

Crave seafood? No need to flounder around



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Seth Cohen, from Port of Call, shows off the restaurant's specialty of fried seafood to go

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Something fishy occurs almost every day in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Empty stomachs growl and mouths water.

The culprits are seafood lovers, and they don't have to look far for their fishy favorites. Chapel Hill and Carrboro offer several seafood restaurants and fish markets.

The Port of Call, at 402 Weaver St. in Carrboro, offers fillets of trout and flounder. The menu also includes all sizes of shrimp, oysters, scallops, catfish and deviled crab. Customers can also order chicken, barbecue, sandwiches and clam chowder.

"No extra salt is added to the food," says Manager Jerry Turner. "That's our biggest draw."

Dinners come with french fries or boiled potatoes, hush puppies and slaw. Prices range from \$2.99 to \$6.99.

The Port of Call offers daily and nightly all-you-can-eat specials. The restaurant also runs coupons in the *Durham Morning Herald* and *Val-Pack*. Customers can dine in or take out. The Port of Call

is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Landlubber's, two miles past University Motor Inn on N.C. 54 East, offers flounder, soft crab, sword fish, halibut, salmon, oysters, shrimp, deviled crab, steamed snow crab legs, cold plates and salads. Dinners are served with french fries, hush puppies and slaw.

Landlubber's also offers an all-you-can-eat special Sunday through Thursday and a lunch special on weekdays. Prices range from \$3.95 to \$9.95. The restaurant serves mixed drinks, wine and beer.

The nautical decor provides a beach-like atmosphere, so most customers dress casually, says Manager Brian Murray. Landlubber's has banquet room facilities. Lunch is served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner is served daily from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bentley's Deli (also known as Chapel Hill Smoked Fish) at Eastgate Shopping Center offers smoked fish sandwiches and seafood salads. Owner and Manager Andrew Michaels says his business is the only smoked fish place in the state.

Two popular items are a smoked bluefish sandwich, which comes with potato salad or slaw and a pickle, and a poached salmon salad. Lunch specials include a smoked turkey salad with apple and celery and a smoked marlin sandwich.

Prices range from \$2.75 to \$4.50. Customers may dine in or take out.

Bentley's also sells smoked fish by the pound. Varieties include bluefish, white salmon, sablefish and rainbow trout. Bentley's is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Finally, for those gourmets who like to cook their own seafood, Tom Robinson Seafood at 207 Roberson St. in Carrboro imports marine delicacies weekly from the N. C. coast.

Owner Tom Robinson, a UNC graduate with a degree in environmental biology, got the idea for his store from his grandfather (UNC class of 1914), who sold seafood when he was a UNC student.

The selection includes live crab, clams, red and pink snapper, sea trout, king mackerel, salmon, sword fish, squid, scallops and shrimp. Occasionally, the shop offers lobster, cod, halibut and domestic caviar. Customers can buy the seafood by the pound or by the dozen.

Fish prices range from \$1.49 to \$6.99 a pound. Shrimp sells from \$3.99 to \$6.99 a pound. Prices vary with season.

Tom Robinson Seafood is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.



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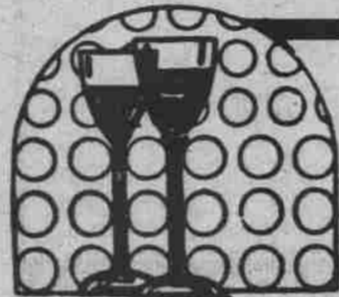
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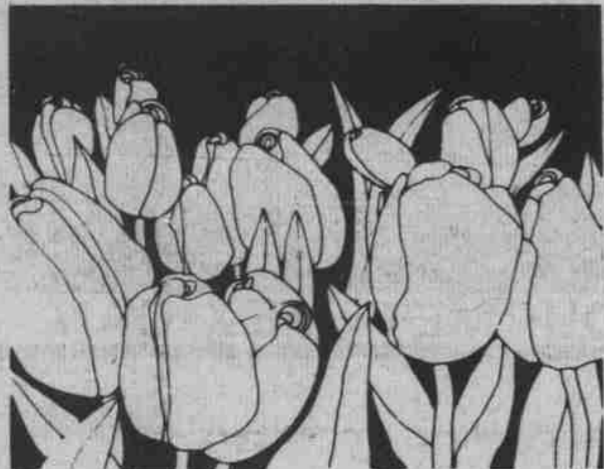
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