



Newport Barking Crab Restaurant Opens

Design by Steve Todisco & BKA Architects

BROCKTON, MA, July 23, 2008 – A new Barking Crab Restaurant has opened for business on America's Cup Avenue in Newport, Rhode Island. The restaurant was designed by the team of restaurant designer Steve Todisco and BKA Architects. The general contractor was Noble Ventures based in Raynham, Massachusetts. The official opening date is Thursday July 24th, 2008.

The challenge for the design team was to develop a new look for the The Barking Crab Restaurant that would express a fresh, more relevant and upscale interpretation of their brand and that would be suitable to use as a prototype as the company expands. The goal was to create a restaurant that would feel as though it had been part of the fabric of the neighborhood for at least 30 years within two months.

The site for the second Barking Crab Restaurant is the former Seafares American Café located on America's Cup Avenue. By opening up the 6,660 square foot space, it was possible to create a bar and lounge area, open and private dining areas as-well-as a new prep kitchen and related back-of-house areas. The main entry to the restaurant was updated, and additional entry and exit points established in order to allow access to the outdoor café areas. To create the desired atmosphere, the finishes were selected to foster a sense of age. An example of this is the “nicotine” yellow that was used on the tin ceilings. The furnishings and artifacts, found at antique fairs, were selected based on how they contribute and heighten the ambiance. The interior focal point for this seafood restaurant is provided by a boat that is hung from the ceiling.

The first Barking Crab Restaurant is located on 88 Sleeper Street in Boston, Massachusetts.