

Dining scene: Old favorite returns to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

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Mulligan's Beach House

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This casual seafood chain is back in town 10 years after owner George Hart closed his original location here.

"We left in 2004 when motels and hotels were being torn down and the real-estate market was bombing, and felt it was time to concentrate up north in Vero and Jensen Beach," he says. "Now we feel Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is on the rise and booming, and we are thrilled to be back."

This sixth outpost features usual seafood dishes, sandwiches, pastas and traditional breakfast. Favorites are monster fish fry (\$13.95), fried Thai-ginger wrap with rare ahi tuna (\$18.95), grilled chicken gorgonzola salad (\$13.95) and six renditions of eggs Benedict (\$10.95-\$14.95), such as smoked salmon or fried chicken.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily amid a Key West setting with an indoor/outdoor bar, palm trees, dolphin statues and beach-themed glass artwork. Entertainment, such as face painting, is featured most nights.

"It's one of the only beachside restaurants that cater exclusively to families, children and all ages from 8 to 80," says Hart, who is a father himself. "In the next 10 years, we hope to expand Mulligan's to as many great Florida beaches as possible."



Fried Thai-ginger wrap with rare ahi tuna, called crispy tuna roll on the menu, is a favorite at the new Mulligan's Beach House in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.