

DINING

Comfort food in comfortable setting

Christie's special
"Local's Menu"

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Newporters witnessed the launching of the new Christie's this summer, with a menu focused on seafood dishes in a casual dining atmosphere. Their location, in the former Cheeky Monkey building, was redesigned to create a retro 70's space.

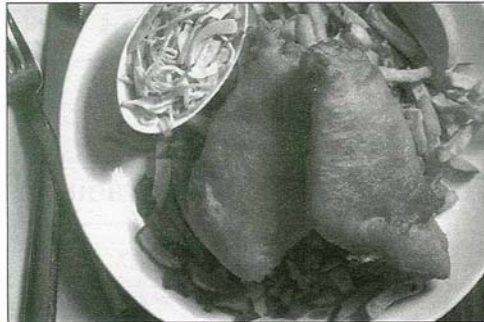
To encourage islanders to become more acquainted with the new Christie's they continue to offer a Local's Night Menu with some hearty comfort food dishes prepared by the same chef that reigned over 41 North this summer.

For \$26.95, including a bottle of wine (or just \$21.95 if you prefer beer) Christie's special offers two entrees from a list of such dishes as half rotisserie chicken with grilled vegetables and mashed potatoes, New England pot roast with braised red cabbage and garlic mashed potatoes, meatloaf with mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables or for seafood lovers, a seafood pasta with pomodoro (tomato) sauce over fettuccini. The chef even sends over little amuse bouche (taste teasers), like a shrimp paste spread on bruschetta with a toasted sesame seed and ginger garnish, served over seaweed salad or maybe conch fritters. All chefs crave opportunities to show off their skills and these teasers do just that.

General Manager, Matt Carletti chooses wines for this special menu from wineries such as Stone Cellar, a division of Beringer and varies the choices among, merlot, chardonnay and shiraz. They also serve a satisfying Castle Rock pinot noir.

Designed to simulate an upscale, trendy diner, the cheery South Beach style with orange chairs and funky decor, is a refreshing departure from the typical New England restaurant. Christie's is also offering a Thursday night barbeque, serving up smoked dishes of chicken, beef brisket, baby back ribs and duck accompanied by sides dishes that include sweet corn fritters with mango habanero sauce. For vegetarians, the chef offers a smoked vegetable burrito that gets high marks for flavor. Their breakfast menu is tempting too.

Christie's expects to remain open until the first week of January, so before the season ends, stop by and sample chef Howard Snitzer's special menu of New England delicacies. The comfort food and perky interior will make you forget old man winter, at least for a little while.



Christie's clam chowder and fish n' chips remain seafood favorites.



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