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DINING GUIDE

**Anthony's Italian Kitchen**, offers homemade Italian cooking using the freshest ingredients, featuring favorites such as pizza, pasta, and sandwiches. Voted "Best in Portland" for three years. Dine-in and catering services on offer. Beer and wine available. Open 11-8 Mon. through Sat. 151 Middle St #5, Portland; and new location Cumberland County Courthouse, 205 Newbury St. anthonyitaliankitchen.com, 774-8668.

**Bayside American Café** (formerly Bintliff's) owned and run by Joe & Diane Catoggio since 2003. The menu includes delicious items like house-made smoked salmon, corned beef hash, crab cakes, sandwiches, salads, Benedicts, and more. Come and discover why customers love Bayside American Café. Breakfast, brunch, and lunch are served daily starting at 7 a.m. 98 Portland St., Portland, 774-0005 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 p.m.. 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, 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m. Kitchen closes at 10 p.m. 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 our supper club throwback. Enjoy traditional American cuisine, classic cocktails, and great music celebrating a classic era. Open 6 days a week for dinner Tues.-Sat. 4 p.m.-1 a.m. and Sunday brunch 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 90 Exchange St., Portland. 536-0469, croonersandcocktails.com.

**DiMillo's** Now through December, relax and enjoy Head Chef Melissa Bouchard's masterful creations. Every day, she offers something new and delicious. Try our Early Dinner Specials, Monday-Friday or our wonderful Port Side Lounge, Portland's getaway for grown-ups. Happy Hour includes special menu Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m. Open daily at 11 a.m., Commercial St., Old Port. Always FREE PARKING while aboard. 772-2216.

**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

**Eve's at the Garden**, an oasis of calm and great food in the Old Port. Perfect for meetings and special occasions. Ingredients from Maine's waters and farms. The seasonal Ice Bar is ideal for outdoor dining. Happy Hour Mon. - Fri.; free valet parking. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Dinner 5-9:30 p.m. 468 Fore St., Portland, 775-9090, evesatthegarden.com

**Hurricane Restaurant** Enjoy New England cuisine with a modern twist, local seafood, full bar, award-winning wine list. In-house desert chef, river views. Sunday Brunch with make-your-own Bloody Mary bar. Entertainment Saturday nights. Celebrating our 25th year! Good restaurants

come and go, great restaurants get better and better. Open 7 days. 29 Dock Sq., Kennebunkport, 207-967-9111, hurricanerestaurant.com

**J's Oyster** is a premier seafood destination and locals' favorite with indoor and outdoor waterfront seating on one of Portland's scenic piers. Established in 1977, J's offers classic favorites and friendly service. Coastal Living claimed J's one of "America's Best Seafood Dives 2016." Find us on Facebook. 772-4828

**Kon Asian Bistro** Steakhouse & Sushi Bar serves Asian cuisine with modern flair. Japanese, Sushi, Thai, Chinese, or hibachi tables. Private party rooms accommodates groups from business meetings to birthday parties. Choose fresh, delicious items prepared before your table. Family friendly; open Mon.-Thurs. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. to 11 p.m., Sat. 1 p.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. 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 5 p.m. 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, 12 p.m. - 10 p.m. 181 Port Rd., Kennebunk, 967-5544, pedrosmaine.com.

**Pier 77 & The Ramp Bar & Grill** 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! Located in Portland's historic Old Port. 774-6044, rivalriesmaine.com

**Solo Italiano** Traditional northern Italian cuisine mixes Maine freshness with Genoese flavor from international chef Paolo Laboa. Enjoy the crudo bar or the daily changing menu. Included in *Food & Wine Magazine's* 2016 "What to Do in Portland, ME." Open daily 5 p.m.-10 p.m. 100 Commercial Street Portland, 780-0227, soloitalianorestaurant.com

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

# [Dining] Room with a View

M.C. Perkins pairs tableside Atlantic vistas with gourmet excitement at Perkins Cove.

BY DIANE HUDSON

**W**E SAVOR THE colors of the setting sun over Perkins Cove in Ogunquit from our table in **M.C. Perkins**, hailed by *USA Today* as one of the "Top ten places in the world with a view."

We begin with Prosciutto di Parma (\$17), delivered to the table by co-chef/owner and James Beard Award winner Clark Frasier. The saltiness of the meat is delicately balanced with the sweetness of caramelized pears, tangy orange syrup, and a handful of fresh mint leaves. On Frasier's recommendation, we also opt for the Maine mussels dish (\$15.50). Garlic, fire-roasted red onions, and fried shallots mingle with the fresh shellfish in a velvety cream broth. The accompanying basket of home-baked bread proves ideal for dipping into the rich soup. We'll return here for this dish alone.

The drinks list is extensive and varied. A Tom Collins cocktail tempts, but we choose a pour of the ubiquitous Baxter Stowaway IPA (\$6) and a glass of Chalone California Chardonnay (\$11).

The duck confit with fragrant jasmine rice (\$33) leaps from the entrée list. We are not disappointed. The duck arrives smothered in a rich, dark gravy. Bing cherries add a sharp sweetness to the sauce that proves a perfect match to the meat. My partner selects the slow-braised lamb *osso bucco* (\$28)

drizzled with basil pesto and fresh gazpacho. The meat is cooked to a melt-in-the-mouth tenderness that is perfectly complemented by the zesty sauce.

We linger over the array of wickedly indulgent sides entitled "Evil Carbos," lusting after the onion rings, corn custard, French fries, jasmine rice, and Cheddar cheese



mashed potato. Instead, we opt for sautéed spinach and garlic from the "Virtuous Vegetables" list (\$8.50 each).

We finish by plunging our spoons into a raspberry trifle (\$9.50) with crème de cassis and raspberry whipped cream as darkness deepens over the sea. A fitting finale to a memorable dining experience. ■

M.C. Perkins, 111 Perkins Cove Road, Ogunquit. Mon. to Sun. 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. 646-6263. markandclarkrestaurants.com