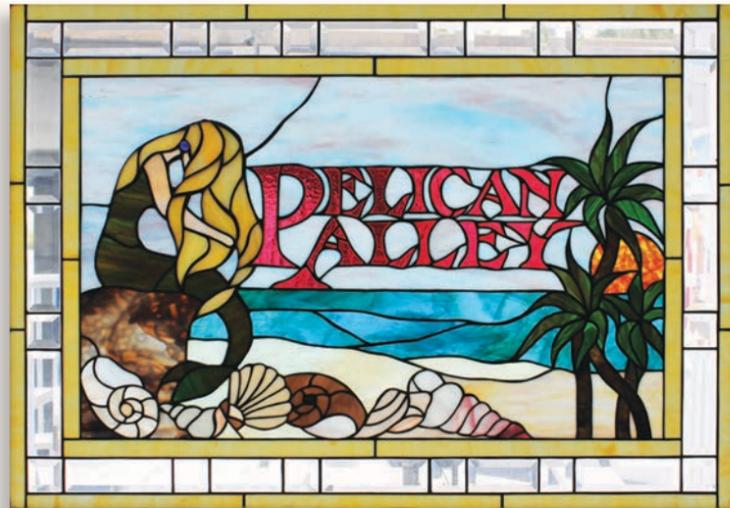




Hollowed out half pineapple with coconut rice with shrimp skewer and scallop skewer



Creamy, delicious Seafood Chowder



A Tale of Dockside Dining

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Nestled under the Albee Bridge is the beautiful Historic Waterfront Restaurant, Pelican Alley. It has been dubbed many names over the last 40 years from “Nokomis’s Best Kept Secret,” to one of the oldest restaurants in Sarasota County, and has also been known as a documented Haunted Restaurant (to check it out, look up ‘Pelican Alley Ghost’ on YouTube).

We’d like to add a new name to this list: Pelican Alley, Saving the Planet, One Reef at a Time. We partnered up with algae scientist and educator Garrett Stuart, who is better known as Captain Planet. Thanks to our chef, Eric Johns, who got in contact with him to place artificial reefs under our dock to help with the red tide situation that our community faces every year, people are reaching out from all over the world to see how they can help and do their part. We came up with a beautiful bumper sticker you’ll receive with as little as a \$10 donation. Every \$400 raised goes to purchase another reef.

We have also added another feature, “Cook Your Catch.” All you fishing charter captains, please tell your customers that they can come here to eat their catch. Call us for details.

Speaking of Chef Eric, he is still wowing customers with his amazing daily specials, and he continues working along with Executive Chef Mark Petty. They’ve added a new chef to their team, Ty Walden, who hails from the Connecticut area. Owner Tommy Adorna says, “His specials add a whole new flair to your experience at the Alley.” We look forward to seeing what this team has in store for us for the rest of this year and into 2023!

As the owners of Pelican Alley, Tommy and his wife, Renee, are at the restaurant daily, running the business alongside Tommy’s sister, Jami Mattern, who is also the General Manager.

Tommy does all the ordering, making sure he finds the freshest fish and produce around, and also handles the day-to-day operations. Renee runs her cute little gift shop that’s chock-full of everything anyone could want.

Renee and Tommy still perform every Friday night as Take 2 in the courtyard, entertaining thousands of people every year and were voted as Best Entertainers in the area. We run theme nights all year long, making it fun for all ages. “We sell out every Friday,” says Tommy, “so you need to make reservations early.” The couple is also in The Gas House Gorillas rock band, performing all over the area on Saturday nights for hundreds of people at every concert, delivering a big show that you won’t want to miss. If you’re looking for more one-on-one time with Renee and Tommy, come visit them at Pelican Alley.

Pelican Alley has been in business for over 40 years, which is a huge accomplishment, especially with all we’ve been through, including Hurricane Irma, red tide, and covid. We have weathered through all these storms and have only gotten better. Come in and see the beautifully remodeled dining room featuring a glass floor to watch the fish in the Intracoastal and one-of-a-kind bar with the map of the Intracoastal handmade by local artist Dustin Nichols.



The Gas House Gorillas Rock Band

Homemade key lime pie



Our Annual Art and Collectible Auction on November 15 will be open to the public; for more information, watch for our promo on our Facebook page closer to that date. The restaurant will be closed on that date, but the bar will be open. The preview will begin at 4 p.m. and the auction will start at 5 p.m. Renee, who will be acting as auctioneer, says, “It’s a blast with lots of great deals and laughs.”

For more information about this advertorial, call 941.786.3616 or log on to Pelican-Alley.com. Located at 1009 West Albee Road in Nokomis, Pelican Alley is open from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. Reservations are taken and recommended.

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