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<u>Gecko's Hospitality Group's Southernmost Point is Venice!</u> Dockside Waterfront Grill at Marker 4 Joins GHG Siblings

Venice, **FL**; **April 3**, **2015**// - For a couple of local boys, the allure of 'Old Florida' never loses its charm. And so it is for the Gecko's Hospitality Group as Mike Quillen and Mike Gowan welcome the *Dockside Waterfront Grill* to their family of restaurants.

Since 1950 when Venice pioneers Capt. Ben and Isa Mae Dunn broke ground on Fisherman's Wharf Marina, the waterfront gem has endured as a local favorite in Venice. A destination with plenty of history, the waterfront restaurant also offers boat dockage, ample parking and exquisite views of Roberts and Dona Bay's. *Dockside Waterfront Grill*'s open air dining under the tiki huts will soon be refreshed by *Dockside*'s authentic Florida seafood menu, some 'family favorites' from its siblings, a full plate of fresh, delicious fare and the top shelf hospitality that the Gecko's Hospitality Group is known for. "Our Venice, Nokomis and Englewood friends have been encouraging us to make a home in the community, so when this opportunity arose we were delighted to be able to accept their welcome," said Quillen.

Look for *Dockside Waterfront Grill* to greet our neighbors in Venice and host visitors from every point on the nautical chart in May, 2016.

Dockside Waterfront Grill joins siblings of the Gecko's Hospitality Group, a family of polished casual restaurants in Sarasota and Bradenton. Over their 24 year run, *Gecko's Grill & Pub*'s has created steady economic stimulus, generating jobs for thousands of Floridians, and has been consistently awarded "Best of Sarasota" in numerous categories. *Gecko's Grill & Pub* has been locally owned and operated since 1992. Quillen and Gowan's venture, *S'macks Burgers & Shakes*, opened in Summer, 2013, and Longboat Key gem *Dry Dock Waterfront Grill* joined the GHG family in 2015. *Dockside* joins the fold and renews the GHG's mission to provide exceptional hospitality, fresh locally sourced fare with a gourmet twist, and a menu that is accessible to everyone.

For more information, please call 941.921.3924, or www.GeckosGrill.com.

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