aioli Crustâ.

In addition to its popular seafood dishes, Jerry & The Mermaid presents many other enticing items, including the Flat Iron Steak.

Jerry says loyal patrons often tell him that they love coming to his establishment for the food but also for the



friendly service. "Whether a quick lunch or a leisurely dinner, I promise you that my crew will provide you with prompt, courteous service that we're sure will reel you back to us again and again." Jerry mentions that Jerry & The Mermaid is next to Atlantis Marine World, adding, "We have a casual family friendly atmosphere that is good for bringing your children in to enjoy, after a trip to the aquarium."

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Open seven days for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Late night dining and karaoke on Friday and Saturday, from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
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