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DINING GUIDE

Barnacle Billy's, known for luxury lobster, steamed clams, large luscious drinks, barbecued chicken, homemade clam chowder & of course, the lobster roll & lobster stew. Features extensive indoor & sundeck seating where guests can enjoy both the beauty of the harbor & the ocean beyond. Perkins Cove, Ogunquit, 646-5575, barnbilly.com

Bayside American Café (formerly Bintliff's) has been owned and run by Joe & Diane Catoggio since 2003. Their craveable menu includes simple to decadently delicious items like house-made smoked salmon, corned beef hash, crab cakes, sandwiches, salads, Benedicts, and more. Come enjoy the food and drinks, and discover why customers love Bayside American Café. Breakfast, brunch, and lunch are served daily starting at 7am. 774-0005. 98 Portland St., Portland, baysideamericancafe.com.

Bueno Loco offers a unique Mexican experience in Falmouth. We use only the freshest ingredients and make the best house-infused margaritas! Open daily for lunch and dinner. Happy hour 4-6 pm. Live music Thursdays 6-9 pm. Kids' menu. Dine in or take out. Plenty of free parking! View our full menu at buenoloco.net. 240 U.S. Rt. 1, Falmouth, 619-7057.

Bruno's Voted Portland's Best Italian Restaurant by Market Surveys of America, Bruno's offers a delicious variety of classic Italian, American, and seafood dishes—and they make all of their pasta in-house. Great sandwiches, pizza, calzones, soups, chowders, and salads. Enjoy lunch or dinner in the dining room or the Tavern. Casual dining at its best. 33 Allen Ave., 878-9511.

Bull Feeney's Authentic Irish pub & restaurant, serving delicious from-scratch sandwiches, steaks, seafood & hearty Irish fare, pouring local craft & premium imported brews, as well as Maine's most extensive selection of single malt Scotch & Irish whiskeys. Live music five nights. Open 7 days, 11:30am-1am. Kitchen closes at 10pm. 375 Fore St., Old Port, 773-7210, bullfeeneys.com

Crooners & Cocktails Dine in style surrounded by the sounds of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin at Portland's only supper club throwback. Enjoy a high energy atmosphere with traditional American cuisine, classic cocktails, and great music celebrating a classic era. We are open 6 days a week for dinner Tues.-Sat. 4pm-1am and Sunday brunch 10am-4pm. 90 Exchange St., Portland. 536-0469, croonersandcocktails.com

DiMillo's If you haven't tried our Head Chef Melissa Bouchard's fabulous dishes, maybe it's time you stopped in to DiMillo's to taste what you've been missing! Happy Hour is from 4 to 7pm, Monday thru Friday in our Port Side Lounge, Portland's getaway for grown-ups. Open every day at 11am, Commercial St., Old Port, 772-2216. Always FREE PARKING while aboard.

El Rodeo, an incredibly authentic Mexican Restaurant and Bar, is locally-owned and family-operated at their convenient South Portland location. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Tableside guacamole, sizzling fajitas, delicious margaritas, and live Latin music are to be enjoyed. See Facebook for daily specials. 147 Western Ave., South Portland, 773-8851

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food in the middle of the Old Port. The perfect spot for meetings, special occasions, and a cocktail. Ingredients from Maine's waters and farms: jumbo scallops, natural, sustainable pork, beef, fish, and shellfish, and Maine lobster. Home to the annual Ice Bar, Eve's garden is perfect for outdoor dining in season. Happy Hour Mon. - Fri.; free valet parking. Lunch 11:30am-2pm, Dinner 5-9:30 pm. 468 Fore St., Portland, 775-9090, evesatthegarden.com

Kon Asian Bistro Steakhouse & Sushi Bar is upscale Asian with modern flair. Japanese, Sushi, Thai, Chinese—or try our hibachi tables. Our private party room accommodates groups from business meetings to birthday parties. Choose fresh, delicious items and enjoy our entertaining chefs preparing your meal in front of you. Family friendly; open Mon.-Thurs. 11:30am-10pm, Fri. to 11pm, Sat. 1pm-11:00pm, Sun. 11:30am-9:30pm. 874-0000, konasianbistrome.com

Maria's Ristorante is Portland's original classic Italian Restaurant. Greg and Tony Napolitano are always in house preparing classics like Zuppa de Pesce, Eggplant Parmigian, Grilled Veal Sausages, Veal Chop Milanese, homemade cavatelli pastas, Pistachio Gelato, Limoncello Cake, and Maine's Best Meatballs. Prices \$11.95 - \$22.95. Tue.-Sat. starting at 5pm. Catering always available. 337 Cumberland Ave. 772-9232, mariasrestaurant.com

Pedro's focuses on simple yet full-flavored Mexican and Latino food. Offering tacos, burritos and an impressive array of margaritas, sangria, beer, and wine. *Especiales de la semana* (specials of the week) keep the menu varied and fresh and showcase different Latino cultures. Seasonal outdoor dining available. Open daily, 12pm-10pm. 181 Port Rd., Kennebunk, 967-5544, pedrosmaine.com

Pier 77 & The Ramp Bar & Grill are owned & managed by Kate & Chef Peter Morency. Pier 77 has a formal dining room with stunning views of Cape Porpoise Harbor & live music each weekend, while the Ramp is more casual, with its own bar menu at hard-to-beat prices. Open year-round. 77 Pier Rd., Kennebunkport, 967-8500, pier77restaurant.com *

Rivalries Sports Pub & Grill An upscale sports bar serving creative pub food in a fun and comfortable atmosphere. Known for some of Portland's best casual food, Rivalries' menu has something for everyone. And with 30+ HD TVs and every major pro and college sports package, you won't miss a game! Conveniently located in Portland's Historic Old Port District. 774-6044, rivalriesmaine.com

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Lake Pride

This new attraction near Highland Lake is a sign of the times.

Arriving at Lenny's, we see the long-dark Hawkes Plaza 13-foot sign suddenly stunning the night with fresh neon, featuring the same legendary TV repairman—toting a lunchbox in place of his tool kit—that has graced this stretch of Route 302 in Westbrook for more than 50 years. The more things stay the same, the more they change.

"I bought a historic sign—the building came with it," says Bill Umbel of Portland's former Empire Dine and Dance fame, who bought the property from music legend Al Hawkes. Local guitar hero Lenny Breau recorded on Hawkes's Event Records label at this very site. Breau went on to fame in 1960s and 1970s as a genre-crossing guitar stylist and protégé of Chet Atkins. Breau's mysterious murder in Los Angeles in 1984 at age 43 remains unsolved.

Lenny's boasts a generous 30-foot bar, dining space for 75, and a performance stage. Brews include Rising Tide, Allagash, Baxter, Geary's, and Foundation (\$3-\$6.50). We begin with our newest fave, the hoppy Baxter Stowaway IPA draft (\$5).

Starters range from Devilish Eggs (\$7) to Classic Wings (\$10) to Artichoke & Spinach Dip—with artichoke hearts, spinach, garlic, parmesan and asiago cheese, warm with crostini (\$10). The Tortilla Chips and Gua-

camole are \$8.

We begin with "The Wedge" (\$7), fresh iceberg lettuce triangulated and sprinkled with very fine bacon crumbles, blue cheese, delightful pickled red onions, good quality cherry tomatoes, and toasted pine nuts. I order a side of luscious blue cheese dressing.

The kitchen's out of the Smokey Bacon Corn Chowder, but the replacement Roasted Cauliflower (\$5) is delicious. The Lenny's Burger (\$10) is just right—medium rare, eight ounces of sweet, tender beef with lettuce, onion, cheese, and tomato on a gloriously grilled challah bun. Sides are a choice of french fries, potato salad, coleslaw, or house pickles and onions.

It doesn't get much better than my exquisite grilled salmon (\$17) with lemon, tarra-
gon, and mustard sauce. A harmony of sweet and savory, its flavors are nicely balanced with garlic mashed potatoes and succulent sautéed fresh spinach leaves.

Full of music memorabilia, Lenny's is like its namesake, blending the best and doing something new, lively, and not easily categorized. It calls to summer traffic, just like the sign. Tonight, Al Hawkes himself (now 84) is here in his big red cowboy hat. Happy trails. ■



Lennys, 1274 R. 302, Westbrook. Wed.-Sat., 3:30-10 p.m. liveatlennys.com 591-08117